

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



The Power of Love

When we choose to walk in love, we have the power of God in our lives. The apostle Paul prayed in Ephesians 3:17 that we would be “rooted and established in love so that we would have power together with all the saints.”

It's easy to see why of all – faith, hope, and love -- love is the greatest. God is love. If we have love, we have God and if we have God, we have it all.

In many relationships, after time, people neglect to walk in love. One day, they realize that their hearts have changed. You hear it all the time:

“We just grew apart.” Guard your love. Don't take it for granted. Harsh words and a dismissive attitude can chip away at even the strongest relationship. Keep peace in your home. Be the first to apologize. Be quick to forgive. The Bible says, “Do not let the sun go down on your anger, but instead, forgive. And above all things, put on love.”

Be kind, respect one another, and treat each other the way you want to be treated. God will step in and do His part by giving you his grace to live in love. www.goingafterone.com



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, February 15

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13

9:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish

TUESDAY, February 16

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21

7:00 AM The Youth of our Parish

5:00 PM Michael Clifford

WEDNESDAY, February 17

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

9:00 AM Our Homebound Parishioners

12:30 PM Donald Ligos

5:00 PM The Parishioners of the Parish

THURSDAY, February 18

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

7:00 AM All Clergy

5:00 PM William Hutton

FRIDAY, February 19

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

7:00 AM Vocations to Religious Life

12:30 PM Bill Brown

SATURDAY, February 20

Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

8:00 AM Whalen, Fahey & Domeico Families

4:30 PM Joan McCaffrey

SUNDAY, February 21

Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

CHURCH

8:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish

9:15 AM All Those Affected by COVID-19

11:00 AM George Gill

HALL

10:30 AM Jim, Sam & Dick Gucci

12:00 PM The Youth of our Parish

5:00 PM Dennis Makowski



Online Giving

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.

Sr. Joan Honorary Fund
Helping Parishioners in Need
[Click here for more information](#)

Prayers for the Sick



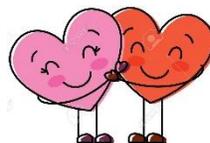
[Click Here](#) to make a prayer request and to see those on the prayer list.



Check out the [latest pics](#) of our Gather & Grow progress.



Hey Husbands!!



Most women have an emotional need to feel that her beauty is appreciated. Thus, one of the best things a husband can do for his wife is to give real assurances now and then that she is still beautiful in his eyes, no matter how the world or culture might evaluate her. That is the real essence of a romantic gesture for many women. Affirmation of the wife's beauty is a sign that she is appreciated not just as a cook and chauffer for the kids, but as a life-long intimate partner created to live in communion with her husband and to reflect divine beauty in the world. May those expressions of love between husbands and wives be for our culture an authentic reflection and reminder of the love God has for each of us. *Linolndiocese.org*

St. Valentine



Valentine was a priest in third-century Rome who helped Christians who were being persecuted for their faith. One of the services he offered was to perform marriages for Christians during this persecution, which led to his patronage of young people, those in love, and happy marriages.

Valentine was discovered and arrested. Authorities threatened him with torture unless he renounced his faith. He refused and was beaten with clubs, then beheaded. He died on this date in the year 269.

Legend has it that before he was beheaded, he converted his jail guard by healing the man's daughter, restoring sight to her and writing her a note, which he signed, "From your Valentine." In the Middle Ages, his feast was connected with the tradition of courtly love.

Much of his story is unreliable, so the official calendar for liturgy for the universal Church uses this date to commemorate Ss. Cyril and Methodius. St. Valentine is still remains on the calendar for local veneration in Rome, however.

Archeologists have uncovered a Roman catacomb and church that was built in memory of St. Valentine. He was remembered with great honor by early Christians, and was included in the saints recalled in the Mass in some places. A reliquary case, which contains his skull, is in Rome, but other relics of St. Valentine rest in the reliquary chapel in the Basilica. *Faith.nd.edu*



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Backed By Truth

- Read Luke 19:1-10
- The truth is absolute; we cannot change the truth. Because we live in a world where many are subject to relativism, we can be easily deceived. Discuss situations where you know what the truth is, yet you or someone else tries to rationalize that truth for his own benefit.
- Make a family name banner, decorating it using things you want your family to be known for
- Pray Psalm 19:14

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FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Presidents Day is Monday

**The best way to celebrate Presidents' Day
is to pray for the president.**

"We pray that God may direct the mind and heart of the president according to his will, that peace, prosperity, civic virtue, the right to life and the freedom of religion may increase throughout the land."



[Click here](#) to read 10 Catholic Reasons to Celebrate Presidents Day from Aleteia.com.



ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY
ZOOM from anywhere to join us on Saturday mornings!

We would love to have you join our dynamic MM meetings - [Link](#)

6:30-8:00 AM inspires us for the whole week!

The Men's Ministry is a regular group of guys that help each other to grow as men of prayer and together learn more about our Catholic faith. To help us all on our individual journeys, our group (and website Stmmm.org) offers resources to assist us in coping with what life throws at us thru a deeper faith, a more robust spiritual life, and friendly support network.



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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration Chapel
OPEN DAILY

10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Limited to 4 people at any one time

If the 4 places are full, a visitor must wait outside or return at another time.

Chairs and kneelers are safely distanced, and the air conditioning and air circulation system works well.

Please remember to wear a face mask

PRESIDENT'S DAY, Monday, February 15

9:00 AM Mass - Parish Hall

No Registration Required

Parish Offices Closed

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17

Masses in GYM

9 AM, 12:30 PM and 5 PM

Reservations required & opening Monday at 6 PM

Distribution Ashes

11 AM-12 PM; 4 PM-5 PM; 7 PM-8 PM

Parish Hall

walk ins for ashes welcome

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Gym)

Sunday

8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Hall)

10:30 AM (Gym)

Registration Required

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Gym)

Monday, 12:30 PM

Tuesday, 5:00 PM

Wednesday, 12:30 PM

Thursday, 5:00 PM

Friday, 12:30 PM

No Registration Required

Holy Days of Obligation

Check website

*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

Drive-Up Confessions

Tuesdays 4:15 PM

Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 PM (GYM)

Baptism

Celebrated each Sunday (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
In case of serious illness or death in the family, call Parish Office immediately.

CEMETERY

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