

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2018



*Happy Labor
Day!!*


This Monday we celebrate **Labor Day**, the unofficial end of the summer season and honor all those who labor for a living. We thank them for their service to their families and for their service to all those who benefit from their efforts. As we celebrate this day, let's make it more than a day of rest and cookouts and reflect on its meaning and say a prayer.

LABOR DAY PRAYER

ON THIS WEEKEND, WHEN WE REST FROM OUR USUAL LABORS, LOVING FATHER, WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO LABOR — IN THE MARKETPLACE, IN FACTORIES AND OFFICES, IN ALL PROFESSIONS, AND IN FAMILY LIVING.

WE THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THE GIFT AND OPPORTUNITY OF WORK. MAY OUR EFFORTS ALWAYS BE PURE OF HEART, FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS AND THE GLORY OF YOUR NAME.

WE LIFT UP TO YOU ALL WHO LONG FOR JUST EMPLOYMENT AND THOSE WHO WORK TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS AND NEEDS OF WORKERS EVERYWHERE.

MAY THOSE OF US WHO ARE NOW RETIRED ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WE STILL MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR CHURCH AND OUR WORLD BY OUR PRAYERS AND WORKS OF CHARITY.

MAY OUR WORKING AND OUR RESTING ALL GIVE PRAISE TO YOU UNTIL THE DAY WE SHARE TOGETHER IN ETERNAL REST WITH ALL OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR KINGDOM.

AS YOU LIVE AND REIGN FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

May you and your families enjoy a blessed Labor Day,

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 3

1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30

9:00 AM Margaret & Irene Morrisroe

TUESDAY, September 4

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Regan Family

12:00 PM Irene Gilchrist

WEDNESDAY, September 5

1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44

7:00 AM James Lian

12:00 PM June Poole

THURSDAY, September 6

1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11

7:00 AM James O' Neill

12:00 PM Les DiLisio

FRIDAY, September 7

1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39

7:00 AM Mary Paterniani

9:00 AM Erin Vick

12:00 PM Edward Roach

SATURDAY, September 8

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

8:00 AM John Miltenis - 6th Anniversary

4:30 PM Antonella Regni

SUNDAY, September 9

Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Church

7:30 AM Conrad and Mary Sponberg

9:15 AM Robert Joseph Burke

11:15 AM Marie Lumelleau

Hall

10:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish

12:00 PM George and Dorothy Burgoon

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Barrett Family



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

August 26, 2018

\$21,293

\$750,340

August 27, 2017

\$21,881

\$748,901



Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Fr. Robert Beloin, Chris Carlson, Lee and Scott McCaughey, 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.



Candle Intentions



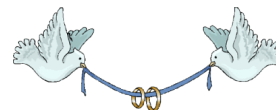
Adoration Tabernacle Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Alicia Snakard

A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Philomena & Pasquale

A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Eleanor & Richard Ioli

Marriage Banns

- I. Andrew John Okrongly – Mariah Tierney Hutchings*
- II. Kevin Robert Leonard – Stephanie Nichole Lopes*
- III. Peter Michael Carlson – Julianne Murray*



BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God **Vivienne Elizabeth Gisonde, Josie Kate Moroney and Dean Pierce Scott** who were baptized in our Church last week.



The next St. Mary Respect Life meeting will be Thursday, September 6, at 10 AM, in the Barn.

Divorced & Separated Support Group
New location and format!



Join us Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 8:00 PM beginning September 26th for 13 weeks at First Congregational Church in Ridgefield.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Labor Day, September 3rd and we will follow our Holiday Mass Schedule with one Mass at 9AM in our Church. Enjoy the long weekend!



Mass Intentions for August 2019 will open Tuesday, September 4, 2018.



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



**VOLUNTEER FOR THE FAIR!
GO TO WWW.SMCR.ORG TO SIGN UP**



CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!!

BAKE SHOP

Bakers needed! Please drop off baked goodies Friday September 7 between 5-7 pm in the Hall or on the Day of the Fair-September 8. Contact Dorothy.mcnicholas@aol.com.

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.



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 by 8/31. Thank you for your generosity!



WHITE ELEPHANT

Early Bird Entry
8:30-10AM \$10
Free Admission 10AM-4PM

White Elephant will be in the Nancy Bossidy Rec Center Gym (lower level behind the school). Come check out all the treasures!

GARDEN CENTER - FARMER'S MARKET!

NEW THIS YEAR! Stop by the Garden Center and stock up on fresh locally grown veggies and more from Veronica's Farm Stand. Take home some fresh corn, squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, eggplant, etc. A portion of all sales will go to our Parish!



Religious Ed Registration for 2018-2019 is open. Go to www.smcr.org to register online. Catechists are needed. Call the RE office 203-438-7335.



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Back to School

The 2018-2019 school year has officially begun! Students in Kindergarten – Grade 8 are back to class, and our Preschool programs begin this week. Two of our exciting new offerings this year include:

- **Social Justice** – Fr. Sean will be teaching this course to our Grade 8 students. They will explore society's responsibility as a whole to respect people's rights, fulfill its obligations and show compassion and mercy to all, and to care for those who are in need.
- **Choose Love** - We will be introducing this program at all age levels. It is a social and emotional learning program that teaches educators and their students how to choose love in any circumstance and helps them become connected, resilient, and empowered individuals. These skills, tools and attitudes have been proven through decades of scientific research to be the best way to ensure a healthy, meaningful and purpose-filled life.

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.

**Family Movie Night: Sat, September 8th.
Jumanji PG-13 (outside weather permitting).**

**FAITH FORMATION
CORNER**



September Devotion – Seven Sorrows

September is traditionally dedicated to the Seven Sorrows (or *Dolours*) of Mary, and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, a devotion to the suffering and spiritual martyrdom of the Blessed Mother of Our Lord, falls in mid-September. Devotion to the sorrows of Mary is a reminder of the bond between Mary and Jesus, and that as the Mother of God, she suffered greatly and felt the pain of a mother as she watched the suffering of her Son. What are 7 Sorrows? The prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Holy Child at Jerusalem for three days, meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary, standing at the foot of the Cross, Jesus being taken from the Cross, and the burial of Christ. The feast and the devotion to the seven sorrows call on us to reflect on the intense reality of Mary's personal anguish. As ever, she is a guide and role model for all members of the Church.

Excerpts from

www.acquinanadmore.com

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.



EUCCHARISTIC 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 @ www.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

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