

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22, 2018



THANK YOU!!! Our Baby Bottle Fundraiser Raised Almost \$12,000!

We received a thank you note from Birthright of Danbury that I would like to share with you (below).



Dear Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz,

We, at Birthright of Greater Danbury want to thank you and your Parishioners for the wonderful success of your Baby Bottle Fundraiser.

Jen Mitchell presented us with the proceeds of this totaling almost \$10,000!

We are so thankful for your ongoing support of our pregnancy help services.

God bless you all for all you do for Birthright!

*Sincerely,
Mev Rickert & Claire Bateller
Co-Directors*

The amount raised for our Baby Bottle Drive is now almost \$12,000! Special thanks to Parishioner Jennifer Mitchell and her team for their hard work running this important fundraiser! We thank you all for supporting those who choose life.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, July 23

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42

7:00 AM Our Parish Volunteers

12:00 PM Jane Ventrella

TUESDAY, July 24

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50

7:00 AM Angelina Paduano

12:00 PM Nancy and John Kearns

WEDNESDAY, July 25

2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

7:00 AM Youth of Our Parish

12:00 PM Aldo Fronzi

THURSDAY, July 26

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17

7:00 AM Rita Gentile

12:00 PM Marianna Dabrowska

FRIDAY, July 27

Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23

7:00 AM Elina Baldaserini

12:00 PM Marjorie Remza

SATURDAY, July 28

Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30

8:00 AM Kenny Reed

4:30 PM Annette Mary Artim

SUNDAY, July 29

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Church

7:30 AM Fr. Ignatius McCormick OFM CAP

9:15 AM Gino Baldaserini

11:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

Hall

10:30 AM Marie Lumelleau

12:00 PM Gene Baldaserini

5:00 PM Vivienne Dalton

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!



If you know of someone going through a difficult time, talk to one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Mary Ann O'Grady – 203-438-5610 or Jack Hughes – 203-665-0054. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They help bring the healing power of Christ's love.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

July 15, 2018	\$19,243	\$629,555
July 16, 2017	\$17,084	\$620,303

Co-Op Sunday

2018	\$7,167
2017	\$6,853

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



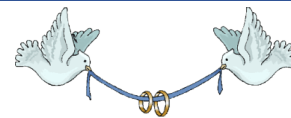
Please use *Online Giving* to keep up with offertory. Go to www.smcr.org and click on the *Online Giving* link.

Prayers for the Sick



Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Sr. Margaret Brennan, Chris Carlson, Dean Ralph O'Sullivan, 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. James Timothy Nevin – Stephanie Pastilha Almeida*
- I. Jesse Steven Outhouse – Kaela Ann Mahon*
- III. Wilgen Misaray – Maria Luisa Deliot Canchaya*

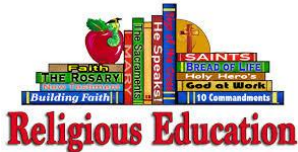
BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **George Steven Lindo and Ryan Daniel Mascaro** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.



PARISH SUGGESTION BOX!

Give us your ideas for our Parish!
Go to www.smcr.org for link. 😊



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



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

SMS Olympic Games

Grades 6 and 7 participated in Olympic Games, in honor of learning about ancient Greece. The classes combined and joined one of four city-state teams: Sparta, Athens, Corinth and Argos. After creating symbolic posters that represent their city-state, the teams competed in Olympic like games such as a discus throw, long jump, marathon race, obstacle course, and even a trivia game about ancient Greece. It was fun to watch the students compete, let loose, support each other, and have fun!

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)

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

"Every child not allowed to be born, but unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of Jesus Christ, the Lord's face . . . Life is always, in all its phases and at any age, sacred..."--Pope Francis



FAITH FORMATION CORNER



Have a Little Faith!

When we read all through the Gospels we see how Jesus loved and always responded to anyone that had faith. He loved it. He loved it when those placed their full trust in Him. ([Matthew 8:5-13](#); [Matthew 15:21-28](#); [Mark 5:21-24](#); [Luke 19:1-10](#)).

Also, what's so amazing is that Jesus said you don't even need a lot of faith. Jesus in fact said that just a little amount can move mountains. In other words, just a little faith can do amazing things in your life and in the lives of those around you. ([Matthew 17:20](#); [1 Corinthians 13:2](#)).

Jesus said our faith could be compared to a mustard seed. What's interesting is that a mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds. But it also is a seed. A seed is worth more when it continues to grow. You water and feed the seed of your faith by giving it nourishment. We get nourishment by reading Gods Word; worshipping; praying. All those things feed the seed of faith in your life. ([Matthew 17:20](#)).

[Hebrews 4:16](#) says that we should have confidence; which actually means faith—to approach God's throne of grace. Saying you believe is one thing. Walking that out, day in & day out is another. www.cbn.com

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.

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EUCHARISTIC 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.**