



Saint Mary Parish

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August 23, 2020

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You are
Peter,
and upon
this rock I
will build my
church,
and the
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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



August 23, 2020

The Infallible Gift from Jesus

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Matthew 16:18-19

This passage should give us great comfort. Why? Because in this passage Jesus lays the foundation of His Church. He gives to Peter the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. And, in so doing, He establishes what has come to be known as the gift of “infallibility.”

Think about it. What does it mean to be given “the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven?” This is quite a statement. But by speaking it clearly and definitively, Jesus entrusted an incredible spiritual power to Peter. Peter may not have understood what this exactly meant at the time, but he would have been changed as he was entrusted with such authority.

By “infallibility” we mean that Peter was guaranteed to teach only that which was true in the areas of faith and morality. Faith and morality are what live on forever in the Kingdom of Heaven and so it is with authority in these areas that Peter is entrusted.

Furthermore, we know that the Apostles had successors. Peter went to Rome and became the Bishop of Rome. He was succeeded by Linus, then Cletus, then Clement, and so forth until the Bishop of Rome today. In 2013, Pope Francis became the 265th successor of St. Peter. This is important to note because this spiritual authority that Jesus gave to Peter did not end with his death. Rather, it continued with his successors and will continue on until the end of the world.

We rejoice in the spiritual authority that the Holy Father has been entrusted with. And knowing that Jesus is alive in such a way, through the certain teaching authority of the Keys of Heaven, we should be comforted and at peace knowing that the gates of hell will never prevail against the Church. Popes are sinners, but they are also visible and infallible instruments of Christ Himself every time they exercise their sacred role.

Reflect, today, upon your faith in the Church. We do not put our faith in persons, we put our faith in Christ, His Church and in the spiritual authority entrusted to the Church. Reflect upon your own faith in this regard. <https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/>



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 24

Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

7:00 AM Ronald Bonassar

12:00 PM Joe and Mary Travers

TUESDAY, August 25

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26

7:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish

12:00 PM Brian Sullivan - Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, August 26

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32

7:00 AM All Clergy

12:00 PM Our Homebound Parishioners

THURSDAY, August 27

1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51

7:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish

12:00 PM All Those Affected by COVID-19

FRIDAY, August 28

1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13

7:00 AM The Sick and the Suffering

12:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish

SATURDAY, August 29

1 Cor 1:26-31 (430)/Mk 6:17-29

8:00 AM The Youth of our Parish

4:30 PM Pasquale Sciaratta

SUNDAY, August 30

Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 (

CHURCH

7:30 AM Lisa Besse Cascone

9:15 AM Helen Shelava

11:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

HALL

10:30 AM John Roche

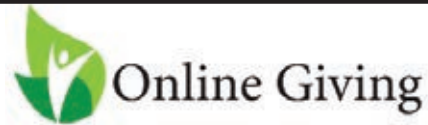
12:00 PM Maryanne Brosnan

5:00 PM Chief John Roche - 2nd Anniversary

PLEASE NOTE: Every Mass intention will be honored during the suspension of Masses; the priests of the Parish will say the scheduled Mass privately on the day it was requested. Parishioners can still request a Mass for their particular intentions according to availability by calling or emailing the Parish office.

Baptisms

Oakely Nicholas Formus



Please continue to support our Parish with Online Giving. Go to our website to sign up. Call the Parish office if you would like assistance.

Thank you for all the envelopes you have been sending in each week! Offertory can be mailed to St. Mary Parish, 55 Catoonah St, Ridgefield, CT 06877. Mail is picked up daily. Thank you!

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Ridgefield Social Services

Tony Phillips, Director of Social Services
socialservices@ridgefieldct.org, 203-807-4524.

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for the sick on our online prayer list and for those who care for them. Pray also for those who died and those grieving loved ones.



Go to our website to make a prayer request and to see those on the prayer list.



Checkout [pics](#) of our Gather & Grow progress.

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FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Upon this Rock I will Build My Church



Christ built his church upon Saint Peter, the first pope. Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Catholic church,

but it was through Saint Peter's love for him and recognition of who Jesus really was, that Jesus founded his church. It is a beautiful thing that the Catholic church was founded on love and faith in Jesus Christ, the son of the living God.

Jesus asked his disciples who the people thought he was. Then he asked the disciples who they thought he was. Saint Peter answered Jesus without hesitation, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". Would that our own faith be that strong. *acatholic.org*



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Fall Reopening Updates



We have created a webpage on our website to keep track of all of the decisions and policies that we make with regard to the fall re-opening. We will continue to share updates via email and newsletters to our SMS family, but will updated this central spot as well. [Take a look here.](#)

Blessings, peace, and wellness, Anna O'Rourke, Principal

For more information, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at (203) 438-7288, or visit www.smsridgefield.org.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office is currently closed but you may email or call for routine matters (including the purchase of Mass Cards) and our receptionist will get back to you as soon as possible. If there is an emergency, call the office and clergy will get back to you immediately. Stay tuned for open hours coming soon.

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ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY

We should see the face of Christ in every person we encounter. How different would the world be if we could do that?

We pray for and discuss tools to meet every day challenges in the Men's Ministry. You are cheerfully invited to join 40+ men on Saturday mornings at 6:45AM (VIRTUALLY - no video and no driving!). Please call Brian @ 203-947-2858 for the link.



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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is currently closed

Cover a weekly hour at our Adoration Chapel and enjoy many blessings! Sign up @ www.smcr.org. No computer access? Contact Monica at 914-533-2832.

Open Adoration Hours:

Monday	1pm and 2 pm
Wednesday	11 pm
Thursday	1 am, 12pm
Friday	7 am, 3 pm and 4 pm
Saturday	3 pm and 10 pm
Sunday	5 pm

RCIA

RCIA is the Church's way of helping people on the journey to full membership in the Roman Catholic Church. It offers people a deeper and fuller understanding of our Catholic faith in preparation for reception into the Roman Catholic Community of faith. For more info contact our Religious Ed Dept.

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
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ADORATION

Monica & Bill Brown
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Deacon: Robert Salvestrini, salvo95@aol.com

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Mondays with Mary



Learn more about the Patroness of St. Mary Parish

Over the next several months, the Parish will host ZOOM sessions for all to learn more about Our Lady, the patroness of our Parish. The series, ***Mondays with Mary***, will present a history of different apparitions, a witness, and a Q & A, along with praying a decade of the rosary as a community. **Register for one or all @ www.smcr.org**

SESSIONS

August 24 - Our Lady of Knock

October - Kibejo

December – Guadalupe

February - Lourdes

May – Fatima

Mondays with Mary

SESSION 1



[Register Here](#)

Password: OurLady

Our Lady of Knock



Monday, August 24, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Join us for a presentation on the National Shrine in the village of Knock, County Mayo, Ireland, where an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint John the Evangelist, angels, and Jesus Christ (the Lamb of God) took place in 1879.

Presenter: Monsignor Royal

Witness: from Knock, Ireland

Facilitator: Meg Whitbeck



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Registration at 11:30am

Shotgun Start at 12:30pm

\$150 per person for Scramble Format Golf with Lunch

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- Hole-In-One Challenge for \$25,000
- Prize for Best Foursome Low Gross
- Prizes for Longest Drive, and Closest to the Pin on Front/Back
- Par 3 Cash Contests
- 50/50 Tickets
- Catholic Cup Church Competition



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Golfing Rain or Shine

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Seniors (over age 70) play from Gold Tees

Send payment to address shown above

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Payment Due At Sign Up

Sponsorship Deadline: Wednesday, September 5th

Single Players Welcome

Make Checks Payable to: Knights of Columbus #29

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Player 2 (Name & Phone/Email) _____

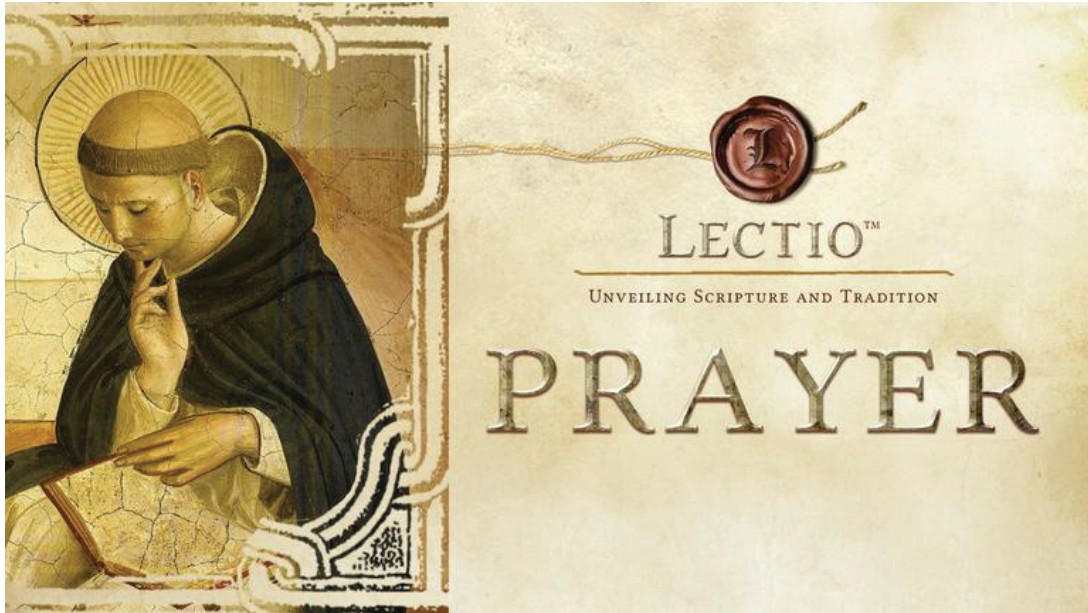
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PICK OF THE WEEK



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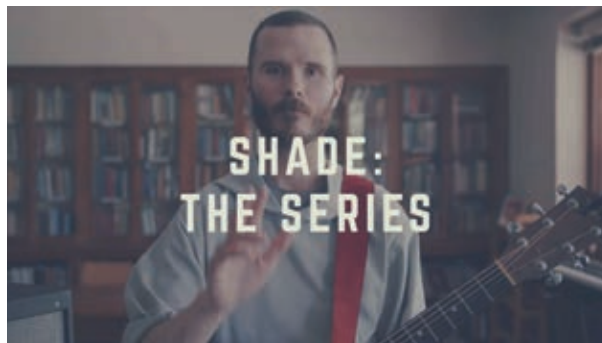
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August



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August 2020 Liturgical Calendar

8/1 Saint Alphonsus de Liguori

Study: Divine Mercy; Episode 2: Behold, This Heart

Watch: The Augustinians: United in Charity

8/9 Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Watch: Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

Anniversary of the Bombing of Nagasaki

Watch: All That Remains: The Story of Takashi Nagai

Listen: A Song for Nagasaki: The Story of Takashi Nagai

8/11 Saint Clare of Assisi

Watch: Clare and Francis

8/14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Watch: Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe

8/15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith; Session 9: Mary and the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints

Watch: Mary of Nazareth

8/27 Saint Monica

Study: Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage

Study: Lectio: Prayer; Session 5: Contemplatio: The Gaze of Love

Listen: Catholic Teaching on Marriage and Annulments

8/28 Saint Augustine of Hippo

Watch: Restless Heart

Watch: Augustine: A Voice for All Generations

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- Women recovering from, approaching, or currently in crisis pregnancies
- Couples facing fertility issues

WHAT WE PLAN TO OFFER

Services provided in-house or through referrals to other life-affirming partners

PHYSICAL WELLNESS

- Pregnancy Test / Ultrasound
- Abortion Pill Reversal
- Physicals / Well-Women Exams
- Pap smears
- Natural Family Planning
- Natural methods for treating common reproductive disorders: cramps, heavy or irregular bleeding, PMS, endometriosis, hormonal abnormalities
- STD Testing, Counseling, and Treatment
- HIV / AIDS Testing and Counseling
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Testing
- Medical Infertility Treatment
- Pediatrics: Non-Fetal Cell Vaccines and Adolescent Health
- Phase Two: OB Services

EMOTIONAL & SPIRITUAL

- Counseling, Life Coaching, and Mentorship
- Housing / Job Assistance
- Support Groups
- Bible Study
- Crisis Pregnancy Resources
- On-Site Childcare
- On-Site Chapel
- Adoption Referral
- Post-Abortion Healing for Men and Women
- Abstinence/Chastity/Healthy Relationships Programs & Support
- Marriage & Family Enrichment

HOW WE PLAN TO OPERATE



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OUR COMMITMENT

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