

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018



Thank you to all who registered for ChristLife
Discovering Christ!

A promotional graphic for the 'Discovering Christ' program. It features a wooden door on the left with a black handle. To the right of the door, the words 'ask.', 'seek.', and 'knock.' are written in a bold, pink font. Below these words is the text 'For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:8' in a smaller, black font. The title 'discovering CHRIST' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'discovering' in a lowercase sans-serif font and 'CHRIST' in a large, bold, uppercase sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text 'MONDAYS AT 7:00PM FROM SEPT 17 TO NOV 5' is written in a bold, black font. The entire graphic is enclosed in a dark blue border.

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CHRIST**

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We look forward to seeing you this Monday night!

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 17

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10

7:00 AM Eugenia Duffy

12:00 PM James Parkin

TUESDAY, September 18

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17

7:00 AM John Roche

12:00 PM Edward Brennan

WEDNESDAY, September 19

1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35

7:00 AM Chief John Roche

12:00 PM Kathleen Trench

THURSDAY, September 20

1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

7:00 AM Ryan Adams

12:00 PM Carey Depuy

FRIDAY, September 21

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

7:00 AM Vocations of the Priesthood

12:00 PM Nancy and John Kearns

SATURDAY, September 22

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15

8:00 AM Our Parish Clergy

4:30 PM Theresa Carilli

SUNDAY, September 23

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Church

7:30 AM Donald Torcellini

9:15 AM Eileen Profeta

11:15 AM Pat Ruhl

Hall

10:30 AM Thomas Moore

12:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish

5:00 PM Stephen Bellofatto - 1st Anniversary



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

September 9, 2018	\$20,527	\$788,931
September 10, 2017	\$23,809	\$795,202

Facilities Repairs		
2018	\$4,410	
2017	\$3,004	



Prayers for the Sick

*Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Fr. Robert Beloin, Chris Carlson, Owen Gleeson, Lee and Scott McCaughey, Pat McManus, 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 **Dante Ligi***

A Church Altar Candle

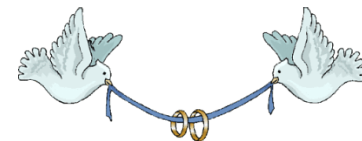
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A Church Altar Candle

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Marriage Banns

III. Andrew John Okrongly – Mariah Tierney Hutchings



ST. MARY MOTHERS CLUB!

We invite all current and prospective members to join us for snacks, drinks and friendship as we discuss our plans for the upcoming year at our **Welcome Back Meeting Wed, Sept 26th, 7:30-9PM in the Barn.**



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).

Save the Date!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

Saturday Sept. 29 Paul Apostle of Christ
 Saturday Oct. 20 Hotel Transylvania 3
 Saturday Nov. 11 Wreck-it Ralph



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

Pass It Forward!

Over 900 children and young people, Grades 1 to 9, will come to Faith Formation this fall! You can help them to learn and grow in their faith by becoming a Catechist, Co-Catechist or classroom Aide. With classes offered Sunday through Wednesday, you are sure to find a time that fits your schedule. As you nurture the faith of our young, you can learn and grow in your faith 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.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The victims of this “throwaway” culture are precisely the weakest and most fragile human beings — the unborn, the poorest, the sick and elderly, the seriously handicapped, *etc.* — who are in danger of being ‘thrown away,’ expelled from a system that must be efficient at all costs.



www.smcr.org/respect-life

“As citizens, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group.”

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 lstoveken@comcast.net.



Saint Mary School
 RIDGEFIELD

Stop & Shop Program

Saint Mary School is once again participating in the Stop & Shop A+ Program. From September 7, 2018 through March 16, 2019, you can help SMS earn cash by simply using your Stop & Shop card every time you shop. Last year, we earned over \$2,000 from this program.

For those of you registered last year, you DO NOT need to re-register this year, but please visit the A-Plus website to verify your enrollment and check your store receipts to make sure you’re earning points for SMS. For new registrants, log on to <https://stopandshop.com/school-rewards> to register online. Please register your card to benefit ST MARY SCHOOL with the ID number 08386.

You can track the points you earn for our school either on your grocery receipt or online. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Lopes at dawnymarie@aol.com. Thanks for supporting SMS!

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.smsridgfield.org.

OPEN HOUSE AT FAIRFIELD PREP: Fairfield Prep invites all seventh and eighth grade boys and their families to our OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, September 30th from 2-4 p.m. Meet faculty, administrators, and students to learn more about what Fairfield Prep has to offer. Please visit the Fairfield Prep website at www.fairfieldprep.org Click on the Admissions page.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Reach Beyond Patience



In the confessional recently, a friend admitted she lacked gratitude. “I hate my life!” she told the priest. To her surprise he accepted her frank admission. “Some people suffer from poor health, others from a poverty of peace in their circumstances,” he observed. Then he advised her: “Pray for peace. Not for patience to simply bear your life, but peace to fully live it.” Many of us endure seasons when our days feel infertile, our efforts seem purposeless. We lower the nets, again and again, and come up empty. In these hours, pray not for patience but for an enlivening peace. —*Take 5 for Faith*

Luke 5:1-11 (434). “We have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.”

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.

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**

**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.

CEMETERY

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ADORATION

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