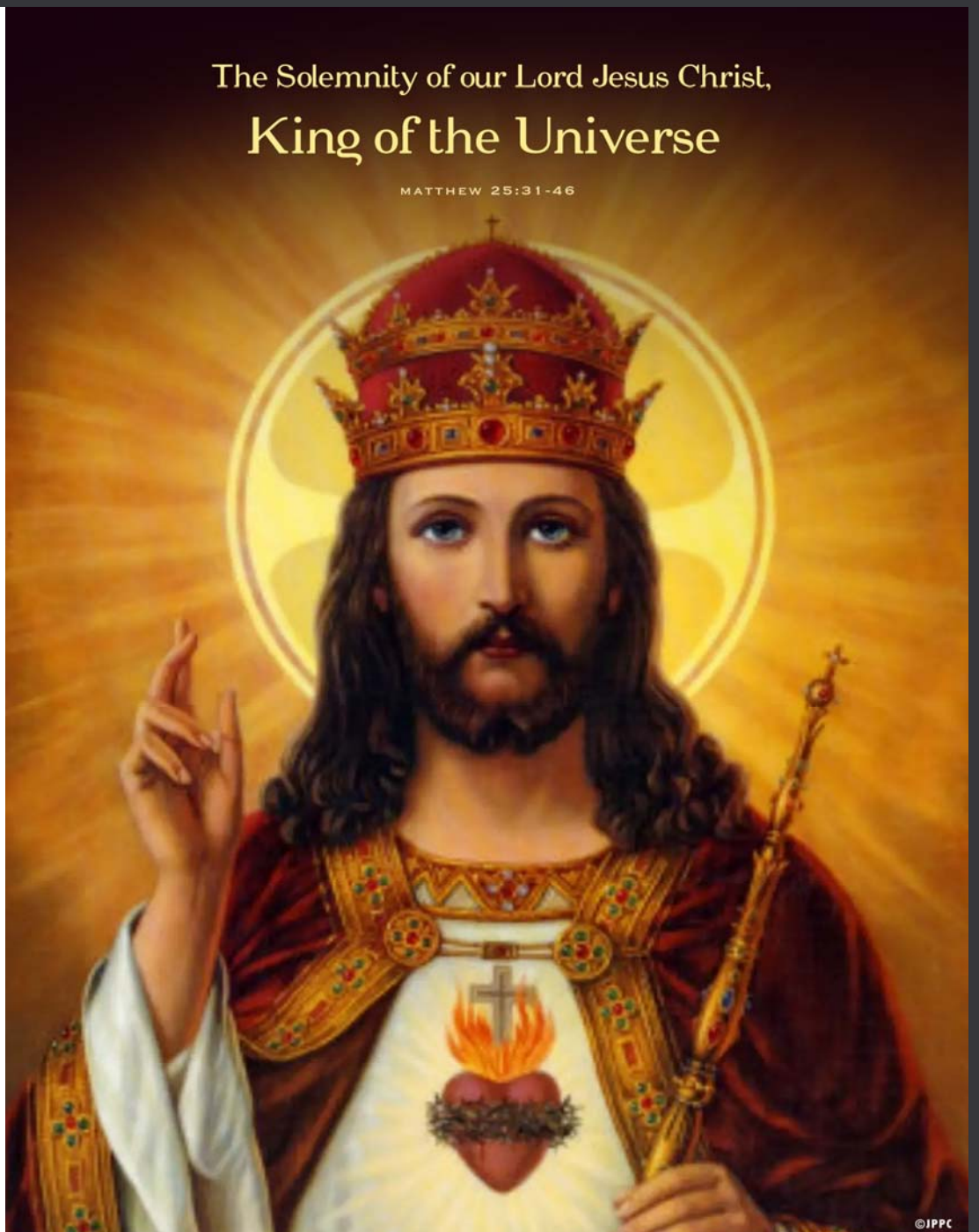


Saint Mary Parish

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

FATHER COREY'S EPISTLE

† **A sermon of the second century** — *Christ wished to save everything that perishes*

Brethren, we ought to regard Jesus Christ both as God and as the judge of the living and the dead, and we should not undervalue the fact of our salvation. If we think little of it, it means that we hope for little. Moreover, people who hear these things and think them of small importance commit sin, and we ourselves sin if we do not realize what we have been called from, who has called us, and to what place, and how much suffering Jesus Christ endured on our account.

How then shall we repay him? What fruit can we bear that would be worthy of what he has given us? For how many benefits are we not in his debt! He has enlightened our minds; he has called us sons as a father does; he saved us when we were about to perish. How then shall we praise him, how repay him for his gifts? In the weakness of our minds we worshipped stones and pieces of wood, gold and silver and bronze, things made by men, and our whole life was death. Darkness enfolded us, and nothing but gloom met our eyes. Then, by his will, we escaped from the cloud that enveloped us and recovered our sight. For he saw our many errors and the damnation that awaited us, and knowing that apart from him we had no hope of salvation, he pitied us, and in his mercy saved us. He called us when we were not his people and willed us to become his people.

Rejoice, O barren woman who never bore a child; break into shouts of joy, you who never knew a mother's pangs; for the deserted wife shall have more children than she who has a husband. When he says: Rejoice, O barren woman who never bore a child, he is speaking of us, for our Church was barren until children were given her. When he says: Break into shouts of joy, you who never knew a mother's pangs, he means that we should not grow weary like women in labor, but tirelessly and in all simplicity offer our prayers to God. He declares that the

deserted wife shall have more children than she who has a husband, because faith has now made our people who seemed to have been deserted by God more numerous than those who were thought to possess him.

Another text says: I have come not to call the righteous, but sinners, for it is those who are on the point of perishing who must be saved. It is a great and wonderful work to uphold those who are falling, rather than those who already stand firm. Christ willed to save people who were in danger of losing their souls, and he has been the salvation of many. When we were rushing headlong on the way to perishing, he came and called us.

† **A sermon of the second century** — *Let hope give us endurance*

And so, my brethren, let us do the will of the Father who has called us to life. Let us try harder for virtue and abandon bad habits which pave the way for crimes to follow. For if we try hard to do good, peace will always be with us. That is why men can never be at peace while they are dragged along by human fears and put present pleasure above the promise of the future. They are ignorant of how much torment worldly indulgence brings and how much delight is promised in the future.

If they alone behaved like that, it might be tolerable; but they go one step further and imbue the souls of the innocent with their perverse teachings – not realizing that this will condemn them twice, once for themselves and once for their hearers.

Therefore let us serve God with a pure heart, and we shall be justified. On the other hand, if we do not serve him, disbelieving in his promises, we shall be miserable. For in the words of the prophecy: Unhappy those who are undecided, those who hesitate in their hearts and say "We have heard these things before, in our fathers' time, but now we look for them day after day and see nothing." Fools, compare yourselves to a plant: a vine, for instance.

| Sunday, 11/26 | Monday, 11/27 | Tuesday, 11/28 | Wednesday, 11/29 |
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| 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am & 5:00pm Masses 9:30 Religious Ed Classes 12:30pm RCIA 3:00pm Evening Prayer for the Deceased 6:30pm United Youth | 8:20am Rosary 9:00am Mass 6:30pm Church History 101 7:00pm Knights of Columbus | 8:20am Rosary 9:00am Mass 4:30pm Religious Ed Classes 6:30pm Mysteries of the Rosary | 7:00am Mass 8:20am Rosary 9:00am Mass 2:30pm New Day Bereavement 5:00pm Children's Choir 7:00 Adult Choir |

FATHER COREY'S EPISTLE

First its leaves fall, then comes the shoot, then a small unripe grape, and at last a mature and ripe fruit. In the same way my people has endured turmoil and suffering, and later will receive good from it.

So let us not be in two minds, my brethren, but let us endure in hope so that we receive our due reward. God is faithful and he has promised to give everyone the due reward of his actions. So if we have acted righteously in God's eyes we shall enter into his kingdom and receive what he has promised, that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man.

Let us expect the kingdom of God hourly in love and righteousness, seeing that we do not know the day of his coming. Let us do penance. At present we are full of malice and madness, so now let us revive, let us come back to life, to good life. Let us wipe off the slime of our old sins and by doing heartfelt penance let us recover our health. Let us not be sycophantic. Let us seek men's favor solely by our righteousness, both in the Church and outside it, so that the holy Name is not blasphemed because of us.

Please Join us for

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

each Saturday between 3pm and 4pm. We will also have Eucharistic Adoration on the First Sunday of the Month between the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses.



CHURCH HISTORY 101 with Father Mark

Monday, Nov. 27 @ 6:30pm in the Church

In keeping with the year of National Eucharist Revival, Father Mark will speak on the history of EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES and its significance in our faith journey.



Children of the Parish are invited to a

VISIT FROM ST. NICK

Wednesday, December 6 at
6:30pm in the Parish Hall

Join us for cookies, cocoa and a gift as
we celebrate the feastday of St. Nicholas!



| Thursday, 11/30 | Friday, 12/1 | Saturday, 12/2 | Sunday, 12/3 |
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| 8:20am Rosary 9:00am Mass | 8:20am Rosary 9:00am Mass 10:00am Bob the Goldman | 7:00am Men's Ministry 9:00am Mass 9:00am Christmas Craft Fair 9:00am Bob the Goldman 3:00pm Confessions 3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration 4:30pm Mass | 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am & 5:00pm Masses 8:00am Bob the Goldman 9:30am Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 Religious Ed Classes 12:30pm RCIA 6:30pm United Youth |

AROUND THE PARISH

JOIN THE YOUTH CHOIR FOR THE



Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 5-6pm
in the Parish Hall.

The youth choir will sing in an Advent
concert on 12/17 and on Christmas Eve

Open to students in grades 2 and up

please email Leanna Hinger with any
questions- youthchoir.st.mary@gmail.com



ST. MARY CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Once again, our parish will collect gifts, gift cards and monetary donations to help Bethel area families during this Christmas season beginning November 18/19. The requests of those in need in our will be in the giving Manger in the vestibule of the Church. After purchasing the gifts, please bring them unwrapped for delivery with the information taped to the gift and place the gift around the manger. We are also in need of generic toys for children under 12, hats, scarves, gloves, coats, and long underwear for children and adults that can also be placed under the manger. We are collecting gift cards as well (grocery stores, Walmart, Target, Gas Cards, etc.) which can be placed in the marked box. The deadline is December 10th, and the gifts cannot be given to the intended if received after that. We appreciate your generosity at this time! If you have any questions, call Mary Ferri at 743-4557.

November is dedicated to Departed Souls. **The BOOK OF NAMES** will be in the Sanctuary, to the right of the altar. Write the names of your departed loved ones, and we shall keep them in our prayers during November. Envelopes for All Souls Day may be returned any time during November. Masses are offered throughout the year for Souls in Purgatory.

If you would like to dedicate **ALTAR FLOWERS** in memory of a loved one at weekend Masses, call the Parish Office at (203)744-5777. Donation would be \$150 and your loved one's name will appear in the bulletin.

The **ST. MARY MEN'S MINISTRY** group meets on Saturdays beginning Sept. 9 from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in the Parish Hall, followed by the 9:00 AM Saturday Mass. For more information, Deacon Eric Keener at dnkeen-er@diobpt.org.

The **ST. MARY YOUTH CHOIR** is in full swing and always looking for new members in grades 2 and up. They sing once a month and rehearse every Wednesday from 5-6pm in the Parish Hall. For more info contact Leanna Hinger at YouthChoir.StMary@gmail.com. The **ST. MARY ADULT CHOIR** practices in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9pm. If you are interested in being part of our Parish Choir, please call the Parish Office.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP provides a prayerful experience of mutual support and comfort for those who are confronting the loss of a loved one. Our upcoming zoom meeting is on **December 2**. If you wish to attend, please call the parish office at 744-5777 and ask that a group facilitator call you with more information.

All adults are welcome to the **ST. MARY BOOK GROUP**. "Always have at hand some approved book of devotion... read stories and lives of the saints, for there, as in a mirror, you can see a picture of the Christian life and adapt their deeds to your use in keeping with your vocation." Our next book is an inspiring modern-day conversion story, Not God's Type by Holly Ordway. You can borrow a copy with your library card through finditct.org, or purchase through ignatius.com. Please join us on Wednesday, December 13, 7 pm, in the Children's Room to share your insights with this friendly group.

If anyone regularly attends the 5pm Mass on Sunday evenings, we are in need of lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Eucharistic Ministers must be 16 or older and Confirmed. If you are interested please let Father Corey know.

Pick-up for the **CHRISTMAS WREATHS** ordered through CrossRoads will be available for pick-up the weekend of Dec. 2/3 in the Parish Hall.

For those who cannot walk up to the Altar during Mass, please sit in the middle of the Church back section.

Beginning December 1, the Church will be open at 8am Monday through Saturday and at 6:30am on Sundays.

The **YOUNG ADULT** group (ages 21-35) meets every 3rd Thursday of the month. Look them up on Instagram at avemarie1882.

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

FALL SESSION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Wednesday afternoons 2:30 – 4:00pm

October 18 – December 20

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at St. Mary Church and are led by trained bereavement facilitators.

There is no charge.



**Religious Ed Office hours are Mon.,
Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 9:30am-
2pm (203)743-4557**

All children must attend Mass each week. There, the child must fill out the Mass Attendance slip available in the vestibule of the Church. The child then puts the slip in the in the collection basket.

For more information on our Religious Education program, click on the Religious Education tab on our website stmarybethel.org.

REMINDER When the Bethel School System cancels school and/or after school activities, Religious Education is also cancelled. Please check on our website, our Facebook page, Channel 3 or Channel 6 for clarification.

Are you:

- A person who has not been baptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life and have expressed an interest in learning more about Jesus?
- A Baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn about and possibly join the Catholic tradition?
- A Baptized Roman Catholic who has not received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation and would like to become a full participant in the life of the Church?
- Married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become on of the Catholic faithful?



**Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults**

If your answer is yes to any of these questions, come and discover, or rediscover, the truth, wonder and mystery of our Catholic faith! The RCIA program prepares you to be received as members of the Catholic Church. Our new sessions are **from 12:30-2:00pm in the Notre Dame Center** every Sunday thereafter. If you are interested in participating or learning more about the RCIA program, call (203) 744-5777 or email Deacon Eric Keener at dnkeen-er@diobpt.org.

FAITH | COMMUNITY | FUN

CROSSROADS



Craft Room

at the

St. Mary Christmas Gala

Sat. December 2nd 9am-3pm

in Saint Mary School

Family Friendly Christmas Crafts
for All Ages!

Proceeds Support Saint Mary School

7th and 8th Graders Invited to Volunteer with Crossroads



*The flowers on the altar this week
were donated in memory of
Daniel Yee from his wife*



This year for the Christmas Tree in the vestibule we are asking every household to take from the appointed basket a blank Christmas ornament. Each household is asked to decorate this ornament either with a name, picture, coloring, saying, family photo etc. and return it to the receiving basket no later than December 18. These will then be used to decorate the Parish Christmas tree!

2023 ANNUAL GIVING APPEAL

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many parishioners who have sacrificed for our Annual Giving Appeal. God has blessed us abundantly — both individually and as a parish community. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcome and sincerely appreciated. Thank you!

St. Mary School

Pre-School 3 & 4: Limited spots still available for our PK 3 & PK 4 classes. Please contact Enrollment Director, Linda Garvey, at LGarvey@stmarybethelct.org.

ST. MARY SCHOOL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR is accepting applications for vendors at this time. The Fair will be held on Saturday, December 3 in the school gym from 9am to 3pm. Early bird pricing for vendors committing before November 1! For more information or to register, please email smschristmasgala@stmarybethelct.org, or contact Elisa Nelson at 203-733-9567.

Please visit us on [FACEBOOK](#) ("St. Mary School, Bethel") and [INSTAGRAM](#) ("stmaryschoolbethel") **St. Mary School is hiring for the following positions this school year:**

Long-term gym/physical education substitute teacher (approximately 20 hours per week/5 days) AfterSchool Care: 2-5 days/week from 2:15pm-5:30pm Substitute Teachers: all grades For more information, or to apply, please contact Mr. Scott Smith, Principal, at ssmith@stmarybethelct.org, or at 203-744-2922. For more information, or to apply, please contact Mr. Scott Smith, Principal, at ssmith@stmarybethelct.org, or at 203-744-2922.



Mysteries of the Rosary Series Enter into the Mysteries of Christ and Rediscover the Power of the Rosary!

An authentic encounter with Christ leads to our transformation and sanctification. Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. By filming on location in the Holy Land, our aspiration is to make the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of the participants. Encounters with Christ in the episodes and discussions will lead to even deeper encounters with Him in personal prayer and contemplation. The call to pray is urgent. Join us!

Tuesday Evenings, 6:30pm, Church Hall—November 14-December 19, 2023. Contact Juliana and Tito Oola at julyres@hotmail.com for more information.

• UNITED YOUTH MINISTRY •

A COLLABORATIVE YOUTH PROGRAM FOR THE PARISHES OF ST. ROSE NEWTOWN, ST. JOSEPH BROOKFIELD AND ST. MARY BETHEL

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information and
updates!*



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United meets on Sunday evenings on the campus of St. Rose unless otherwise noted.

Saint Mary School Christmas Craft Fair

When: Saturday, December 2, 2023

Hours: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Where: Saint Mary School

24 Dodgingtown Road
Bethel, CT

Shop Local! Handmade, Unique Gifts & Delicious Treats!

Tons of AMAZING Vendors!

DELICIOUS Breakfast & Lunch Served at our CHRISTMAS CAFE!

Santa's Workshop CRAFT ROOM for KIDS!

SANTA PHOTOS 11am - 1pm

KIDS, BRING your Letters to Santa to send via

NORTH POLE EXPRESS MAIL!!

Change Lives on a Couple Saturday Mornings with Off The Streets !

Would you consider giving 2-3 hours on a Saturday morning of your choice to help deliver or collect furnishings or household items ? Your help means that we can say "Yes!" to an individual or family who needs basic furnishings for their new home! We call these deliveries Moves. They begin at 10:00 AM each Saturday from Prime Storage in Danbury , and typically take about two hours. Tasks include helping to move everyday household items, and such apartment sized pieces as mattresses, end tables, chairs, single dressers, & loveseats.

Using only volunteers, Off The Streets helps those experiencing homelessness who are referred by local social services, and have a way to pay rent going forward. We help fund security deposits, and provide basic apartment sized furniture to help create a comfortable home. Most Saturdays, we help individuals or families to make a fresh start.

If you would like to volunteer or learn more than you can contact Mike Roberts at 203-249-3586.



The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus is on Monday, October 23 at 7pm. The **Knights of Columbus** are a Catholic men's fraternal ministry. Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus, and we are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action. If you are at least 18 years of age, we invite you to join us. Email gkofpavia@gmail.com for more information. Like us on [Facebook.com/Pavia48!](https://www.facebook.com/Pavia48)



Sunday:

Reading I: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 God will be the Good Shepherd, reversing the evil of the many bad shepherds.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28 Paul opposes the community's ideas with his teaching of Christ's resurrection as a prefigure of our own, provided we live as we ought.

The Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46 This scene represents the finale of Christ's public ministry. It presents believers with the truth that true discipleship is identical with care of the needy. Jesus is identified as the true king.

Mon.: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tues.: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wed.: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thu: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Fri.: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Sat.: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sun.: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

For persons with disabilities We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

St. Pauly Used Clothing Drop Off Shed



Located by the Hall Parking Lot area

- * Please put all clothes in plastic bags no larger than tall kitchen bag size
- * Please tie bags shut
- * Never put in loose clothing
- * No household goods, toys, fabric scraps or pillows

SAINT MARY PARISH

13TH ANNUAL

"Sell Your Old Gold" Fundraiser



**FOR THIS FUNDRAISER,
YOUR CHECKBOOK STAYS HOME...
AND THIS TIME, YOU TAKE HOME THE MONEY!!!**

Please take a moment to look through your jewelry boxes at home for:

- BROKEN GOLD CHAINS AND BRACELETS
- SINGLE EARRINGS (HALF PAIRS)
- OLD SCHOOL RINGS
- RINGS WITH MISSING STONES
- OLD BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND GIFTS
- JEWELRY YOU NEVER WEAR
- GOLD NON-WORKING WATCHES
- YES, EVEN DENTAL GOLD
- STERLING SILVER JEWELRY, FLATWARE, HOLLOWWARE
- PLATINUM AND PALLADIUM

THEN BRING IT WITH YOU ON:

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| Friday | Dec. 1 | 10 AM to 4 PM | Church Hall |
| Saturday | Dec. 2 | 9 AM to 4 PM | School |
| Sunday | Dec. 3 | 8 AM to 4 PM | Church Hall |

There, our good friend, Bob the gold man, will buy your "old gold" and hand you a check. Then, at least 60% of whatever profits are made after the refining process, will be donated, in your name, to **ST. MARY PARISH !!!**.

Any questions, please email: bob@libertygoldct.com

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of November 26, 2023



Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!



Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and GRACENOTES PROTONS



The **SISTERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD** will be here after all masses this weekend — **Nov. 25/26** with fine handcrafted items that they make through the year such as Advent wreaths, candles (baptismal, anniversaries, etc.), soaps, rosaries and chaplets, angels, frames, holiday décor, quilts, etc. The Sisters will also bring assorted home-baked goods: squares, cookies, delicacies, muffins, etc. The Sisters are consecrated exclusively and primarily to God. Prayer was, is, and always will be the relevant and valuable way of expressing their deep concern for other people and for the profound sufferings of our world. However, they are not employed outside the monastery but are self-supporting through the distribution of altar breads and their handcrafted items. Their work is done in conscious solidarity with all those who have to toil hard to earn their living. A percent of the sales profit will be given to their programs for the needy and for the refugees and children in the Congo and Kenya. The Sisters would like to thank Fr. Corey and the parish community for their support and generosity, and want to assure us of their grateful prayers for each and every one.

Online Giving

Be grateful. Give generously.

Use our online option to contribute to our Parish offertory

Convenient!

Secure and Confidential!

Simple!

Efficient!

Create your account **TODAY**

Go to: www.osvonlinegiving.com/994

or

www.stmarybethel.org and click on the online giving link



BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION The Holidays are only weeks away, and once again you have the opportunity to share with those less fortunate. You may drop off your food donations (canned, dry foods, non-perishables) in the Church vestibule. Monetary donations may be sent to: Brotherhood in Action, P.O. Box 582, Bethel, CT. 06801. Please be as generous as you can as our food supplies are very low and demand is great! Thank you for your generosity!!

Prayer of Gratitude

Dear God, I come to You with a grateful heart and praise on my lips. Thank You for Your goodness, love and faithfulness. Thank You for turning every stumbling block that was meant for my heart into a stepping stone towards my victory. Thank You for calling me worthy, precious, and beloved. I surrender my life to You. Use me as Your representative here on Earth. May I be a walking testimony of Your goodness, love and grace. Thank You God for getting me through my darkest moments and thank You for the incomparable joy that is coming. I entrust every worry, every problem, and every desire to You. I know You will use it all for my good and Your glory. Thank You for the new thing You are doing in my life. You have called me an oak of righteousness for the display of Your splendor. I am keeping my eyes on You with joyful expectation. I look forward to seeing Your great promises that are coming to pass in my life and in the lives of those who love You.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Regular Mass Schedule — Sunday, December 24
Vigil: Saturday 4:30pm. Sunday: 7am, 8:30am & 11:00am

Christmas Mass Schedule — Sunday, December 24

4:00pm at Bethel Middle School Auditorium

4:30pm in Church — sign up online (for this Mass only) at stmarybethel.org beginning Dec. 20 to reserve your seat

10:00pm in Church (no sign up needed for this Mass)

Christmas Mass Schedule — Monday, December 25:

7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am in Church

Please note, there is a limited number of parking spaces in our lot. There is no parking allowed on Route 302, but we have not been told that parking is illegal on side streets.

Christmas Confession Schedule

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| Wed., | Dec. 20: | 7:00-8:00pm |
| Thu., | Dec. 21 | 5:00-6:00pm |
| Fri., | Dec. 22: | 9:30-10:15am |

Regular Mass Schedule — Sunday, December 31
Vigil: Saturday 4:30pm. Sunday: 7am, 8:30am & 11:00am

New Year's Day Mass Schedule
Sunday, December 31: 5:00pm
Monday, Jan. 1: 9:00am in Church



Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

9:00am

Saturday

9:00am & 4:30pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday

7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-4:00pm



SAT., NOVEMBER 25

4:30 + Rodney Mallonee — Susan & David Mallonee

SUN., NOVEMBER 26

7:00 + Ernest L. Allen, Jr. (33rd Anniv.) — Allen Family

8:30 + Lois Cathcart — Pat & Marie Kerrigan

11:00 + Edward W. Grunert — Pat & John Grunert

5:00 + Jerry Centrone — Louis & Cheryle Massimo

MON., NOVEMBER 27

9:00 + Edith Jaccarino — M/M William Barchi

TUES., NOVEMBER 28

9:00 + Frederick D. Neylon — Sister

WED., NOVEMBER 29

9:00 + Art Tedesco — Helen Yee

THU., NOVEMBER 30

9:00 + Ruth & Vincent O'Rourke — Grace O'Rourke

FRI., DECEMBER 1

9:00 + Tom & Eleanor Cunningham — Cathy & Richie Geoghegan

SAT., DECEMBER 2

9:00 + Thomas Chronowski — Ellen McShane

4:30 + Doling Yee — Family

SUN., DECEMBER 3

7:00 + Richard Shannon

8:30 + Patricia Shean — Maureen & Frank Olive

11:00 + Patricia Ruhl — Family

5:00 + Tom Kennedy — Family



This week the Sanctuary Lamp will be lit and prayers will be said before each Mass by the priest in memory of William "Bill" Finn from family

STAFF Father Corey V. Piccinino, *Pastor*
 Father Mark Pinto, *Parochial Vicar*
 Father Andrew LaFleur, *Parochial Vicar*
 Deacon John DeRoin
 Deacon Eric Keener
 Kate Fitzgerald, *Bulletin Editor*
 Sue Dolan, *Parish Secretary*
 Maggie Kent, *Office Manager*
 Debbie Burke, *Business Manager*
 Paul Orsino, *Property Manager*

ST. MARY SCHOOL (744-2922) Scott Smith, *Principal*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (743-4557) Mary Ferri, *Director*
 Maggie Kent, *Secretary*

RCIA (203)744-5777 Call if you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation as a Catholic with Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

UNITED YOUTH MINISTRY Renzo Ortega (203) 240-8059

MUSIC MINISTRY Michael Ferrari, *Music & Choir Director*

FINANCE COMMITTEE (733-7335) Bob Kozlowski, *Chair*

BAPTISMS: Sundays at 12:15pm (excluding the 1st Sunday of each month). Please call the Rectory at least six weeks in advance to schedule your Baptism and to sign up for the Baptism Class that is required for both parents and Godparents.

These classes are offered on the first Sunday of each month. Anyone requesting a Sponsorship form must be a currently registered and practicing Catholic, and they must attend one of the Baptism Classes to receive it. There is a 3-month waiting period for a sponsorship form for the newly registered. **The Catholic requirements for a Godparent/Sponsor are:** you must be at least 16 years old; received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church; attend Mass regularly on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation; receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion regularly; sincerely try to follow the moral teaching of the Catholic Church; and if married, were married in the Catholic Church.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARRIAGE: All couples must meet with a parish clergyman at least six (6) months before the marriage is to be celebrated.

PASTORAL CARE AT DANBURY HOSPITAL: Prior to your hospitalization, you or a family member should notify the Catholic chaplain at the Hospital.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: To any of those who are homebound or hospitalized and interested in having a visit by a priest, please contact the parish office. Anyone interested in serving in this ministry, please call the Parish Office at 744-5777.

PRAYER LINE: If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call our Prayer Line. Our team leader is Maggie Kent (203-731-4738).

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE: ONLINE: www.lighthouse-services.com/diobpt. TOLL FREE TELEPHONE: English speaking USA and Canada: 833-990-0004; Spanish speaking USA and Canada: 800-216-1288 E-MAIL: reports@lighthouse-services.com (must include company name with report). When contacting the hotline, an individual may or may not choose to identify him or herself.