

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

June 24, 2018



Blessed are the Peacemakers!

Once again Pope Francis has expressed his concern for peace pointing out that God supports all those who work daily to combat evil with good through words and deeds of fraternity, respect, encounter and solidarity. Our Holy Father prayed that the Lord would strengthen government officials and leaders with a spirit that is “noble, upright, steadfast and courageous in seeking peace through dialogue and negotiation.” He also offered a prayer intention which I invite all of us to add to our own: “May the Lord enable all of us to be peacemakers wherever we find ourselves, in our families, in school, at work, in the community, in every setting.”

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz".

Pastor

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be
called children of God. --Matthew 5:9*



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 25

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5

7:00 AM Tom Egan

12:00 PM Pat Ruhl

TUESDAY, June 26

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14

7:00 AM Eileen Courtney

12:00 PM Linda Vasile

WEDNESDAY, June 27

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20

7:00 AM Vivienne Dalton

12:00 PM Marietta and Joseph Comunale

THURSDAY, June 28

2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29

7:00 AM Ryan Adams

12:00 PM Kathleen Bachman

FRIDAY, June 29

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

7:00 AM Bill Itson

12:00 PM Noreen Papa - 5th Anniversary

SATURDAY, June 30

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17

8:00 AM Ruth Sullivan

4:30 PM Parishioners of the Parish

SUNDAY, July 1

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43

or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Church

7:30 AM Conrad and Mary Sponberg

9:15 AM James and Helene Cally

11:15 AM Florence Szilagyi

Hall

10:30 AM Jeanne Mastandrea

12:00 PM Griffin James

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Rosin Family



Join us on Sunday, June 24 @ 3pm for a sing-along screening of the film THE SOUND OF MUSIC! The event will take place at [Klein Auditorium](#) (910 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06605). Tickets \$5. Join the fun and enjoy this classic movie, fellowship and ice cream with family and friends!



Our next Pre-Baptism Class (required for parents who have not had a class within five years and wish to have their child baptized) will be held **Wed., July 11th** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Barn. Please call our Parish Office to register.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

June 17, 2018	\$20,876	\$546,605
June 18, 2017	\$20,522	\$541,227

Hospitality House

2018	\$5,311
2017	\$4,670

We're still here while you're on vacation!



Please use *Online Giving* to keep up with offertory. Go to www.smcr.org and click on the *Online Giving* link.



Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Veronica Barker, Sr. Margaret Brennan, Chris Carlson, Dean Ralph O'Sullivan, Lily Howard, Judy McBride, Lee & Scott McCaughey, Maria Reyes, and Vincent Ryan.**

Only immediate family members may add someone to our prayer list. Individuals will be removed monthly unless we are otherwise notified.



Marriage Banns

I. John Thomas Niebour – Brittany Michelle Marinucci
III. Richard Anthony Salvato – Jacqueline Marie Malone



Avengers: Infinity War

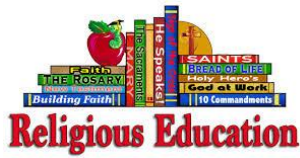
Coming soon in the Hall

Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle

Coming to the Parish Fair

Black Panther

Coming soon in the Hall



Religious Education Registration is now open!
Visit our Parish website to register.



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Catholic Math League

Catholic Math League is a national math competition, started in 1997 and serves hundreds of Catholic schools nationwide. Students compete according to their math level in four contests, which are 30 minutes long. Saint Mary School competed in Algebra 1 and Pre-Algebra. Scores were entered and cumulative standings were calculated for the three highest scores per school.

In the Algebra 1, we competed against 62 Catholic schools from the Northeast region, consisting CT, NH, ME, RI, and MA. Saint Mary School finished in 6th place overall in the region. Ryan Donovan placed 4th in the entire division. Among our Saint Mary students, Ryan Donovan placed first, Anthony Raduazzo placed 2nd and Jonathon Dowding placed third. Within the nation, our Algebra 1 students competed against 1271 high school and middle school students. Our highest student score placed us in the top 12 percent of the nation.

Within the Pre-Algebra category, Saint Mary School placed 5th out of 15 schools. Within our school, Michaela Martin placed first, with Jack Greenleaf and Matthew Uy tied for second.

Congratulations to all students who competed throughout the 2017-2018 school year!

Saint Mary School is currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. For more information, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at (203) 438-7288, or visit www.smsridgefield.org.



**ST. MARY PARISH
FALL FAIR
September 8th**

JEWELRY DONATION



We are collecting jewelry, jewelry boxes, jewelry accessories (watches, sunglasses, scarves, etc.) for the Fair. Please drop off donations at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!

WHITE ELEPHANT, USED TOYS & USED BOOKS

DROP OFF DATES:

- August 22 7-9 pm
- August 26 1-4 pm
- August 29 7-9 pm

Drop off Used Toys & Used Books at Day Chapel & White Elephant items at Nancy Bossidy Rec Center Gym (lower level behind the school)

CAKE WALK!

Calling bakers of all ages to donate your favorite cake, pie, cookies or sweets. Donated baked goods will be used as prizes for winners of this fun fair favorite event. Contact Jillian Savoca at jesavoca@gmail.com or Danielle Trant at danielletrant1@gmail.com to donate.



Drop off: weekend of the Fair

CALLING ALL COOKS!



Join our Dorothy Day House of Hospitality volunteers to occasionally prepare salads and/or a tray of food for the main course that we serve the third Sunday of each month. Please contact

mbreilly28@gmail.com if interested. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



Strengthen Your Catholic Faith

Most of us fall into a bit of a spiritual rut every now and then. Here are seven things you can do to strengthen your Christian faith.

- Go to a weekday Mass
- Join one of our Parish Ministries
- Spend a little more time in private prayer – in our Adoration Chapel or elsewhere
- Help someone in need
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Participate in a retreat or workshop
- Spend time reading and meditating on God's Word

By exploring our faith in new ways, we can find many treasures. Inspiration, peace of mind, wisdom, compassion, fellowship and the saving love of Jesus can be found along the path. If we resolve to refresh our faith through any of these opportunities, our journey as Catholics can be revitalized in ways we never imagined.

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

Food collected in June goes to the St. Joseph Parenting Center. Collection bins are in the Church and Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



Two or three **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to serve lunch. Commitment is appx 2x/month, weekdays of your choosing, Mon-Fri. Hours: 11:45am-1:00pm. Where: Congregate Housing, 51 Prospect Ridge. For more info or questions, contact Suzanne MacAvoy, 203 438-

7056, sdmacavoy@hotmail.com.



MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our order was founded in 1882 on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. The Marquette Council's activities started here at St. Mary Parish in 1894 and have continued uninterrupted for over 120 years. Our goal is to offer our members and their families an opportunity to share God's love through service to our Priests, Parish and community. Want to enrich your faith & model strong values for your family? Learn more at www.KOFC.org or contact Phil Del Giudice, Grand Knight, Compass_grp@yahoo.com.

PILGRIM VIRGIN

The Pilgrim Virgin statue is ready to travel to your home upon request. The message of Fatima remains the same and is more urgent than ever: say the Rosary daily for peace in the world, pray for the conversion of sinners and observe First Saturday Devotion. To arrange for a visit of the Pilgrim Virgin statue to your home, please call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341 or email at jstoveken@comcast.net.



RCIA

RCIA is the Church's way of helping people on the journey to full membership in the Roman Catholic Church. It offers people a deeper and fuller understanding of our

Catholic faith in preparation for reception into the Roman Catholic Community of faith. For more info, contact DRE, Pat Postiglione, 203-438-7335.

Birthright Needs Volunteers

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling and practical support. If you would like to help, please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Training is provided. Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Praise the Lord! This Corpus Christi we celebrated 24 years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration here at St. Mary Parish! Our

Adoration Chapel, the oldest one in Connecticut, is open 24/7. The entrance is near our Religious Ed Office. Stop by anytime or sign

up for an hour:

O = permanent or substitute adorer urgently needed.

X = there is at least 1 adorer. **2 adorers are desired.**

Blank boxes = there are 2 or more adorers.

	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
12M-1am	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1am-2am	X	O	X	X	O	X	X
2am-3am	X	X	X	O	X	X	X
3am-4am	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4am-5am	X	X		X	X	X	X
5am-6am	X	X	X	X		X	X
6am-7am	X	X	X	X		X	O
7am-8am	X	O	X	X	X	X	O
8am-9am	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9am-10am	X	X	X		X	X	X
10am-11am	X	X		X		X	X
11am-12N	O	X	X	X	X		O
12N-1pm	X	X		X	X	X	X
1pm-2pm	X	X		X	X	X	O
2pm-3pm	X	O	X	X		X	X
3pm-4pm	X	X	X		X	X	X
4pm-5pm	X				X	X	O
5pm-6pm	X			X	X		X
6pm-7pm	X	X	X		X	X	X
7pm-8pm	X	X				X	X
8pm-9pm	X	X	X			X	X
9pm-10pm	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10pm-11pm	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11pm-12M	X	X	X	X	O	X	X

Come and spend time in the Eucharistic presence of Our Savior and strengthen your relationship with Him! You can never out give the Lord. So offer Him some of your own time. Sign up for an hour on our website, smcr.org, or if you do not have computer access, contact Monica and Bill at 914-533-2832.

EVERY Thursday evening, 7-9pm, in our Adoration Chapel, the Chaplet of Mercy, 7 Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother and 15 decades of the Rosary sung and prayed. Please join us!



ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY

Take an opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord - along with 50 to 60 other like-minded men. How about spending a weekly hour and half experiencing our Men's Ministry on Saturday mornings from 6:30-8:00AM? Besides having a great and welcoming community, we also serve bagels, coffee & OJ each week to ease the pain of a **very worthwhile wakeup call.**