

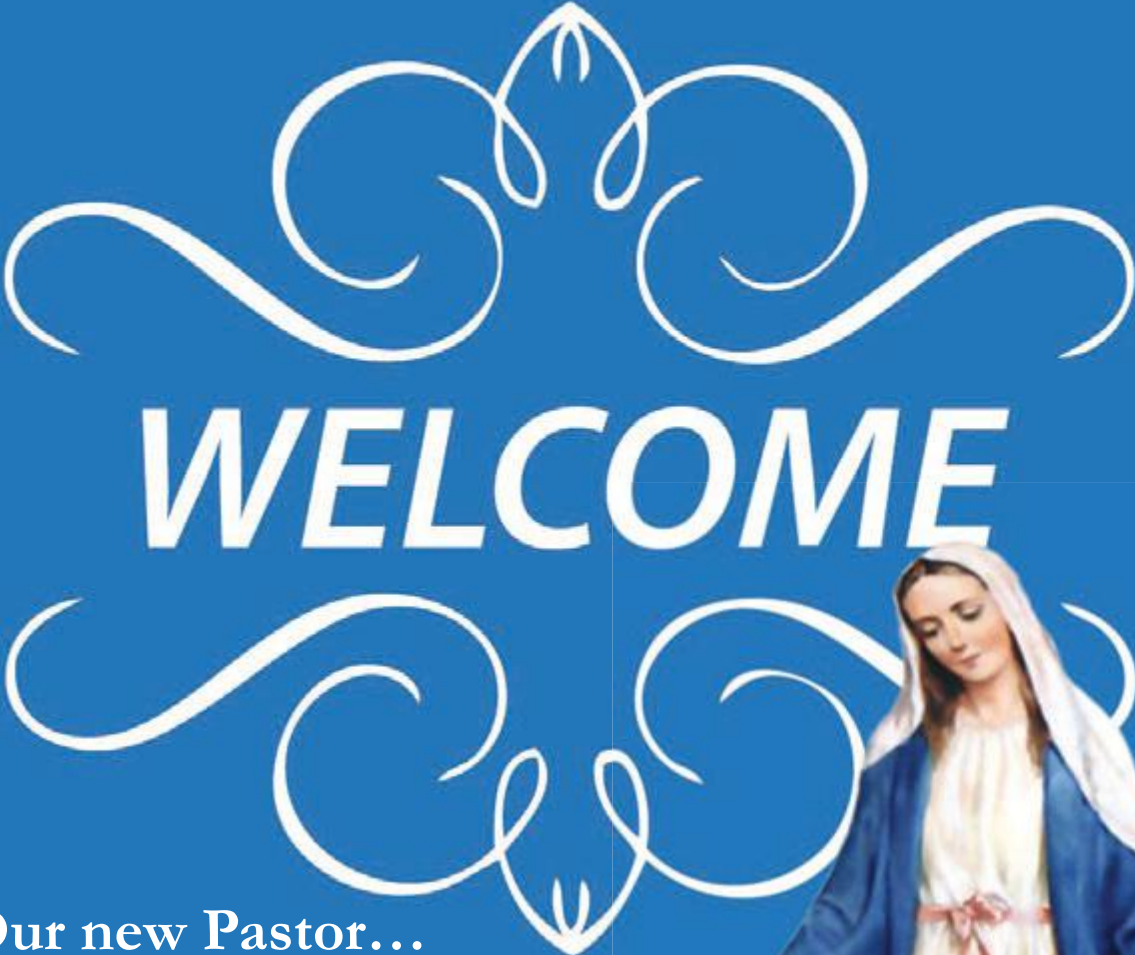


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August 4, 2019

A Warm & Welcoming Family of Catholic Faith



WELCOME

Our new Pastor...

Msgr. Kevin T. Royal

*Mother of God, Patroness
of our Parish, pray for us
as we enter into this
exciting new chapter.*



Please note, this page has been reprinted from August 2017, as we are in transition between Pastors.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2019



Ten August Activities for Catholic Families

1. Plan a cookout for your family (or invite friends too!) in honor of St. Lawrence, patron of grill cooks. (August 10th)
2. Do something nice for your Mom, in honor of St. Augustine, whose mother (St. Monica) followed him and prayed for years for his conversion to Christianity. St. Augustine's feast day is August 28th.
3. Have some prayer time for family members that may have fallen away from the church. St. Monica's feast day is August 27th.
4. Read about the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6th).
5. Make a sacrifice this month that benefits another person. St. Maximillian Kolbe's feast day is August 14th.
6. Attend Mass on August 15th for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It's a Holy Day of Obligation.
7. Work on memorizing one prayer or Bible verse with your children this month.
8. If you missed out on doing a May crowning, you can still do one on August 22nd for the Queenship of Mary.
9. Find a tutorial for making frosting roses and use them to decorate a sweet treat. St. Rose of Lima's feast day is August 23rd.
10. Go out past city lights to do some star watching. How many constellations can you find? St. Dominic is the patron saint of astronomers and has a feast day of August 8th.



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 5

Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

7:00 AM Thomas Dutra

12:00 PM Ben Migliorino

TUESDAY, August 6

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

7:00 AM Joan Esslinger

12:00 PM Raymond Murphy

WEDNESDAY, August 7

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28

7:00 AM Jack Kelley

12:00 PM Nick Liegeois

THURSDAY, August 8

Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23

7:00 AM Z. Joseph Dragicevich

12:00 PM Michael Edward Mezzapelle - 5th Anniversary

FRIDAY, August 9

Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

7:00 AM Anna Tarantino

12:00 PM Anthony Scordino

SATURDAY, August 10

2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

8:00 AM Margaret Ruland & Joseph Bonassar

4:30 PM Nancy and John Kearns

SUNDAY, August 11

Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

CHURCH

7:30 AM Emilia & Antonia Torcellini

9:15 AM William May

11:15 AM Justin Langlois

HALL

10:30 AM William Tunnard

12:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish

5:00 PM Elizabeth O'Callaghan Corradino

Prayers for the Sick



Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Mary Jane Anderson, John Barczak, Joseph Barone, Eileen Bradley, Rocco Coscio, Steve DeBara, Ginny Drake, Almir Duarte, John Flaherty,**

Louise Hanel, Sr., Richard Hanel Sr., Josephine Mallucci, Scott McCaughey, Ann Melnick, Bernie Neill, Joseph Petrucelli, Ethan Poroleeparambil, Ira Rothman, Stephen Smith, and Victoria Witt. Only immediate family members may add someone to our prayer list. Individuals will be removed monthly unless we are otherwise notified.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

July 28, 2019	\$16,949	\$618,191
July 29, 2018	\$19,097	\$703,667

Hospitality House

2019	\$4,219
2018	\$4,368



Please view the video on our website to learn more about our 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Saint Mary Parish raised \$140,689, bringing our Parish to 54.27% of its \$259,250 goal.

We're still here while you're on vacation!



Please use *Online Giving* to keep up with offertory. Go to www.smc.org and click on the *Online Giving* link.

July 2020 Mass Intentions are open.



Brian Joseph Desrosier & Kelly Ann Whipple

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Emilia Ann D'Amato and Joseph Robert Petrini** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.



New contact info...

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Religious Ed 2019-2020 Registration is now open!
Go to our website for the link to online registration.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Join us for our next Respect Life meeting
Tuesday, August 6 @ 10:00 AM, in the Barn.

THANK YOU BARBARA RIZZO!

Barbara Rizzo, our dedicated Parish Accountant for the past 15 years, will retire on August 9. We offer a heartfelt world of thanks for her many years of dedicated service to our Saint Mary Parish Family!

NEW PARISH ACCOUNTANT



We welcome Deborah Korniewicz as our new Parish Accountant. Deborah brings with her a wealth of professional experience as a controller and senior staff accountant; she also holds a bachelor of business administration degree from Western Connecticut State University.



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Portrait of a Saint Mary School Graduate

From a young age, many children are asked "what do you want to be when you grow up?" Just as important to us at Saint Mary School is "who are you going to be?" Through their experiences from preschool through Grade 8, our students grow and develop academically, spiritually, and in community.

A Lifelong Learner. A Person of Faith. A Leader and a Team Member. A Permanent Part of the Saint Mary Family. We send our graduates to high school not with all of the answers, but with all of the tools they need to become the person they were meant to be.

We have openings in select grades for the 2019-2020 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.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



He Goes Before You

When Israel arrived at the Promised Land, they sent out twelve spies and two of them came to give a very good report on the land, but the other ten of the spies were fearful and gave a bad report because they were dismayed at the inhabitants. Their fear was highly contagious and caused the nation as a whole, to not cross over and take it. If you've ever had to relocate, to another city or another state, then you might have somewhat of an idea how they felt, although theirs is a different circumstance, however the underlying principles of God's being with you, and even better, "the Lord...goes before you," should give you more peace of mind about this new chapter in life. Just think about it; He already knows the future and has "spied out" what's ahead in time.

"It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."
Deuteronomy 31:8

www.patheos.com

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY Food collected in August 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

We offer Catholic men and their families an opportunity to explore their faith and share God's love through service to our priests, parish and community. Join 2 million Knights around the world as you share your time & talents. Learn more at www.KOFC.org or contact Phil Del Giudice, Grand Knight, at Compass_grp@yahoo.com.

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.

Open Adoration Hours:

Monday	3:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Thursday	1:00 am
Friday	8:00 am
Saturday	10:00 pm
Sunday	5:00 pm
Sunday	5:00 pm

See complete schedule @ 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 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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>AUGUST Food Drive</u> <u>Dorothy Day Hospitality House</u>  Collection Bins for both drives are in the Hall & Church		Dates, times and events are subject to change. Please check our website at smcr.org, for current information		1 <u>12:30pm</u> Confession (Church) <u>7pm</u> Rosary (Adoration Chapel) <u>8pm</u> MM Basketball (NBRC) <u>8pm</u> KoC Mtg. (Barn) Mass Intentions Open for July 2020 Msgr. Royal starts as Pastor	2 <u>1pm</u> Parish Offices Close	3 <u>6:30am</u> Men's Ministry Mtg. (Hall) <u>3:30pm</u> Confession (Church)
4	5	6 <u>10:00am</u> Respect for Life Mtg (Barn) <u>12:30pm</u> Confession (Church)	7	8 <u>12:30pm</u> Confession (Church) <u>7pm</u> Rosary (Adoration Chapel) <u>8pm</u> MM Basketball (NBRC)	9 <u>1pm</u> Parish Offices Close	10 <u>6:30am</u> Men's Ministry Mtg. (Hall) <u>3:30pm</u> Confession (Church)
11	12	13 <u>12:30pm</u> Confession (Church)	14 <u>5:30pm</u> Vigil Mass (Church)	15 <u>Assumption of the Blessed Mother</u> (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass: 7, 9am, 12, 7:30pm In Church  PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	16 <u>1pm</u> Parish Offices Close	17 <u>6:30am</u> Men's Ministry Mtg. (Hall) <u>3:30pm</u> Confessions (Church)
18	19	20 <u>12:30pm</u> Confession (Church)	21 <u>12:30pm</u> Altar Guild (Church)	22 <u>12:30pm</u> Confession (Church) <u>7pm</u> CWC (Day Chapel) <u>7pm</u> Rosary (Adoration Chapel) <u>8pm</u> MM Basketball (NBRC)	23 <u>1pm</u> Parish Offices Close	24 <u>6:30am</u> Men's Ministry Mtg. (Hall) <u>3:30pm</u> Confessions (Church)
25	26	27 <u>12:30pm</u> Confession (Church)	28	29 First Day of School SMS - Kindergarten	30 <u>1pm</u> Parish Offices Close	31 Dates, times and events are subject to change. Please check our website at smcr.org, for current information

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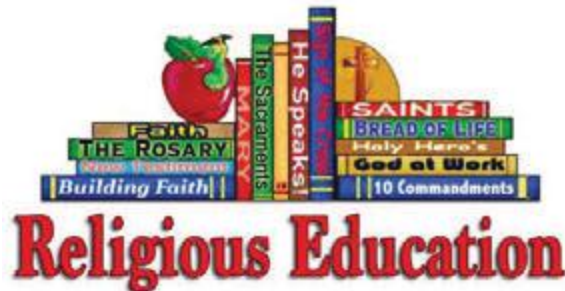
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Program options for 2019-2020...

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register online!

www.smcr.org



St. Mary Parish
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Ridgefield, CT

Family Formation for Grades 1 to 8

Families meet once a month in the Hall. Children break out into grade level classes with their Catechist as Parents receive materials and the overview of teaching in the home the other 3 weeks of the month!

Sunday: 9:00 to 10:15AM in the Hall OR

Sunday: 1:15 to 2:30 PM in the Hall OR

Monday: 5:45 to 7:00 PM in the Hall

OR

Traditional Weekly Classes for Grades 1 to 5

Sundays: 10:30-11:30; Mondays: 4:30-5:45pm

Grades 6 and 7

Welcome to Edge!

We're taking Religious Ed out of the classroom and into the Hall with our Edge program!

Music, scripture, service projects!! Breakout sessions as well.

Tuesdays or Wednesdays 4:30-5:45pm

Grade 8

Chosen

Ascension Press Program, Chosen, preparing kids spiritually and intellectually for Confirmation. Kids will meet in the Hall with breakout sessions in classrooms for discussion. Scripture, service projects.

Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:00-7:15pm

Grade 9

Confirmation

12pm Sunday Mass, then 1:00-2:15pm or Monday 6-7:15pm

14 Small-group breakout sessions in classrooms.

LifeTeen Continues on Sundays, Welcoming 8th - 12th graders!

(7-24-19)



St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the “rock” upon which Jesus would build his Church? In *Lectio: Peter* Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective that is informative and relevant.

Join us to watch the series and discover how God can bring out our best, too.

Time: Mondays, 7 - 9 pm

Place: St. Mary School

Dates: September 16 to December 9, 2019

Contact: Kristin McSpedon, ksmcspedon@comcast.net. (203) 438-0495

This is a 10 session study.

Cost \$25 for study materials, payable at the first session.

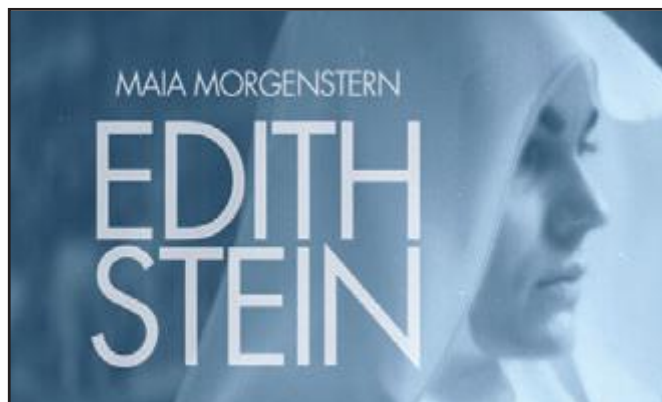
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Meet the Author!

September 5th @ 7:15PM – in our Parish Hall

Victorious SECRET



about the author



Laura Phelps has a steady coffee date with Jesus every morning before the sun rises, and fully admits to a serious chips and salsa addiction. If she's not in her filthy minivan, or running to TJ Maxx for something, you can find her writing about faith and life over at her personal blog www.lauramaryphelps.com. She lives with her husband Nick, four children, and nine pets (Lord have mercy) in Newtown, CT.

about the book



Are you exhausted from striving to prove your worth? Do you base your identity on how filled up your planner is? Do you ever find yourself standing in front of the kitchen sink, wondering... "Is this it?" We deserve something better than a numbed out life. We were made not only to fight these battles but to win them. *Victorious Secret: Everyday Battles and How to Win Them* will show you how to put on your spiritual armor and face the fight every day.

WWW.LAURAMARYPHELPS.COM @ f t

Laura Phelps will chat about her book, *Victorious Secret*. Refreshments will be served. There is no fee to attend. Register on our website or call the Parish Office, 203-438-6538. Questions? Contact Barbara Giobbi at Bgiobbi@snet.net or 917-257-0027.

This event is sponsored by St. Mary Catholic Women in Community.

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Pre-purchase St. Mary Cemetery Space

"If you are prepared when your loved one passes, you are not at the mercy of strangers at a vulnerable time."



"I felt good knowing I was sparing my family the burden of making this decision at a difficult time in their lives."

**Pre-plan today for security and peace of mind
knowing "it's all been taken care of."**

- ✓ Take more control over how you are to be celebrated and remembered.
- ✓ Take the burden of burial arrangements off your family.
- ✓ Reserve space to secure your family heritage at St. Mary Parish.
- ✓ Save money, securing a space at current prices.

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More than 50% of all Americans ages 50-74 have already pre-planned. Pre-planning enables you to choose your arrangements according to your wishes and needs.

Benefits of Pre-planning

- Spares your family from making hard decisions at an emotionally stressful time.
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- Alleviates additional grief at the time of loss, so your loved ones can focus on memorializing your life.
- Secures your preferred space and family heritage at St. Mary Parish.

Visit www.smcr.org for more information and FAQs. Call Donna Barber at the cemetery office, 203-438-3606, for price quotes and additional information.

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Open to all those in high school during the 2019-2020 school year

Cost is as follows:

- \$225 Registration (we are working on grant to cover this)
- \$145 Hotel for three nights, breakfast included
- \$55 Group dinners, snacks, t-shirt
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