



Saint Mary Parish

St. Mary Roman Catholic Parish
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April 28, 2019

A Warm & Welcoming Family of Catholic Faith



"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy."

--Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska

Divine Mercy Sunday - Service at 3:00PM



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 28, 2019

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

On Easter Sunday morning here in Ridgefield, our Parish welcomed so many to our 8 Easter Sunday Masses which included the renewal of our Baptismal promises and the sprinkling with the Holy Water blessed at the Easter Vigil. The music was beautiful as were the altar decorations. I'm sure that everyone left Easter Mass to spend the rest of a happy Easter Sunday with family and friends.

In Colombo, Sri Lanka, 8,700 miles away, the experience of Easter Sunday was quite different. Around 8:45 AM, the first suicide bomb exploded in Saint Anthony's Shrine in Colombo. That was followed by a second blast at a local hotel restaurant, and within a few hours suicide bombs had exploded in three Catholic churches and three hotels in that Indian Ocean island nation. The death toll, as I write this Pastor's page, is 290, with about 500 wounded!

On this Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, let us keep our brother and sisters in the Sri Lankan Catholic Community in our prayers – the families of those who were killed and wounded – and all Sri Lankans as they recover from a terrible and terrifying act of terrorism.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 29

Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

7:00 AM Barbara Ortonowska

12:00 PM Frank J. Perrotta

TUESDAY, April 30

Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

7:00 AM Intentions of Karina Berdejo

12:00 PM Elizabeth Hance

WEDNESDAY, May 1

Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

7:00 AM Our Parish Volunteers

12:00 PM Stephen Aimley

THURSDAY, May 2

Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

7:00 AM The Youth of our Parish

12:00 PM Edward Raftery

FRIDAY, May 3

Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

7:00 AM Intentions of the Bailey & Licursi Families

9:00 AM Dorothy Mallon

12:00 PM Vito DeSerio

SATURDAY, May 4

Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

8:00 AM Our Parish Ministries

4:30 PM Mario & Louise Serfilippi

SUNDAY, May 5

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

CHURCH

7:30 AM Conrad and Mary Sponberg

9:15 AM Aidan Silitch

11:15 AM Edward F. Raftery Jr.

HALL

10:30 AM Patti Murphy

12:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish

5:00 PM Robert Linnon - 9th Anniversary

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **John Barczak, Joseph Barone, Ed Chrostowski, Carol Hamilton, Richard Hanel, Sr., Scott McCaughey, Joseph Petrucelli, Msgr. Thomas Powers, Ethan Poroleeparambil and Lori Vengalli.**

Only immediate family members may add someone to our prayer list. Individuals will be removed monthly unless we are otherwise notified.

Marriage Banns

II. Zachary Scott King and Clare Ann McGrath



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

April 14, 2019 \$20,695

April 15, 2018 \$22,619

Dorothy Day Hospitality House

2019 \$5,450

2018 \$5,293

Good Friday/Holy Land

2019 \$2,666

2018 \$3,085

April 21, 2019 \$26,952

April 20, 2018 \$23,017

Easter

2019 \$25,695 \$352,636

2018 \$33,632 \$406,983



Please go to our website to view the video about *Joy in Christ*.



Candle Intentions

Church Sanctuary Candle

is Burning in Loving Memory of

Judith Knapp



Our next Pre-Baptism Class (required for parents who have not had a class within five years and wish to have their child baptized) will be held **Wed., May 8th** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Barn. Please call our Parish Office to register.



SAVE THE DATE!**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

Save the date! This year's praise and worship will be Saturday May 18 at 7pm in our Parish Hall. The program features the Parish Hall Music Ministry. This year's theme will be "A Night at the Movies." Stay tuned for more details!



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Saint Mary School Gala – A Night in Old Havana

The Saint Mary Home School Association (HSA) would like to extend an invitation to all to join the Saint Mary School Community at our Gala on May 18, 2019 from 7-11pm at the Ridgewood Country Club. The theme this year is "A Night in Old Havana". There will be a Dinner Buffet, Silent Auction, and dancing. The price is \$110 per person, and includes appetizers, dinner buffet, wine, beer and soda. All proceeds benefit the Saint Mary Fund. For more details, to see and bid on auction items, and to RSVP, please visit the gala website. www.smsctgala.givesmart.com. It is sure to be a wonderful night!

Saint Mary School is currently accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at (203) 438-7288, or visit www.msridgfield.org.

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SAVE THE DATE!**Fr. Sean's 10th Anniversary
of the Priesthood – May 3rd**

The evening will begin with a Holy Half Hour at 6:30PM in our Church, followed by a reception in our Parish Hall at 7 PM. Kindly RSVP online (link at www.smcr.org) or by calling the Parish Office.

**Love One Another as I have
Loved You**

In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is something Jesus has called us all to do. In Stephen Ministry, people with special gifts for caring put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who need it most. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk to one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Mary Ann O'Grady – 203-438-5610 or Jack Hughes – 203-665-0054. Our Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love.

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**FAITH FORMATION
CORNER****Divine Mercy Sunday & the Chaplet**

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina Kawalska (1905–1938), while at her convent, experienced a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy consisting of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father using the Rosary.

The Chaplet is prayed as follows:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.
2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:
"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."
3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:
"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."
4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.
5. Conclude by reciting three times:
"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the mercy of God. The prayer of absolution in the Sacrament of Penance expresses it so well: "God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY Food collected in April goes to Knights of Columbus Easter Food Drive. Collection bins are in the Church and Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



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Our Lady's message to the world: Do penance, amend your life, offend God no more and pray the Rosary daily for world peace and the conversion of sinners. Invite the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue into your home. To schedule a visit call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341 or email at jstoveken@comcast.net



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!



ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY

Every Saturday morning from 6:30-8:00am, men gather in our Parish Hall to hit the 'pause button' on life. As one week ends and before another begins, led by Parish priests and lay members, we meet for a brief 90 minutes to pray, listen to the Word of God and discuss how it speaks to our daily lives. The 100-plus men who currently attend our meetings share and receive perspective, insight and guidance for becoming better husbands, fathers, grandfathers, sons, workers and community members. If you would like to meet other men facing the challenge of being Catholic in today's world, come join us and see what we are all about.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Cover an hour at our Adoration Chapel and enjoy many blessings! Sign up @ www.smcr.org. No computer access? Contact Monica or Bill at 914-533-2832. See schedule of open hours @ www.smcr.org.

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
914-533-2832

Pastor: Msgr. Laurence R. Bronkiewicz S.T.D., msgrlrb@smcr.org

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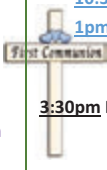
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ppostiglione@smcr.org

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Director, Liturgy & Worship:



2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		MAY Food Drive DOROTHY DAY Collection Bins in Hall & Church 	1 Mass Intentions Open for April 2019 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)	2 12:30pm Confession (Church) 7pm Rosary (Adoration Chapel) 7:15pm WWP Study (Hall) 8pm MM Basketball 8pm KofC Mtg. (Barn)	3 9am 1 st Fri Mass 6:30pm Fr. Sean's 10 year Anniversary Holy Half Hour (Church) 7:00pm Reception (Hall)	4 6:30am Men's Ministry Mtg. (Hall) 10:30am (Church) 1pm (Church)  3:30pm No Confession
5 8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Church) 3pm LT Choir Reh (Hall))	6	7 12:30pm Confession (Church)	8 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)		10	11 6:30am Men's Ministry Mtg. (Hall) 10:30am (Church) 1pm (Church)  3:30pm No Confession 5:30 pm Guatemalan Fiesta (Hall)
12  8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Church) 3pm LT Choir Reh (Hall)	13	14 11:30am Rosary, Mass and Senior Luncheon (Hall) 12:30pm NO Confession	15 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)	16 12:30pm Confession (Church) 7pm Rosary (Adoration Chapel) 8pm MM Basketball 8pm KoC Mtg. (Barn)	17	18 6:30am Men's Ministry Mtg. (Hall) 3:30pm Confessions (Church)
19 8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Church) 3pm LT Choir Reh (Hall) 6pm Life Teen (Hall)	20	21 12:30pm Confession (Church)	22 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)	23 12:30pm Confession (Church) 7pm Rosary (Adoration Chapel) 8pm MM Basketball	24  7pm Confirmation (Church)	25 6:30am Men's Ministry Mtg. (Hall) 11:00am Confirmation (Church) 2:00pm Confirmation (Church) 3:30pm Confessions (Church)
26 8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Church) 3pm LT Choir Reh (Hall) 6pm Life Teen (Hall)	27  PARISH OFFICES CLOSED Holiday Mass Schedule 9am only	28 12:30pm Confession (Church)	29 12:30pm Altar Guild (Church) 7:30pm Vigil Mass (Church) 8:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)	30  ASCENSION OF THE LORD PARISH OFFICES CLOSED Holy Day Mass Schedule	31	Dates, times and events are subject to change. Please check our website at smcr.org , for current information.

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 28th



3:00pm

"On that day, the depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet."

(Diary of St. Faustina, 699)



*Our Lord called for a **Feast of His Mercy** to be celebrated in the whole Church on the **First Sunday after Easter**.*

Join us for a Holy Hour in our Church

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Talk on Divine Mercy by Fr. Sean Kulacz

Veneration of the Image

Benediction



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PURCHASE TICKETS

-at our Parish Office
-online @ www.smcr.org

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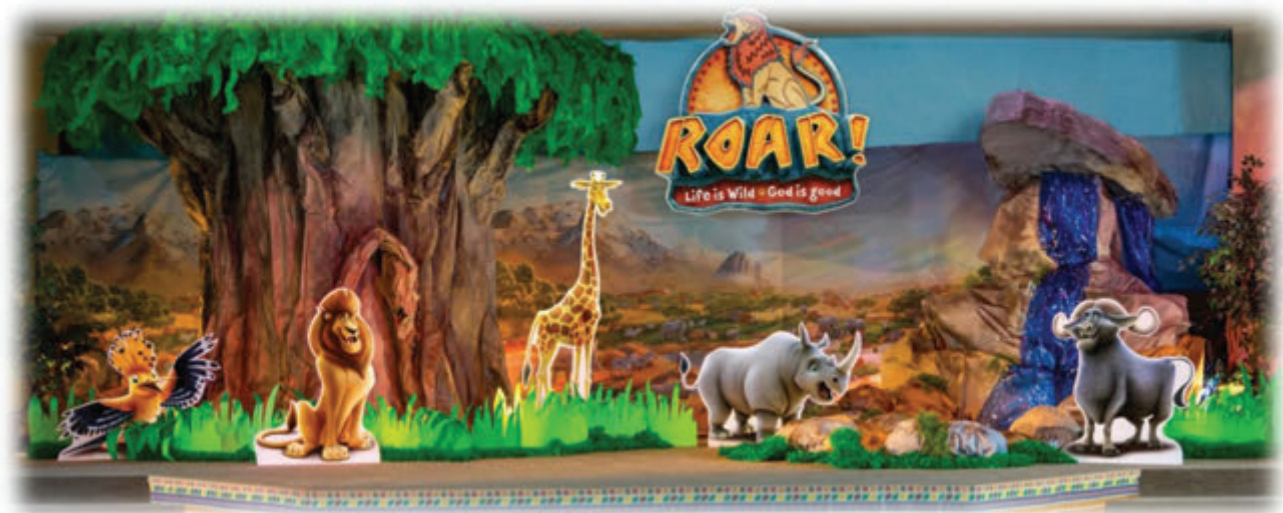
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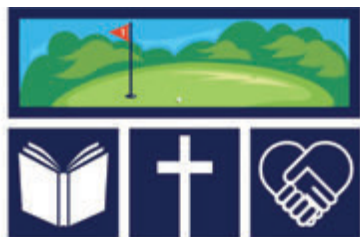
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Registration closes JUNE 10th

TEEN COUNSELOR PROGRAM

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Saint Mary School

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5.20.2019

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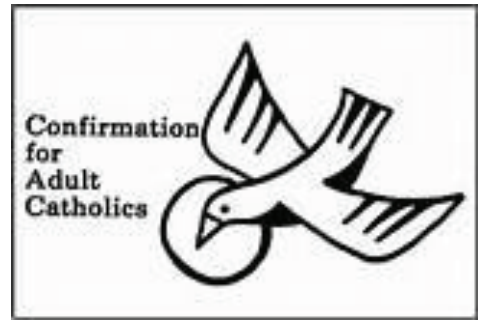
www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation

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BE READY AND VIGILANT EVERYDAY

Adult Confirmation classes at St. Mary, Ridgefield



The Sacraments of Initiation- Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist lay the foundation of every Christian life. Confirmation seals our life of faith in Jesus. It is integrally related to Baptism and Eucharist. Together these sacraments constitute a process by which the Holy Spirit brings the believer to full union with the faith community. Through Confirmation, "the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with the special strength of the Holy Spirit." *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (1285).*



Perhaps you put off the reception of Confirmation until you felt ready?

Or you felt you were too busy?

Perhaps you thought it wasn't necessary?

If you are over age 18, have ever been asked to become a Godparent or a Sponsor, or if you are planning to marry soon, it may be a good time to consider Confirmation!

Classes will be weekly until
Reception of the Sacrament on
Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019



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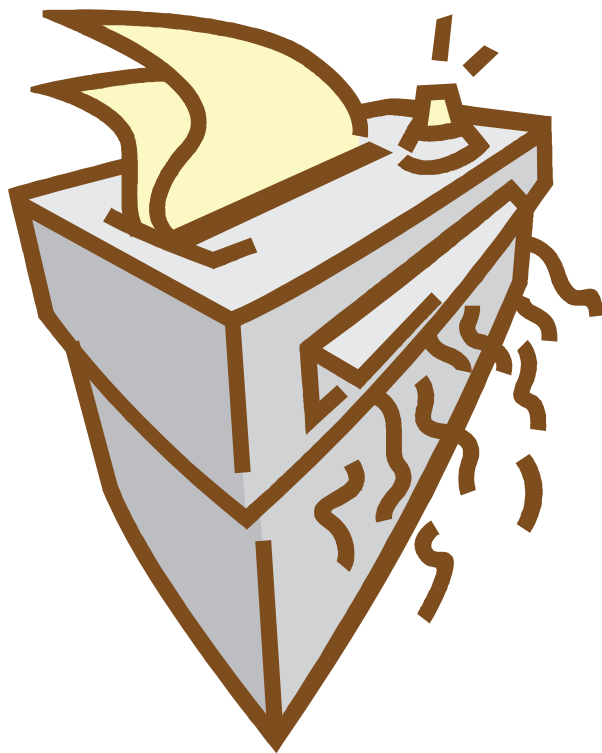
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