



# Saint Mary Parish

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January 21, 2024

A Warm & Welcoming Family of Catholic Faith



*And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*

*- Mark 1:17*



***Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.***

Consider this thought experiment. Three men are standing side-by-side. The one in the center is a married Catholic layman. The one to the right is a Catholic priest. The one to the left is a married man who doesn't believe in God. The \$64,000 question is: which two men are more alike?

If you tried to answer that question by watching their every move for a week, you might conclude that the two married men have the most in common. After all, when each of these husbands returns home from work, he gives his wife a kiss. Each of them shares with his wife the chores of their home, and each of them shares the responsibilities of rearing their children.

However, granting all these similarities, there's still an argument to be made that the priest and Catholic married man have the most in common. Although the actions that the two husbands carry out look the same, beneath the surface of each human action—in the human heart, mind, and soul—lies the human motive.

In ethics, the word "motive" refers to motion. The human motive is what gets the ball rolling. It moves the abstract idea out of the human mind and into the world through the work of the will. So ultimately, the motive that brings about a particular action has more significance than the appearance of that action. Both are important, but the motive is primary. This is why the priest and the Catholic married man have the potential to be more alike than the two husbands.

Put it this way: because of his Baptism, the Catholic person's motive can be—if he allows it—elevated by grace. The Catholic person can allow his motive to be animated by the Holy Spirit. On the other hand, while

the motive of the atheist, when he does good, is still connected to God at least by virtue of his human nature, he doesn't recognize it as such. He bears limited fruit.

But the person who wants his will to cooperate with the Holy Spirit can bear limitless fruit. He may appear to do the same actions as an unbeliever, but the love he is receiving from God and the love he has for God in his heart are the driving force behind these actions, and so they benefit not only his soul but the souls of the entire Body of Christ. Not only this, but eventually even the appearance of his actions will change and reveal more clearly the work of the Holy Spirit. The motive of love will become more obvious because the limitless nature of the love of God will reveal itself visibly in his actions. He might start attending daily Mass, or decide to take his family on a mission trip, or perhaps start sharing about his faith at his place of work.

God tells Jonah in Sunday's First Reading to "***set out for the great city of Ninevah, and announce to it the message that I will tell you.***" He walked through this "***enormously large city***", announcing to its people that it would be destroyed in forty days. Jonah's words and action here might seem crazy to someone who knows nothing of God. In the Gospel Reading, Jesus called the fishermen Simon, Andrew, James, and John: "***Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.***" They left everything—boats, nets, fish, family—and followed Him immediately. This would not seem to a worldly man to be a well thought out, sane action. But consider what motivated them. God in the souls of Jonah and the first apostles moved them to action.

It's within Jesus—that is, within His Mystical Body—that the Holy Spirit most powerfully works in the world. Within the Church the Holy Spirit calls and empowers us who are members of this Body. Through the Church we know that the Psalmist's call will be fulfilled when we ourselves sing, "***Teach me your ways, O Lord.***" Through the Church the Holy Spirit will enlighten and inspire each of us who is willing to allow God to motivate us for the sake of accomplishing His divine will.

**Monday, January 22nd****Day of Prayer**

7:00 am Andrew Nirrengarten  
12:00 pm Anna Mae Frulla - 6 month anniversary

**Tuesday, January 23rd****St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope**

7:00 am Intentions of Jozef and Viviana Plsko  
12:00 pm Intentions of Kathy Backus

**Wednesday, January 24th****St. Francis de Sales**

7:00 am Intentions of James Brown  
12:00 pm Jacqueline Casamento

**Thursday, January 25th****Conversion of St. Paul**

7:00 am Reverend Andrew Nirrengarten  
12:00 pm Patrice Mulholland

**Friday, January 26th****Ss. Timothy & Titus**

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Plsko Family  
12:00 pm Richard Ligi Jr.

**Saturday, January 27th****St. Angela Merici, Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 am Kitty and Joe Trench  
4:30 pm Joseph Zulli

**Sunday, January 28th****4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am John Paul Piromalli  
9:00 am Saint Mary Parishioners  
10:30 am Patrice Mulholland  
12:00 pm Ladislav Svitok  
5:00 pm Brian C. Essman



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**Parish Holy Hour**

**This Saturday**

**January 20  
7:00 PM**

**In the Church**



## FAITH FORMATION CORNER

### Walk Faithfully in the Way of Our Lord and Remain in Peace

In today's Gospel Jesus calls several fishermen to come and follow Him. Saint Francis de Sales comments on their calling, and also ours, to follow Our Savior. When Our Savior tells His Apostles that He has chosen them, He makes no exception. Even Judas was called although he misused his freedom and rejected the means God gave him. We can be sure that when God calls someone to embrace Christianity, to be single or married, to be a religious, priest or bishop, God gives each person all the necessary help to attain sanctity in his or her vocation. Yet, even after their conversion, some of the Apostles were subject to imperfections, like Saint Peter who failed miserably by denying the Lord. Likewise, we see it's impossible to overcome in a day all the bad habits acquired by caring poorly for our spiritual health. Nonetheless, Our Savior wants you to serve Him as you are, both by prayer and by actions suited to your state and stage in life. Once you are convinced that you must serve God where you are, and go on doing what you are doing, have a tender affection for your state in life. Be of good heart; cultivate your vineyard with divine love. As you set out on your daily tasks, place yourself in the hands of God, who desires to help you succeed in your affairs. Believe that God will do what is best for you, provided that, on your part, you employ gentle diligence. Do not be surprised if the fruits of your labor are slow to appear. If you do the work of God patiently, your labor will not be in vain. Our Lord, who makes houses for the snails and turtles, will lead you well; let Him do it. We must walk faithfully in the way of Our Lord and remain in peace, as much in the winter of sterility as in the autumn of fruitfulness. Walk joyously, then, in your vocation with confidence in Divine Providence. (Adapted from the writings of Saint Francis de Sales) <https://www.oblates.org/>

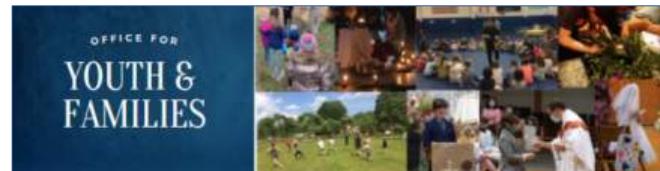
### PILGRIM VIRGIN

Our Lady's message to the world: Pray the Rosary daily, a wonderful Marian devotion, for world peace and the conversion of sinners. To arrange for a visit of the special statue to your home, call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341 or email [jstoveken@comcast.net](mailto:jstoveken@comcast.net)



### MEN'S MINISTRY PRAY, THINK, ACT

By working together each week to put scripture and prayer into action, the MM hopes that with the help of God's infinite mercy we can transform ourselves, our families, and the world. Come and see us on Saturdays in the School Hall 6:30ish - 8am. All men are welcome. See our website [stmmm.org](http://stmmm.org) or call Brian with questions, 203-947-2858.



**Our next EDGE Night-- the semester kickoff social-- will be Monday, Jan 22nd at 7pm. Stay tuned for details!**

**Confirmation Prep Saint Projects are due January 21st/22nd.**



**High School Youth is on break until further notice.**



If you know of someone going through a difficult time, talk to one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Gina Carey, [GinaCarey2002@yahoo.com](mailto:GinaCarey2002@yahoo.com) or Harry Hughes, [harryhughes700@gmail.com](mailto:harryhughes700@gmail.com) who will connect you with one of our Stephen Ministry ministers who are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They help bring the healing power of Christ's love.

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*Register*  
TODAY

Become a part of our Parish family.  
 Go to [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org) to register.

# SACRAMENTS

**MASS SCHEDULE**
**Saturday**

 8:00 AM, 4:30 PM Vigil Mass  
 (Church)

**Sunday**

 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, Noon, 5 PM  
 (Church)  
 10:30 AM (Hall)

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

 7:00 AM & Noon  
 Monday- Friday  
 (Church)

**Holy Days of Obligation**

Check website

 \*Easter and Christmas have  
 special schedules

**ADORATION**

Open 24 / 7

**OTHER SACRAMENTS**
**Confessions**

 Monday - Friday  
 11:30 AM  
 Wednesday  
 6:00 - 7:00 PM  
 Saturday  
 3:00 - 4:00 PM  
 (Church)

**Baptism**

 Celebrated each Saturday  
 (except holiday weekends)

*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

**CEMETERY**

203-438-3606

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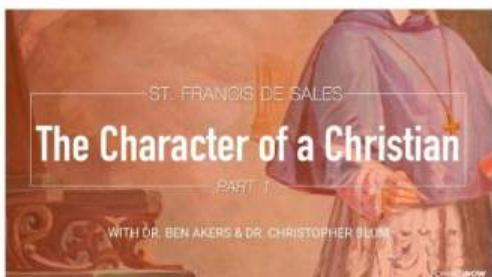
 Monday - Thursday 10 AM – 2 PM  
 203-438-6538

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 8AM – 4PM

THIS WEEK ON  
**FORMED**

## Week of January 21, 2024



### Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.



### The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



### The Conversion of Saint Paul

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.

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Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

# **Modern Square Dance**

## **Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus**

***COME JOIN THE FUN***

**Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>: 2pm to 4pm**

**Bossidy Gym, St. Mary School, High Ridge Road, Ridgefield CT**

- **No experience necessary ... learn while you dance!**
- **Casual clothes**
- **Singles - couples - families: ages 8+**

***Two left feet? No worries.  
Square dancing is walking to music.***

***Come have fun with us!***

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**For more information, please contact:**

**John Ahle: (203) 438-6782**

**Sign up for the Dance at:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4DACP2DA1FC1-47073647-kofc>

**Suggested Donation \$10 per person.**

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**Nearby square dance clubs:**

**Square Bears, Wilton CT**

**Deb Ahle: (203)-438-6782**

**Rocking Roosters, Newtown CT  
Ron Baldwin: (203) 926-0873**

**Friendly Squares, Katonah NY  
Tee Cotter: (914) 433-2919**



**SAINT MARY PARISH AND THE  
THIRD GRADE CLASS OF  
SAINT MARY SCHOOL INVITE YOU**

# *Senior Citizen Luncheon*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024  
12 NOON, SCHOOL HALL**

**KINDLY RESERVE BY 2/8  
203-438-7288**

**QUESTIONS - PLEASE CONTACT  
ANDREA WOLF 203-644-4526**

**Suggested Donation \$8**





# GOD

THE MYSTERY OF THE TRINITY IN THE BIBLE

## Lectio: God with Dr. Elizabeth Klein

What do we mean when we say “God”?

Misconceptions about God abound, even among Christians, and these misconceptions can become obstacles in our relationship with God. Join Augustine Institute Assistant Professor Dr. Elizabeth Klein for a careful study of Scripture that will lead you to a deeper and clearer awareness of who God is, equipping you to share this truth with others.

Starting in the Old Testament, Dr. Klein presents what God says about himself at various points in salvation history, and how he reveals to Israel that “the Lord is one” (Deuteronomy 6:4). Moving to the New Testament, Dr. Klein shows how this one God then reveals himself as three. Along the way you’ll get answers to questions such as, How can God be transcendent and personal? If God is one, how can Jesus be God? What does it mean that “God is love” (1 John 4:8)? Why is the doctrine of the trinity the central mystery of our faith when the word “Trinity” never appears in the Bible?

### Dates, Time Location

Mondays - 9 sessions

7 pm to 9 pm

January 22 – March 25, 2024

St. Mary Parish, location to be determined

### Cost - Registration

\$20 payable at first session

Beverly Scott, 914-763-6243

Cell, 914-733-2813

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# Knights of Columbus

## FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

### BOYS and GIRLS AGES 9 – 14

**Date of Competition:** Saturday January 20, 2024\*                   **Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Location:** The Nancy Bossidy Gym & Rec. Ctr at St. Mary's Church in Ridgefield  
**Sponsored by:** The Knights of Columbus, Marquette Council #245  
**Contact:** John Ahern 203-858-5659 or Tim O'Connell 203-545-3027

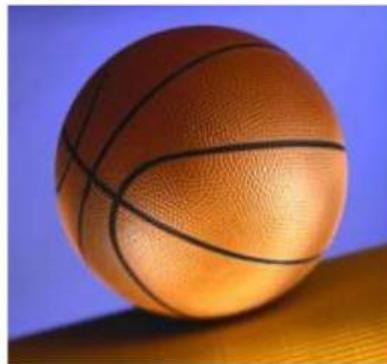
All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (age on January 1, 2024) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship. Winners progress through local, district, and state competitions. All boys and girls will compete in their respective age divisions. All contestants on the local level will receive participation certificates, and winners advance to the next round. This event is free of charge.

Registration is between 6:00-6:30PM then shooting begins. Forms are available at the following locations:

- At the KofC website ([KofC Free Throw Registration Form](#))
- At the Religious Education Office and Parish Office.
- At the Free Throw Competition

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and signed parental consent when they register.

\*Snow date will be Saturday, February 3rd.



# Free Throw Championship Entry Form/Score Sheet

I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP in the category and age group checked below. My eligibility is to be determined by my age as of January 1. I also understand that I may only compete in one council level competition.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls | Council # _____ | AGE: | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> 14 |
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Note: This same form must be used for the Council, District and Jurisdiction Competition — please be sure it is passed on accordingly.

Name of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell) Email \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_

## This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

Council No. \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, the undersigned requests and approves of the entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP ("The Contest"). In consideration for the entrant's participation in the Contest, the undersigned (1) acknowledges that the entrant's participation will be at the sole risk of the entrant and the undersigned and (2) agrees to release, indemnify and hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, its subordinate units, officers, agents, members and employees harmless from any and all demands, claims or causes of action arising from or relating to the entrant's participation in the Contest. The undersigned also agree to allow representatives from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council or any of its subordinate units to take and publish photographs or videos of the entrant during the Contest. **The entrant may compete in only one council level competition. Parent or guardian must sign this form before entrant competes.**

Parent/Guardian

Date signed

## This Section To Be Completed K of C Officials:

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: Each contestant will be allowed **15** consecutive free throws in **council** competition and **25** consecutive free throws in **all other levels**. Indicate number of free throws "made" in first column. Those tied for highest score will compete in successive rounds each being allowed 5 free throws until one contestant emerges as winner. Use other columns to indicate scores in "playoff" rounds.

| COMPETITION LEVEL    | SCORING:                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BASKET MADE | <input type="checkbox"/> BASKET MISSED | TOTAL BASKETS MADE |
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(Councils should retain a copy of this completed form for their files)

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Faith in Action



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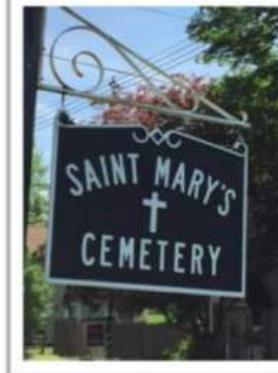
*Call us to learn more about this popular Parish program.*

*Secure your preferred  
space and family heritage  
at St. Mary Parish.*

# Preplanning Peace of Mind

St. Mary Cemetery Space Pre-Purchase

*Take the first step to  
providing peace of mind  
to you and your family.*



**Why St. Mary Parish Cemetery?  
Our Heritage, our History, our Faith.**



St. Mary Parish, 55 Catoonah Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877 Phone: (203) 438-6538 Fax: (203) 431-2565 [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org)  
St. Mary Cemetery, 110 North Street, Ridgefield, CT - Donna Barber, 203-733-4658

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How do I choose the right type of grave?**

Because it is an important question, many things must be considered:

- Are you planning on burial or cremation?
- Above or below ground?
- What types of memorial do you prefer?
  - A marker set flat on the ground?
  - An upright monument?
- Are you arranging for yourself or your family?
- How much do you want to spend?

Answers to these types of questions will assist you to make the right purchase as graves vary by size, location and price.

### **What is a full burial?**

A full burial is the interment of a dead body in its permanent resting-place.

### **What is a cremation?**

Cremation refers to the act of consuming a body by fire.

### **What are cremains?**

Cremains are the cremated human remains.

### **What is a mausoleum?**

A mausoleum is a tomblike structure or building for the burial of dead bodies.

### **What is a columbarium?**

A columbarium is a structure that contains niches for the placement of cinerary urns, e.g. urns with cremains.

### **What is the size of a grave and how can it be used?**

A grave is approximately three feet three inches wide and ten feet long. It will accommodate one adult full interment and 2 cremains or a maximum of three cremation interments.

### **What is a burial plot?**

A plot is one or more grave or cremation graves as shown on the Cemetery map, which is on file at the Cemetery office.

### **What is a cremation grave – Urn Garden?**

A cremation grave in the Urn Garden is designated for the sole purpose of burial of a single or double cremation.

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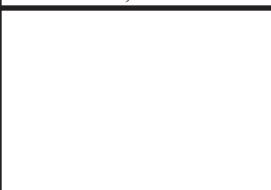


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