

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018



**The Face of Prayer - Phase Two
Interactive Videos**

Dear friends in Christ,

The *Face of Prayer* recently launched phase two of its campaign to create an interactive video catechism based on the questions and concerns of young people.

You can now visit www.thefaceofprayer.com to view over one hundred and forty questions answered by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano and other bishops, priests (including yours truly!), religious, and lay leaders, across the country.

Be sure to join the movement by texting PRAY to 55778 to receive daily prayer alerts on your phone.

Sincerely,

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz
Pastor

The Face of Prayer[™]

Ask. Watch. Witness.[™]

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MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 24

Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18

7:00 AM Elina Baldaserini

12:00 PM Jimmy Flattery

TUESDAY, September 25

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

7:00 AM Charles Harry

12:00 PM Lorraine Slingerland

WEDNESDAY, September 26

Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

7:00 AM Marjoree McKee

Reparation and Healing

12:00 PM Lorraine Marie Slingerland

THURSDAY, September 27

Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

7:00 AM Olga & Dominic Protomastro

12:00 PM Catherine Hanley

FRIDAY, September 28

Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

7:00 AM Jack Morrison

12:00 PM Lorraine Marie Slingerland

Reparation and Healing

SATURDAY, September 29

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

8:00 AM Chief John Roche

4:30 PM Michael Addiego

SUNDAY, September 30

Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Church

7:30 AM Beverly Besse Gideon

9:15 AM Dr. Richard Wylie

11:15 AM Gene Vulcano

Hall

10:30 AM Edward Mitchell

12:00 PM Vincent Ryan

5:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

September 9, 2018	\$18,962	\$807,893
September 10, 2017	\$22,881	\$818,083



Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Fr. Robert Beloin, Chris Carlson, John English, Jim Connelly, Owen Gleeson, Lee and Scott McCaughey, Pat McManus, Dean Ralph O'Sullivan, Peggy Sheridan and 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 **Andrew Joseph Cerna** was baptized in our Church last weekend.

Catholic War Veterans

The Catholic War Veterans, Post 1042, will be conducting their annual Cross of Peace collection after all Masses on September 29 and 30, with the exception of the 5pm Mass.

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** this Wed, Sept 26th, 7:30-9PM in the Barn.

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



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE
 Saint Mary Parish – at the Cross on the Hill
 Behind the Church

Saturday, October 13th, 12:00 Noon

Join us to Pray the Rosary in Public

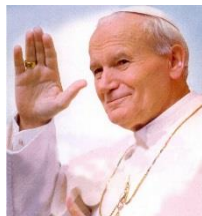


DIVORCECARE

Divorce Support Group

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 info 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).

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE



Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.

--Pope John Paul II www.smcr.org/respect-life

"Sell Your Old Gold" Fundraiser



Friday Oct 12 12 NOON to 5 PM
 Saturday Oct 13th 10 AM to 4 PM
 Sunday Oct 14th 8 AM to 4 PM
ST. MARY SCHOOL

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.



ST. MARY POLO SHIRTS
 for sale at the Parish Office,
\$20.



Ignatian Spirituality for Today

A three-part program being presented by the Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Fairfield University beginning in October. Includes four lectures, small faith sharing groups and week-long retreat. For more details 203-254-4000, ext. 3468.



Saint Mary School
 RIDGEFIELD

Buddy Program

One of the programs at SMS that really exemplifies what our school stands for is the Buddy Program. Older students are paired with younger students, and meet monthly for activities. For example, Transitional Kindergarten is paired with Grade 3, Kindergarten is paired with Grade 4, and Grade 1 is paired with Grade 5. Older students also sit with younger grades during First Friday Mass to model appropriate behavior. Less formally, younger students are invited to watch plays, and tour special events like science fairs and language expos. Our older students take their responsibility as role models quite seriously, and enjoy the positive impact they make on the lives of the younger children. And our younger students love the opportunity to interact with "the big kids".

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.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEONS RETURN!

Please join us at our first luncheon of the school year on Tuesday, October 9! Rosary begins in the Hall at 11:30, Mass will be at 12:00, with lunch to follow. Come enjoy good food and good company. Please RSVP to Saint Mary School's Office, [203-438-7288](tel:203-438-7288) by Mon, Oct 8. Suggested donation \$6.



How the Cross Became Holy

Christians are an odd lot. We take what was used as an object of torture and murder—the cross of Christ—and elevate it to a holy state. Just as Christ redeemed us through his death, the cross itself is redeemed through Jesus' saving act. We now place crosses and crucifixes around our necks, pin them to our lapels, and hang them in our homes and churches. We welcome the constant reminder of Jesus' painful death, because it gives us comfort in our own suffering and reminds us of the promise of the Resurrection. The cross is the most universal and powerful symbol of Christianity. Draw on it regularly to give you the strength to find God in all things.

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)

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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