

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15, 2018



Congratulations Msgr. Bronkiewicz! **45 YEARS OF PRIESTLY SERVICE**

On Tuesday, July 2nd, our Pastor, Msgr. Laurence Bronkiewicz, celebrated his 45th anniversary of priestly ordination.

"I thank God for so many gifts. The gift of priesthood bestowed on me forty-five years ago on July 2, 1973, in Saint Peter Basilica in Rome...and for the gift of ministry as Twelfth Pastor of our wonderful Saint Mary Parish which began on February 22, 2003, a frigid day in the dead of winter!" --Msgr Bronkiewicz

Msgr. Bronkiewicz completed his priestly formation at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. During his four and a half decades of priestly ministry, he has served in several other parish assignments in Stamford, Greenwich, Norwalk, and Brookfield as well as a theology instructor in the Diocesan Permanent Diaconate Formation Program and Saint John Fisher Diocesan Seminary. From 1979-1984 Msgr. Bronkiewicz was released to serve as Academic Dean of his alma mater, the North American College, as well as a spiritual director of seminarians. Between 1986 until 2000 he assisted Bishops Curtis and Egan, the 2nd and 3rd Bishops of Bridgeport, in various capacities – as Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and Religious and later as Chancellor. In June of 2000, the Diocesan College of Consultors elected Msgr. Bronkiewicz Administrator of the Diocese in the absence of a bishop, and he served in that role until March of 2001 with the installation of Bishop William Lori as 4th Bishop of Bridgeport whom he also served as Chancellor. In February of 2003 he was named Pastor of Saint Mary Parish. He also chaired the Pastors' Commission on Catholic Education which developed new models for the governance and financing of our Diocesan Catholic Schools. Msgr. Bronkiewicz holds a doctorate in sacred theology in the field of spirituality, awarded summa cum laude by the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1986. Last year, Bishop Frank Caggiano appointed Msgr. Bronkiewicz Dean of the Seat of Wisdom Deanery, which includes the 7 parishes of Ridgefield, Wilton, Georgetown, Redding, Weston and Easton. Msgr. Bronkiewicz is also a trained Ignatian spiritual director who serves on the Advisory Board of the Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Fairfield University.



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, July 16

Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34—11:1
 7:00 AM Michael Ferrandino
 12:00 PM Carmen Camuso

TUESDAY, July 17

Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
 7:00 AM Josephine Egan
 12:00 PM Elizabeth Hance

WEDNESDAY, July 18

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
 7:00 AM Kathleen Trench
 12:00 PM Nenay Schultz

THURSDAY, July 19

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
 7:00 AM Frank D'Angelone
 12:00 PM Rosemarie Santoro

FRIDAY, July 20

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
 7:00 AM Those Suffering from Mental Illness
 12:00 PM Gino Baldaserini

SATURDAY, July 21

Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
 8:00 AM Phillip Lauria Jr.
 4:30 PM Peter L. Casagrande, Jr.

SUNDAY, July 22

Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Church

7:30 AM Conrad and Mary Sponberg
 9:15 AM Dante Ligi - 1 Year Anniversary
 11:15 AM Theresa Guglielmo

Hall

10:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish
 12:00 PM Gino Baldaserini
 5:00 PM Helen Walczykowski

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!

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Seth Adam Berke and Luca Alessandro Mezzo** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

July 1, 2018 \$20,474
 July 2, 2017 \$20,380

Peter's Pence

2018 \$3,762
 2017 \$3,250

July 8, 2018 \$21,030 \$610,312
 July 9, 2017 \$20,476 \$603,219

Facilities Repair

2018 3,789
 2019 4,123

GOING ON VACATION? Please use *Online Giving* to keep up with offertory. Go to www.smcr.org and click on the *Online Giving* link. It's quick and easy. Your support during summer months helps sustain our Parish.



Prayers for the Sick



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

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



Marriage Banns

II. Wilgen Misaray – Maria Luisa Deliot Canchaya
 III. Justin William Turri – Rachel Ann Janasek

Candle Intentions

A Church Altar Candle
 is Burning in Loving Memory of
Pat Figliola

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 is Burning in Loving Memory of
Antoinette Abbondelo



Religious Education

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



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

School Play “Camp Runamok”

Saint Mary School students in grades 3-4 performed a musical entitled “Summer Camp: A Musical Caper About Finding a Place to Belong.” The setting is Camp Runamok, and the storyline showed what happens when campers put away their technology and allow a nostalgic camp setting to take them on a journey of finding a place to belong through the comic highs and lows of summer camp. Congratulations to all of our stars for a heartwarming performance, and a special thanks to Mr. Fox and his parent volunteers for giving our aspiring actors such a wonderful experience!

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
10AM-4PM**



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!
SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE FAIR!**

VOLUNTEER

Please see the signup form in the Bulletin!

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

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)



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



Pray

That we would work to build a culture that recognizes and respects the dignity of all people.

Reflect

Religious freedom is for everyone. Religious freedom is rooted in human nature, and therefore it is a fundamental human right. When we speak up for religious freedom, we do so not only for ourselves, but because we are called to defend the dignity of every individual and community that seeks the truth about God, including Muslims, Jews, and others who do not share our Catholic Christian faith. – USCCB

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

Food collected in July goes to the Ridgefield Food Pantry. 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 Pat Postiglione, 203-438-7335.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF FAITH & TRUTH?

The Diocese of Bridgeport is establishing a new chapter of Lay Dominicans. Come follow in the footsteps of St. Dominic through prayer, study, community and apostolate. Join us for an informal Inquiry Meeting on Thursday, July 26th at St. Theresa Church, 5301 Main Street, Trumbull, CT at 7pm in the lower Convent/Parish Center. For more info: Stefano Santilli, ste.santilli@gmail.com, 203-524-4945 or Michelle Rowe, orapronobis20@gmail.com 203-218-6882.

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.**