

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018



Daily Family Prayer

With many families having recently returned from summer vacations and their children starting school again and settling into a routine, I thought this may be a good time to remind families of the need for daily prayer in the midst of their busy lives.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has challenged families to pray together as a true sign of Christian witness. He has described the Christian family as an institution that prays: "It is in the family that we first learn how to pray. Don't forget: the family that prays together stays together!" Moreover, in the family we learn how to love, to forgive, to be generous and open, not closed and selfish. We learn to move beyond our own needs, to encounter others and share our lives with them.

When we pray for God's blessing, we acknowledge that God is the source of all that is good, and we join our desires for our children with God's own desire for them. We also reach outside of ourselves as we pray for others, like the sick in our community and the poor.

A Prayer for Our Family

LOVING GOD, BLESS OUR FAMILY WITH YOUR LOVE.
GUARD US FROM ALL DANGER AND HARM;
DELIVER US FROM ANGER THAT LEADS TO DIVISION;
EMPOWER US TO FORGIVE AS WE HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN;
AND SEND US INTO THE WORLD
TO WITNESS TO YOUR LOVE AND GRACE;
IN THE NAME OF JESUS WE PRAY. AMEN. *By Vienna Anderson*

Make time to pray daily as a family as we all seek to get closer to the Lord who loves us.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 10

1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
 7:00 AM John Esposito
 12:00 PM John Henwood

TUESDAY, September 11

1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
 7:00 AM Ty Ugolyn
 12:00 PM Joseph Heller

WEDNESDAY, September 12

1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
 7:00 AM Paul T. Harris
 12:00 PM Richard Ligi Senior

THURSDAY, September 13

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
 7:00 AM Ryan Adams
 12:00 PM James Grasso

FRIDAY, September 14

Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 7:00 AM Rudolph & Frances Schmitt
 12:00 PM Intentions of the James Grasso Family

SATURDAY, September 15

1 Cor 10:14-22 (442)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 8:00 AM Gloria Biagiotti
 4:30 PM Antonella Rossi Regni

SUNDAY, September 16

Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Church

7:30 AM Dante Ligi
 9:15 AM Intentions of Michael G. Smith
 11:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

Hall

10:30 AM Cornelia van Brakel
 12:00 PM Florence Selmyer
 5:00 PM Olga A. Protomastro



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

September 2, 2018	\$18,064	\$768,404
September 3, 2017	\$22,492	\$771,393
Catholic University		
2018	\$2,401	
2017	\$3,124	



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.



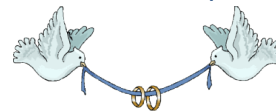
Candle Intentions

Church Sanctuary Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Dolores Wagner



Marriage Banns

- II. Andrew John Okrongly – Mariah Tierney Hutchings
- III. Kevin Robert Leonard – Stephanie Nichole Lopes



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, **Sept. 12th** from 7:30-8:30 pm in the Barn. Please call our Parish Office to register.

Mass Intentions for August 2019 are now open.

There will be NO CONFESSIONS Thursday, September 13th.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

- Saturday Sept. 29 Paul Apostle of Christ
- Saturday Oct. 13 Hotel Transylvania 3
- Saturday Nov. 11 Wreck-it Ralph



DIVORCECARE
Divorce Support Group

You don't have to go through it alone. Join us for a 13-week Christ-centered program meeting weekly to help face the challenges of divorce and rebuild your life. Meetings will be Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00pm September 26 through December 19 at the First Congregational Church in Ridgefield. Registration fee is \$20 and includes a workbook. The leader is Michelle Olsen 203-470-7085 from FCC with the assistance of Jim Orkin from our Parish. More information can be found at <https://www.divorcecare.org/findagroup>. All are welcome to attend the First Congregational Fellowship Meal at 6pm prior to the meeting (cost is \$5/adult, \$3/child \$20 maximum).



Religious Ed Registration for 2018-2019 is open. Go to www.smcr.org to register online.

Faith: the Next Generation

This Fall, over 900 children and young people, Grades 1 to 9, will learn more about Jesus and our Catholic faith. You can help by becoming a Catechist, Co-Catechist or classroom Aide for Faith Formation. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! We provide you with training, materials, and support. Classes begin September 23rd. If interested or for more information, please call Pat Postiglione in the Religious Formation office.



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Box Tops for SMS

Did you ever notice those little pink box tops on many of the products you buy in the grocery store? Well, each one is worth 10 cents when redeemed by a school. Saint Mary School collects box tops, and would appreciate your help! There is a collection box mounted to the wall by the Main Office. Some of the brands that participate are Ziploc, Hefty, Old El Paso, Yoplait and Cheerios, but there are many, many more. Thank you for your support!

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**



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR
SAINT MARY PARISH FALL FAIR AND ALL
WHO VOLUNTEERED!**

½ Price Sale



**WHITE ELEPHANT
9:00AM-1:30PM**

There will be a ½ price sale of all remaining White Elephant items on Sunday, September 9th, from 9:AM to 1:30PM in the Nancy Bossidy Recreation Center.

The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed. USCCB Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

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.



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

5 Ways to Build a Christ-Centered Family

Making Jesus the foundation of your family ensured that you have a successful, joyous and satisfying home.

--Make Jesus the Goal of Everything you Do. To make Jesus the center of your life not only calls for us to make him the foundation but also to make him the end goal. Enjoying and experiencing Jesus is the ultimate prize. As a family, we are to pursue Christ and his presence and make that a plan for our home.

--Teach Children to Trust God

In their early years, children are born and raised dependent on their parents. However, as they grow, our job is to redirect their dependence on God instead of us. Jesus is the answer to all our needs and we should instruct our children to turn to him for everything.

--Acknowledge Jesus as Your Source

Anything that takes the place of Christ as the main source of satisfaction, security and significance is an idol and God calls for idols in the home to be abandoned. A home free of idols is one with Jesus at the center.

--Make Jesus Your Model for Everything

As we learn to walk as Christ did, we learned to love as he did. Jesus said in John 13:34, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

--Pursue Christ's Call for your Life

When we pursue Christ's established purpose for our lives, we will walk with him in the center. Being in God's will allows us to walk with and in him. That's why it's important to pursue God's will for our lives and our family over our own plan.

Building the kingdom of God here on earth as it is in heaven starts with building it at the home. The family is the basic unit of society and thus also the basic unit of the church. When the church is comprised of healthy, Christ-centered people, the church will be healthy and Christ-centered as well. www.gracevine.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.

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 @ 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**

EFFECTIVE FATHERS

SAVE THE DATE
NOVEMBER 9TH - 11TH
SAINT MARY PARISH HALL - RIDGEFIELD, CT

GUEST SPEAKER
THOMAS H. GROOME
BOSTON COLLEGE, School of Theology

Sponsored by Saint Mary Men's Ministry

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.

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