

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 12, 2018



Register Today for



Dear Friends in Christ,

ChristLife, which we introduced a few weeks ago, is a journey we will begin in September. A journey that that will help us to meet Jesus in a deeper way than ever before.

No matter where anyone is on their faith journey, **ChristLife** invites us to become a better friend of the Lord.

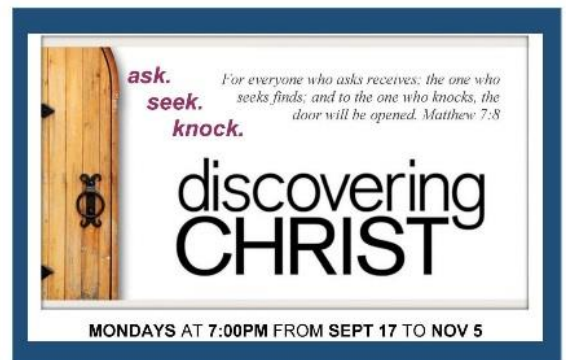
Our **ChristLife** journey has three parts, each only 7 weeks in length: **Discovering Christ**, **Following Christ** and **Sharing Christ**. Our very first one, **Discovering Christ** begins with a complementary dinner followed by a teaching and then small group discussion. It includes a one-day Saturday retreat in October.

ChristLife is about growing our relationship with God and our Church - one person at a time by personal invitation. So I am personally inviting you to rekindle the fire of your Catholic faith by joining **ChristLife** and ask you to invite others as well. Please go to our Parish website or stop by our Parish Office to register.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

Pastor





MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 13

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27

7:00 AM Raymond O'Brien

12:00 PM Pat Ruhl

TUESDAY, August 14

Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

7:00 AM Intentions of Steve Carboni

12:00 PM Nancy and John Kearns

7:30 PM Geno Tarsi

WEDNESDAY, August 15

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

7:00 AM Parishioners of our Parish

9:00 AM Intentions of Steve Carboni

12:00 PM Lillian Stangarone

7:30 PM Deceased members of the Bendetti Family

THURSDAY, August 16

Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1

7:00 AM June Tonelli

12:00 PM Michael Milonas

FRIDAY, August 17

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12

7:00 AM Our Parish Ministries

12:00 PM Our Homebound Parishioners

SATURDAY, August 18

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15

8:00 AM Sister Julia Ryan CND

4:30 PM Parishioners of our Parish

SUNDAY, August 19

Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Church

7:30 AM Conrad and Mary Sponberg

9:15 AM Robert DeSpirito

11:15 AM Justin Langlois

Hall

10:30 AM Robert Jasminski

12:00 PM Eileen Profeta

5:00 PM Edward Richard Mulcahy



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

July 29, 2018	\$20,303	\$690,338
July 30, 2017	\$22,760	\$684,423

Facilities Repair

2018	\$3,879
2017	\$3,720

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 **Fr. Robert Beloin, Chris Carlson, Dean Ralph O'Sullivan, Peggy Sheridan & David State.**

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

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS



Pre-Baptism instruction is required for parents who have not had any within five years and wish to have their child baptized. Our next class will be held on Wednesday, **September 12th** from 7:30-8:30 pm in the Barn. Please call our Parish Office to register.

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*



GRAND PIANO FOR SALE

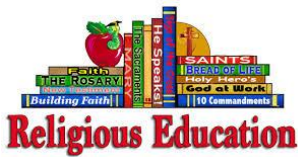


Our Parish Hall Kawai concert grand piano is now available. The piano is playable, but in need of repair. \$1,500 or best offer. Please contact our Music Director, Darren Motise, for more details, darren@smcr.org or (845) 242-7276.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Know someone homebound, ill, disabled or recovering from surgery? Contact Meals on Wheels of Ridgefield at mealsonwheelsofridgefield.org or 203-438-8788 to learn about our delicious, low cost program to help those unable to cook for themselves.



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



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.



**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)

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



Lost & Found

It always surprises me how often the Gospels say that Jesus needed to “withdraw” from the crowds, and even the disciples, to pray. Like all of us, Jesus needed prayer, in his case, with the Father. And while the Gospels don’t afford us much access to Jesus’ inner life, we know that his prayer was real; that is, he truly sought help from the Father.

We also know that Jesus was really tempted. After his baptism, the Gospels describe Jesus as being “driven” or “led” into the desert for a period of testing. In Matthew and Luke we read the familiar incidents of Satan tempting Jesus in three ways; to turn stone into bread (to feed himself), to throw himself from a high tower (to prove God’s loving care), and to worship Satan (in exchange for power and glory).

Like the most difficult temptations in our own lives, Jesus’ temptations were cloaked in apparent goodness. Why wouldn’t we you want to feed yourself? Why not let God show you love? Why not acquire some wealth and power? The most tempting temptations rarely appear 100 percent evil, for then they would be easy to identify and reject. After much prayer, Jesus realized that giving into these lures would prevent him from becoming the person he was meant to be.

In the desert of our temptations, our lives can seem dry indeed. But if we follow the voice of conscience, and remember that God is always with us, we can, like Jesus, reject anything that leads us away from becoming the flourishing person God wants us to be.

—In All Seasons for All Reasons, J. Martin, SJ

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.



Love One Another

Loving and caring for one another is something Jesus has called us all to do. In Stephen Ministry, people with special gifts for caring put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who need it most. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk to one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Mary Ann O'Grady – 203-438-5610 or Jack Hughes – 203-665-0054. Our Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love.



RCIA

This group is open to anyone who would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist. All are welcome to join and learn more about the Catholic Faith. For more info, call Pat Postiglione, 203-438-7335 or ppostiglione@smcr.org.

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 spend some time with Jesus 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.**