

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5, 2018



A Real Vacation

How has your summer been so far? Has it been more laid back, restful and relaxing? Will you be ready to start the fall season renewed and refreshed? Well, if you are like most, you might be thinking, "What I really need is a vacation from my vacation!" Many of us find vacation time, while lots of fun, busier than our usual routine, just the opposite of what it should be.

We all have a longing for peace and tranquility. How do we get that? Spend some time with the Prince of Peace. It costs nothing, yet is the only thing our hearts and spirits really desire, and the only thing that can provide the relaxation, refreshment and restoration we so desperately need. Only in the arms of our loving Creator can we find the peaceful rest of heart and mind we seek.

"Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee." —St. Augustine

"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence." —Mother Teresa of Calcutta

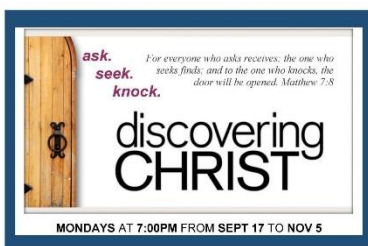
Consider carving out part of a day, or even more, before the summer slips away, for one final "vacation" — a getaway with our Lord. No advance reservations required. There won't be any photos and souvenirs to show when you return, only a smile on your face, joy in your heart, and peace in your spirit.

Here's to making the most of our last weeks of summer!

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

Pastor



Don't miss this wonderful opportunity starting in September! More details in this Bulletin.



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 6

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

7:00 AM Intentions of Andy Likey

12:00 PM MaryAnn Santora

TUESDAY, August 7

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

7:00 AM Intentions of Andy Likey

12:00 PM Alda Carboni

WEDNESDAY, August 8

Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28

7:00 AM Deceased members of the Rogers Family

12:00 PM Z. Joseph Dragicevich

THURSDAY, August 9

Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23

7:00 AM Ann Tarantino

12:00 PM Mary McInerney

FRIDAY, August 10

2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

7:00 AM Margaret Ruland & Joseph Bonassar

12:00 PM Shannon K. Robinette - 1st Anniversary

SATURDAY, August 11

Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20

8:00 AM James Flattery

4:30 PM Elsa Emmerich

SUNDAY, August 12

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Church

7:30 AM Emilia & Antonio Torcellini

9:15 AM William May

11:15 AM Ruth G. Karl

Hall

10:30 AM Kevin Flanagan

12:00 PM Ted O'Rourke

5:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish

BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Backpacks & Lunchboxes: All types accepted
Paper: lined, copy, and construction paper; spiral notebooks, composition books, index cards

Pencils & Pens: blue or black pens, #2 pencils, colored pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener, pencil case, colored markers, crayons, highlighters, dry-erase markers

General Supplies: dry-erase boards, paper clips, 3-ring 2" binders, pocket folders, report covers

Classroom staples: stapler, staples, rulers, protractors, glue sticks, scissors, tape, calculator

Things you can never have too much of: tissues, sanitizing wipes, hand sanitizer.

COLLECTION BINS OUTSIDE SCHOOL & REL ED DOORS.

Middleschoolers needed for backpack assembly

August 14, 9am in Religious Ed office.

Benefitting children in the Danbury area.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

July 29, 2018	\$19,097	\$670,035
July 30, 2017	\$20,857	\$661,663

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



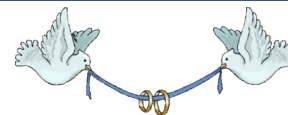
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Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Fr. Robert Beloin, Chris Carlson, Dean Ralph O'Sullivan, Vincent Ryan & 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

III. James Timothy Nevin – Stephanie Pastilha Almeida
III. Jesse Steven Outhouse – Kaela Ann Mahon

BAPTISMS

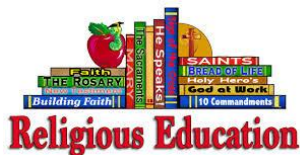
We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Andrew Scott Zettl** who was baptized in our Church last weekend.



FREE HARP ENSEMBLE CONCERT



Friday, August 10th from 2:00-3:15pm in our Parish Hall with a reception following. This is the final concert of the Elyrica Summer Harp Program, with varied music from Baroque to contemporary. The concert will feature 2 - 12 harps playing together! It's an amazing sound. We hope you will join us! Contact Elyrica Founder and Director Wendy Kerner with any questions, WKLHarp@Gmail.com.



Religious Education

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



**ST. MARY PARISH
FALL FAIR
September 8th
10AM-4PM**



VOLUNTEER

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!
VOLUNTEER FOR THE FAIR!
GO TO WWW.SMCR.ORG TO SIGN UP**

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)



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Portrait of a Saint Mary School Graduate

From a young age, many children are asked “what do you want to be when you grow up?” Just as important to us at Saint Mary School is “**who** are you going to be?” Through their experiences from preschool through Grade 8, our students grow and develop academically, spiritually, and in community.

A Lifelong Learner. A Person of Faith. A Leader and a Team Member. A Permanent Part of the Saint Mary Family. We send our graduates to high school not with all of the answers, but with all of the tools they need to become the person they were meant to be.

We have openings in select grades for the 2018-2019 School Year. We would love to tell you more about what makes Saint Mary School so special. For more information, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at (203) 438-7288, or visit www.smsridgefield.org.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

“Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death.” -- *USCCB Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*



FAITH FORMATION CORNER



Lost & Found

Who hasn't been lost at some point in life? Everyone can identify with the frustration, fear, and loneliness that come with being lost...which means everyone can also identify with being found! What a wonderful feeling it is to finally see the familiar landmark or to make the right turn to see the main road or to have someone help you get your life back on track.

If you identify with that lone sheep who strayed from the flock (Lk 15: 1-7), remember that God never stops looking for you. Maybe all you need to do is stop and listen for God's call so God can embrace you and celebrate your return.

Talk to God now about the recent experiences that have led you astray and have made you feel lost. Let God hold you tight and lift you high as the divine shepherd celebrates your return.

The Catholic Youth Bible, The Gospel of Luke

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

Food collected in August goes to the Dorothy Day Hospitality House. 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.



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

Get away from it all...come spend some time with Jesus. All worry and stress fades away in the Eucharistic presence of Our Savior. Pray or sit in silence and connect heart to heart. He knows what you need. Let Him heal you, lead you, speak to you; receive His peace, the peace that surpasses all understanding. God bless you. *Sign up for an hour @ 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.**



Join us Saturday, August 18th at 6:00PM in our Parish Hall. Free food and fun.