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June 2, 2019

A Warm & Welcoming Family of Catholic Faith



Anything we give to the Lord, we receive back a hundred-fold. It is certainly this way with prayer. The more you enter into a personal relationship with God through prayer, the more your own heart will change. Gradually you realize more and more all the blessings in your life. The more you fall in love with Christ, the more you are aware of your own trespasses against Him, and so your contrition becomes increasingly sincere. You may even find the nature of your petitions start to change. Instead of praying for specific outcomes - a particular job, your future spouse, or recovery from an illness - you may come to pray, like Jesus, "Your will be done."

In fact, this is the goal of our Christian journey: to come to a moment where we desire only to carry out the Lord's will. Of course, His will is what actually will bring us true happiness! Prayer is powerful; it will transform your relationship with God and, therefore, change entirely the trajectory of your life. catholicherald.com

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019



Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Congratulations to our 9th graders who were confirmed last weekend and whose names are listed in this Bulletin.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The baptized follow the path of Christian Initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation, by which they receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who was sent by the Lord upon the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost. By this gift of the Holy Spirit the faithful are more perfectly conformed to Christ and are strengthened with courage to bear witness to Christ for the building up of his Body in faith and charity (Rite of Confirmation, Introduction, Nos. 1 & 2).

May God's grace fill you and may the Holy Spirit guide you as you continue your Catholic faith journey.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 3

Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

7:00 AM Vocations

12:00 PM Intentions of Zachary Brown

TUESDAY, June 4

Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

7:00 AM J. Brayton Fogerty

12:00 PM John Hyland

WEDNESDAY, June 5

Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

7:00 AM Our Homebound Parishioners

12:00 PM Edward Huber

THURSDAY, June 6

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

7:00 AM Giuseppe Comunale

12:00 PM John Braskamp

FRIDAY, June 7

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

7:00 AM Gretchen Mariana Serrao Cabrera &
Jesus Omar Cabrera

12:00 PM Our Parish Ministries

SATURDAY, June 8

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

8:00 AM Margaret Sullivan - Anniversary

4:30 PM Louis and Fanny Sciaratta - Anniversary

SUNDAY, June 9

Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23

CHURCH

7:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish

9:15 AM Gene Greco

11:15 AM Joan L. Donoghue

HALL

10:30 AM Francis J. Healey

12:00 PM Deceased Members of the Cosky Family

5:00 PM Olly Marie Torres



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

May 26, 2019	\$16,231	\$446,615
May 27, 2018	\$20,884	\$514,891

Hospitality House

2019	\$4,699
2018	\$5,024



The Diaconate Formation Program is a small and caring community of baptized Christian men who desire to serve God as a deacon. The Diocese of Bridgeport provides

an integrated four and a half year program based on the standards established in the National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States through gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Through prayer, study and the grace of the Holy Spirit, the candidate undergoes a transformation of heart and mind as he humanly, spiritually, intellectually and pastorally prepares himself to be a minister of the Word, Liturgy and Charity. There are now 61 active deacons, 31 retired and 11 men in formation. Thank you for your support. "The Diaconate program is not something that's taken lightly. It's an incredible program that has turned out some great men throughout the years and it's going to continue to do so. The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the program and enables us to go through it and not have an extra financial burden on our shoulders. It lets us really concentrate on our studies. It's invaluable in that sense, when you are trying to fulfill your vocation of being a deacon," comments Deacon Jeffrey Font, Chaplain, Immaculate High School, Danbury and a parishioner at St. Joseph Parish, Brookfield. [Please go to our website to view the video about Joy in Christ.](#)



Candle Intentions

Adoration Tabernacle Candle
is Burning in Loving Memory of
Tilde Torcellini



Prayers for the Sick



Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **John Barczak, Joseph Barone, Ed Chrostowski, Rocco Coscio, Almir Duarte, Richard Hanel, Sr., Scott McCaughey, Bill McKeen, Ann Melnick, Joseph Petrucelli, Msgr. Thomas Powers, and Ethan Poroleparambil**. 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 **Olivia Sophia Bevan, Violet May Cea, Kellen Paul Malatestinic, and Maeve Elizabeth Tubb-Weir** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.

SAVE THE DATE

Monsignor's Farewell Reception – June 15th

Mass of Thanksgiving at 4:30PM with reception to follow in our Nancy Bossidy Recreation Center. Kindly RSVP on our website or call the Parish Office, 203-438-6538.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE



Please join us for our next Respect Life meeting on June 6th at 10AM in the Barn.

FATHERING YOUR FAMILY TO HEAVEN

St. Aloysius in New Canaan is hosting Renzo Ortega, Youth Minister at St. Rose of Lima and Marriage Prep Coordinator for our Diocese, for an evening presentation entitled "Fathering Your Family to Heaven" on **Thursday, June 12 at 7:00pm in our Stapleton Hall** (40 Maple Street).



The **ONLY** Christian church in existence for the first 1,000 years of Christian history was the Roman Catholic Church. All other Christian churches which exist today can trace their lineage back to the Roman Catholic Church. Most non-Catholic churches, which exist today, are less than a century or two old by comparison.



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Annual Art Show and Spring Concert

Preschool – Grade 8 students and their families enjoyed the Annual Art Show highlighting their masterpieces that were created throughout the year.

Students in Grades K-8 participated in the annual Spring Concert. This year's theme was "Can You Imagine That?", with songs that remind us to believe in ourselves, to dream big, and to forge our own path. Also performing was the SMS band, and the strings program. It was a wonderful night for the entire SMS community.

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.smsridgefield.org.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



Our Lord's Risen Body

The qualities of Jesus' Risen body include:

-Jesus' bearing in His glorified Body the marks of the five wounds (John 20:20) – as an eternal testimony of His love.

-Jesus' Risen Body possesses agility – that is, He can move swiftly as thought to any place He wills or chooses.

-Jesus' Risen Body possesses subtlety or spirituality, which means that His Body is free from hunger, thirst, fatigue, and other physical needs. He is also able to pass through solid material substances, like doors and walls (John 20:19).

-Jesus' Risen Body possesses clarity or brightness, which means it shines in heavenly splendor.

-Jesus' Risen Body also has the characteristic of impassibility, which means that His Risen Body is immune to suffering, pain, disease, or death.

Someday, we will enjoy the risen bodies with the same qualities!

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY Food collected in May goes to Dorothy Day Hospitality House. Collection bins are in the Church and Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

**MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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PILGRIM VIRGIN

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!

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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.

Find us on FACEBOOK &
TWITTER @ SMCRIDGEFIELD

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 5:30 PM
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
7:30 PM (Church)

*Easter and Christmas have special schedules

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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Activities Calendar

St. Mary Parish

JUNE 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Dates, times and events are subject to change. Please check our website at smcr.org , for current information				Mass Intentions Open for May 2020	1 6:30am Men's Ministry Mtg. (Hall) 3:30pm Confession (Church)
2 8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Church) 3pm LT Choir Reh (Hall) 6pm Life Teen (Hall)	3	4 12:30pm Confession (Church)	5	6 10am Respect Life (Barn) 12:30pm Confession (Church) 7pm Rosary (Adoration Chapel) 8pm MM Basketball (NBRC) 8pm KoC Mtg. (Barn)	7 9:00am 1 st Fri Mass	8 6:30am Men's Ministry Mtg. (Hall) 3:30pm Confession (Church) After all Masses Sale of olive wood items from the Holy Land (Barn)
9 8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Church) 6pm Life Teen (Hall) After all Masses Sale of olive wood items from the Holy Land (Barn)	10	11 12:30pm Confession (Church)	12	13 12:30pm Confession (Church) 7pm Rosary (Adoration Chapel) 8pm MM Basketball (NBRC)	14	15 6:30am Men's Ministry Mtg. (Hall) NO Confessions 4:30 pm Msgr.'s Thanksgiving Mass (Hall) 5:30pm (NBRC) Msgr.'s Farewell Reception
16  8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Church)	17	18 12:30pm Confession (Church)	19	20 12:30pm Confession (Church) 7pm Rosary (Adoration Chapel) 8pm MM Basketball (NBRC) 8pm KoC Mtg. (Barn)	21	22 6:30am Men's Ministry Mtg. (Hall) 3:30pm Confessions (Church)
23  12pm (Hall) Celebration Mass Adoration Chapel 25 th Anniversary 1pm (Hall) installation of plaque at Adoration Chapel 6pm Life Teen (Hall)	24	25 12:30pm Confession (Church)	26 12:30pm Altar Guild (Church)	27 12:30pm Confession (Church) 7pm Rosary (Adoration Chapel) 8pm MM Basketball	28	29 6:30am Men's Ministry Mtg. (Hall) 3:30pm Confessions (Church)
30					JUNE Food Drive ST. JOSEPH PARENTING CENTER Collection Bins in Hall & Church	

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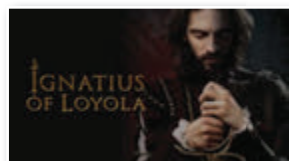
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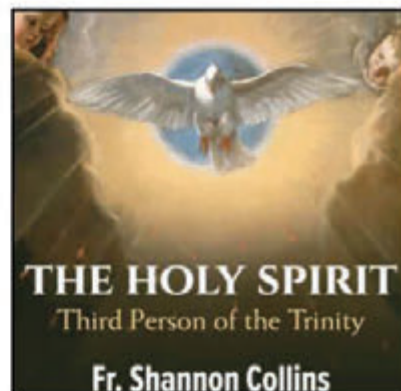
The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity

By Fr. Shannon Collins

Renew Your Relationship with the Spirit

Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he he wants to work in the lives of believers.

[Listen on formed.org](https://formed.org)



"A great reminder of how the Holy Spirit is active in our lives."

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GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM

Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land

June 8 and 9

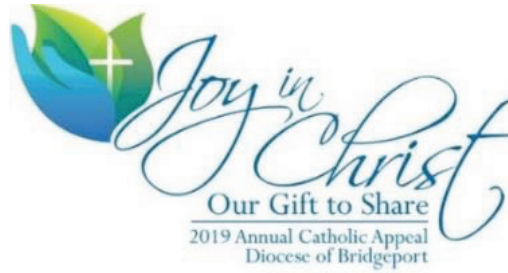
**after all Masses
in the Barn (next to Church)**

A Traditional Art and Livelihood for Holy Land Christians

The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65 percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work.

In recent years, however, the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships due to social and economical pressures. Because of a sharp fall in tourism and also as a result of diminishing numbers of craftsmen who leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to the difficult conditions in their homeland, the Holy Land handicraft market is facing serious danger, and so is the Christian community in the Land. Sixty five years ago the Christians represented more than 28% of the total population in the Holy Land, today they are less than 1.5%. The loss of Christians in the land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide.

Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.



If you have not yet responded to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach!

Please consider the following options when deciding upon the best way to support the Annual Catholic Appeal this year:

- Make a pledge and spread out your payments over 5 months
- Donate on-line by going to the diocesan website, 2019ACABridgeport.com
- Check if your employer will match your gift through the Corporate Matching Gift Program
- Donate a one-time gift
- Contribute a gift of appreciated stocks or securities

Whatever you decide, your gift will be greatly appreciated and make a difference in lives of others.

Aquinas Fellowship Program is Accepting Applications

The [Diocese of Bridgeport Superintendent's Office](#) is seeking candidates to apply to the exciting and newly developed [Aquinas Fellowship Program](#) (AFP). We want you to apply if you are a soon-to-be or recent college graduate looking to contribute your service, skills, and faith within the Diocese of Bridgeport Catholic schools and interested in pursuing graduate level coursework within the field of education.

This tremendous opportunity will advance participating Fellows to become committed and effective Catholic School educators who will make a significant impact on the lives of the children they serve. Through this program, Aquinas Fellows will receive:

- A student teaching experience within the Diocese of Bridgeport Catholic Schools;
- Affordable housing, arranged by the Diocese;
- An intentional community living experience that provides enrichment and support to each member as they balance life, college, teaching, and spiritual growth;
- A **cost-free master's degree** in one of the degree areas offered through our collaboration with Fairfield University upon completion of the program;
- A modest living allowance (\$15,000 per year);
- Eligibility for loan deferment with full-time student status;
- An extraordinary teaching experience

Applications will be accepted until June 1st so if you are interested in this opportunity or know of someone who is, please visit the Aquinas Fellowship Program website at www.dioceseofbridgeportcatholicschools.com/aquinas-fellowship-program and apply or contact Debbie Mitchell at debra.mitchell@diobpt or 203.416.1321 with any questions.



FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHTS

Encounter Scripture • Encounter Christ

During Lent 2019, more than 1,400 families accepted Bishop Caggiano's Family Bible Challenge. They received a weekly reflection and quiz. Season two of the FBC begins on Pentecost Sunday. As part of season two, The Leadership Institute and a few parishes are hosting Family Trivia Nights in June. There is no cost to participate. Gather your family and friends and register online at formationreimagined.org. Teams of 10 will compete in 10 rounds of 10 questions to see who knows more about church history, the Bible, the popes, and even the Diocese of Bridgeport. Join us for a fun-filled evening to kick off summer by learning more about your faith.

Fri., June 14

7pm
Sacred Heart
in Danbury

Sat., June 15

7pm
The Catholic Center
in Bridgeport

Wed., June 19

7pm
Holy Spirit
in Stamford



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