

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018



Join Us this Fall!

Deepening our personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the heart of our Catholic faith. With the help of **ChristLife**, beginning in September, we hope to enrich that friendship with the Lord. Below are some quotes I thought might give you a good feel for ChristLife and Discovering Christ..

“One of the best.”

There are very few Catholic ministries that have gotten serious and practical about reaching the unchurched with the gospel. ChristLife is one of the best. I am really glad you all are doing what you're doing. Keep up the good work!

Dr. Peter S. Williamson, Professor, Sacred Heart Major Seminary

“Pleasantly surprised.”

I was pleasantly surprised Discovering Christ allowed me to ask questions about my faith, and I wasn't made to feel uncomfortable.

Mary B.

“Simple, yet profound.”

The approach to evangelization presented by Dave Nodar was simple in nature and yet very profound. There is no question in my mind the work of ChristLife is driven by the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Michael Williams, St. Therese Parish, Lansing, MI

“Nothing more valuable.”

This course brought me to a personal relationship with the Lord, and a peace and an understanding of my faith that I love and openly talk about. I learned to love Jesus deeply and there is nothing more valuable than that!

Tina G.

“Great opportunity to encounter Jesus.”

ChristLife provides a great opportunity for parishioners and guests to encounter Jesus and to grow in the personal relationship He desires with them. It is also a way that a parish can begin to create the conditions for becoming an evangelizing community.

Most Reverend Michael Byrnes, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Detroit

Please prayerfully consider joining us this fall!

Msgr. Bronkiewicz
Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 20

Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22

7:00 AM Olga Protomastro

12:00 PM Carey Depuy

TUESDAY, August 21

Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30

7:00 AM Mike Venus

12:00 PM Debbie Amato

WEDNESDAY, August 22

Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16

7:00 AM Michael Venus

12:00 PM Anne Girolmetti

THURSDAY, August 23

Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14

7:00 AM Nancy Vance

12:00 PM Frank Palumbo

FRIDAY, August 24

Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

7:00 AM Mary Jo Calamai - 1st Anniversary

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SATURDAY, August 25

Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12

8:00 AM Antoni and Marie Kazuczyk

4:30 PM Antonella Regni

SUNDAY, August 26

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Church

7:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish

9:15 AM Peter LaForte

11:15 AM John Nowicki

Hall

10:30 AM James Burgoon

12:00 PM Barbara Northam

5:00 PM Kenneth C. Wasburn Jr.

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.

REGISTER ▶

Registering at our Parish is an expression of your desire to be part of our Roman Catholic Family of Faith and a commitment to the life and support of our Parish. We invite and encourage you to officially register as a Parishioner. It's easy. Stop by or office or go to our website. We welcome you



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

August 12, 2018

\$21,013

\$711,351

August 13, 2017

\$20,746

\$705,169

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



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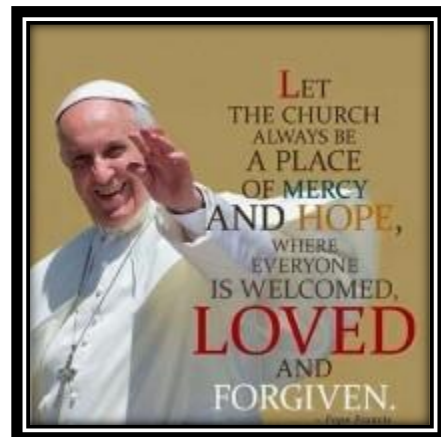
Prayers for the Sick

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

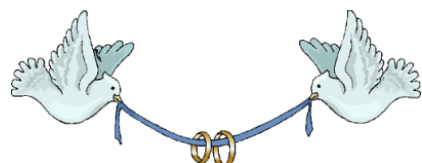
BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Genevieve Rose Scallen** who was baptized in our Church last weekend.



Marriage Banns

I. Peter Michael Carlson – Julianne Murray





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 - Starting this Week!

- 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.

EVENT RENTAL SPACE

Need a place to gather after a Baptism, Funeral or Wedding Rehearsal? St. Mary Parish offers a variety of venues for social events and meetings, including our Parish Barn for smaller groups and our Parish Hall for larger groups, up to 245. Dance floor, free parking and on-site caterer available. Please contact our Parish Office, 203-438-6538, for more information.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



**Saint of the Month
Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Over the centuries, as the saints and theologians reflected on what it means for Our Lady to have pondered and treasured the sacred events from the life of Our Lord in her heart, as attested in Scripture, Mary's heart began to be recognized as something to be imitated in daily practice.

Devotion to Mary's holy heart then developed, in much the same way as it did for the Sacred Heart, which was physically pierced by the lance on the Cross to give eternal life to men. So also does Mary's heart, which was also pierced (as prophesied by Simeon) in union with her Son, give life—and grace—to the Christian soul.

Beginning in the middle ages, this devotion to our Lady's purity of heart began to flower, culminating in St. John Eudes actively promoting the devotion in the 17th century alongside that of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He also worked to have a feast established for the Immaculate Heart of Mary, beginning in his native France.

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 approx 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



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 @ smcr.org, or if you do not have computer access, contact Monica and Bill at 914-533-2832.



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**.

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!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:00 AM, 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Church)

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:15 AM (Church)

10:30 AM Family Mass, 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM Youth Mass (Hall)

Monday - Friday

7:00 AM and 12:00 noon (Church)

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass 7:30 PM
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
7:30 PM (Church)

Our Mission:

LIVE the gift of our faith, **ENRICH** our understanding of that gift, and **PRACTICE** our faith in compassionate service.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Every Tuesday & Thursday from 12:30-1PM and every Saturday from 3:30-4:30PM (Church)

Baptism

Celebrated each Sunday at 12:30 PM

New parents must attend a pre-baptism class. Call Parish office to schedule both

Marriage

Call Parish Office at least 9 months prior to wedding

Anointing of Sick

Call Parish Office to make arrangements

In case of serious illness or death in the family, call Parish Office immediately.

CEMETERY

203-438-3606

ADORATION

Monica & Bill Brown
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