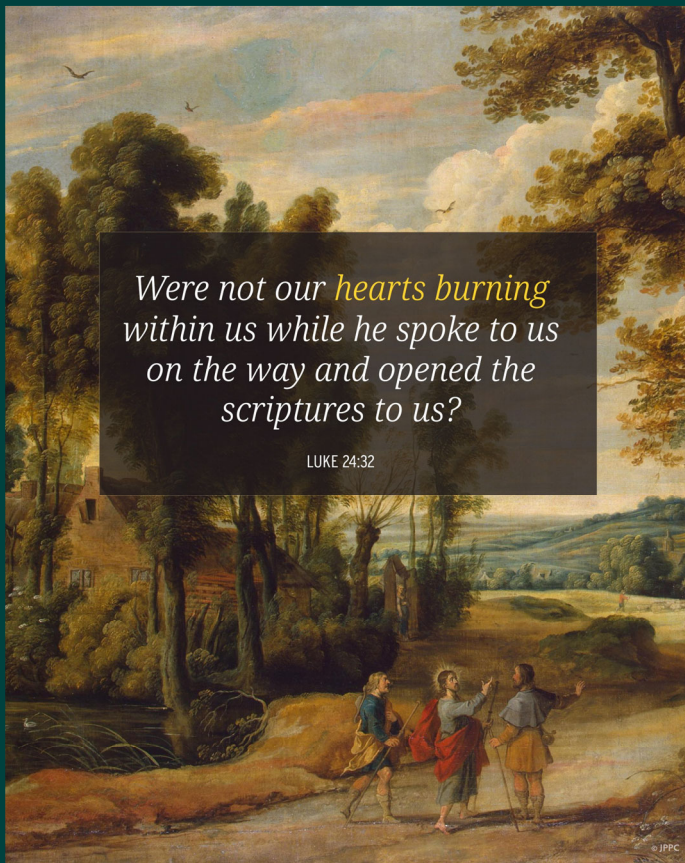


Saint Mary Parish

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter



*Were not our hearts burning
within us while he spoke to us
on the way and opened the
scriptures to us?*

LUKE 24:32

26 Dodgingtown Road, Bethel, CT 06801

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Website: www.stmarybethel.org Email:
rectoryoffice@stmarybethel.org

Visit us on Facebook: [StMaryChurchBethel](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryChurchBethel)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

9am –1:30 pm, Mon. – Fri.

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

STAFF Father Corey V. Piccinino, *Pastor*
Father Andrew LaFleur, *Parochial Vicar*
Father Milan Dimic, *Resident*
Deacon John DeRoin
Deacon Eric Keener
Kate Fitzgerald, *Bulletin Editor*
Carolyn Schlichtig, *Parish Secretary*
Maggie Kent, *Office Manager*
Debbie Burke, *Business Manager*
Alex LaFleur, *Property Manager*

ST. MARY SCHOOL (744-2922)

Jason Ford, *Principal*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (743-4557)

Mary Ferri, *Director*

Maggie Kent, *Secretary*

OCIA (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*

CEMETERY DIRECTOR: Bob DiMatteo (203)744-5777

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, or are 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.

FATHER COREY'S EPISTLE



ATTENTION

Loud Kid Policy

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Regarding any families bringing children to Catholic Churches, please consider this your **official notice**:

The following options are available if you are considering bringing potentially loud child(ren) to Mass:

- Option 1: **The family should bring the kid**
- Option 2: **Don't forget to bring the children**
- Option 3: **Ensure that the children are brought to Mass**
- Option 4: **Children are welcome at Mass and expected to be there**

*As referenced by Jesus:

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven." Matthew 18:10

"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER**



Mass Intentions

SAT., APRIL 18

4:30 + Leoica Garcia — The Mulligan Family

SUN., APRIL 19

7:00 For the Parish

8:30 + Eleanora Mallonee — Susan & David Mallonee

11:00 + Karen Wallace — The Ruhl Family

MON., APRIL 20

9:00 + Jacqueline Mazza — The Rosen Family

TUES., APRIL 21

9:00 + Christine & Fred Healy — Gina & Dan Ippolito

WED., APRIL 22

9:00 + Jeannette Helgert — Family

THURS., APRIL 23

9:00 + Margaret Brenna — Family

FRI., APRIL 24

9:00 + Mary Sullivan — The Barra Family

SAT., APRIL 25

9:00 + Jim Brady — Family

4:30 + Josephine Frieri (5th Anniv.) — Children

SUN., APRIL 26

7:00 + Claire Horgan — Pat & Marie Kerrigan

8:30 For the Parish

11:00 + Tomaino & Dardis Families — Family



*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit
and prayers will be said before each Mass by
the priest in memory of Theresa & Thomas
Reidy from Pat & Sons*

Pray for the Sick

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). If you
would like to join our group, send a "Request to Join Prayer
Chain" email to Maggie at kentmaggie@sbcglobal.net. Your
name will be added to the email chain. Thank you!

**Mass Schedule**Monday-Friday

9:00am

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-4:00pm

WEEK AT A GLANCE**Sunday, April 19**

12:15pm Baptism

9:30am Faith Formation Classes

2:30pm Men's Cursillo

6:00pm United Youth

Monday, April 20

8:20am Rosary

Tuesday, April 21

8:20am Rosary

9:30am Women of Faith

3:30pm New Day Bereavement

7:00pm Women of Faith

Wednesday, April 22

8:20am Rosary

Thursday, April 23

8:20am Rosary

6:30pm Bible Study

Friday, April 24

8:20am Rosary

5:30pm Bingo

Saturday, April 25

8:20am Rosary

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Adoration

Sunday, April 26

12:15pm Baptism

9:30am Faith Formation Classes

2:30pm Men's Cursillo

6:00pm United Youth



AROUND THE PARISH

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

ST. MARY BOOK GROUP welcomes all adults! "Spiritual reading has made many saints" (St. Josemaria Escriva). We are taking a different approach this time: readers can choose the book...as long as it's about St. Gemma Galgani! You can purchase books online from Catholic booksellers like tanbooks.com and catholiccompany.com; or read about her for free online at us.archive.org. There also is a website stgemmaalgani.com devoted to this Saint. We will meet on Wednesday May 6 at 7 pm in the Quiet Room.

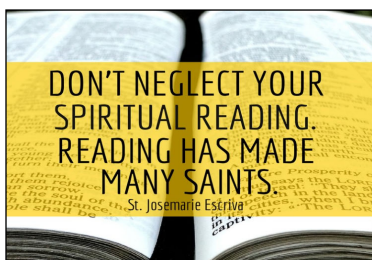
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP provides a prayerful experience of mutual support and comfort for those who are confronting the loss of a loved one. Our upcoming zoom meeting is on **May 2**. If you wish to attend, please call the parish office at 744-5777 and ask that a group facilitator call you with more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

The **St. Mary YOUTH CHOIR** rehearses every Wednesday from 5-6pm in the Parish Hall. For more info, contact Leanna Hinger at youth-choir.st.mary@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.

The **YOUNG ADULT** group (ages 21-35) meets every 3rd Thursday of the month with Adoration and a social afterward. Look them up on Instagram at [avamaria1882](https://www.instagram.com/avamaria1882).

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.

If you would like the **SANCTUARY CANDLE** to be lit for your departed loved one, we shall publish your loved one's name in the bulletin and the priest, while in the sacristy, will pray for the repose of their soul for 7 days. The stipend is \$10. Call the office to make arrangements.



St. Mary Parish Book Club

All Adults Welcome!

Please see the Church bulletin for monthly meeting announcements.



St. Mary Faith Formation
24 Dodgingtown Road
Bethel, CT 06801
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.



Use our online option to contribute to our Parish offertory

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Go to: www.osvonlinegiving.com/994

or

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

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



God Bless those recently Baptized

Siena Lucia Marchese

ST. MARY WOMEN OF FAITH Do you want to grow in your faith? Connect with other women? Explore ways that the wisdom of Scripture can help us cope with the challenges of modern life?

St. Mary Church offers Walking with Purpose, a Bible study for women. With over 600 parishes participating, Walking with Purpose has helped more than 70,000 women deepen their relationship with Christ!

Why not join us this spring at St. Mary's? If you've never participated before, it's easy to jump in! No Bible study experience is necessary, and there's no pressure to attend every meeting.

Morning and evening groups begin on Tuesday, April 7. We meet in the Father McGivney Church Hall.

Evening Group at 7 pm: We are continuing Discovering Our Dignity - A Study of Women of the Bible. Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2.

Morning Group at 9:30 am: We are following A Study of 2 Timothy - Passionate Discipleship. Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26.

Please register by Tuesday, March 17 to allow enough time for us to order books and assign tables.

TO REGISTER FOR THE MORNING OR EVENING GROUP, Call 203-300-1486 . YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND EVERY SESSION! JUST COME WHEN YOU CAN!

Questions? Contact Caroline LaFleur: Phone: 203-300-1486 or Email: la_fleur@sbcglobal.net We look forward to seeing past participants and meeting new ones!



St. Mary School

A Catholic School of Academic Excellence for Pre-K to 8th Grade

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN! We are now accepting applications for Pre-K -- Grade 8. Please visit our admissions page at www.stmarybethelct.org to apply. We do anticipate waitlists in many grades so please apply early. If you have any questions, contact Geraldine Henn, Enrollment Director, at admissions@stmarybethelct.org or call 203-744-2922.

St. Mary School, Bethel, CT is looking for individuals interested in substitute teaching this coming school year on an as needed basis (not daily). Qualifications for this position are a background check, VIRTUS training and a Bachelor's degree.



ST. MARY SCHOOL FAMILY NIGHT OUT

10% TOTAL FOOD PURCHASE GOES TO SMS. MAKE SURE TO MENTION THIS PROMOTION!

DINE IN AND TAKEOUT APRIL 22, 2026
TEXAS ROADHOUSE IN DANBURY

FROM 03:00 PM - 10:00 PM



SAVE THE DATE: May 13-17, 2026



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

If your answer is yes to any of these questions, come and discover, or re-discover, the truth, wonder and mystery of our Catholic faith! The OCIA program prepares you to be received as members of the Catholic Church.

Our new sessions begin in September and we meet on Sundays in the Notre Dame Center from 12:30-2pm.

If you are interested in participating our learning more about OCIA, call (203)744-5777 or email Deacon Eric Keener at dnkeener@diobpt.org.

St Mary's
Bethel

CROSS ROADS

*Monthly Regular Meetings
Community Service Opportunities
Retreats and Other Events*

Email StMaryCrossroads@gmail.com to get on the email list for upcoming event schedule

Middle School Ages

FAITH | COMMUNITY | FUN



STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

JULY 10-12, 2026

Inviting high schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Christ!

Registration now open!

An overnight weekend retreat on the campus of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio.

steubenvilleconferences.com/mc3



INFORMATION

Open to teens entering high school in the fall of 2026 through 2026 graduates

Cost: \$300 (for teens belonging to United parishes St. Rose, St. Mary Bethel, St. Joseph Brookfield) | \$350 (for non-United)

youth@strosechurch.com



St. Mary Church

26 Dodgingtown Road
Bethel, CT 06801

We Stand with Christ Phase II

I/We pledge/gift \$1,000.00

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Name: _____

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Email: _____ Please send me monthly reminders

Please make check payable to St. Mary Church. Pledge/gift can also be given online at stmarybethel.org/giving. If you don't already have one, follow the prompts to create an account.

☐ Over Ten Months

☐ One Time

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Spring Info Session - Wednesday, April 29th @ 6:30PM

Whether you're a current 6th or 7th grader just beginning to explore future high school options or you're having last-minute thoughts about where you'd like to attend next year, our April 29 Spring Info Session is a great place to start. Our spring event offers a meaningful first look at the pillars of an Immaculate education and guidance through the admissions process, along with a great opportunity to meet members of our school community. We can't wait to meet you!

Register today at https://immaculatehs.fsenrollment.com/portal/public_calendars/spring_information_session



New Day Bereavement Program Spring Session Registration Now Open April 21 – June 16 Tuesday evenings 4:30 – 6:00pm

Your loss may be recent or long ago. We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment.

God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey through loss to healing.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at

St. Mary Church
26 Dodgingtown Rd.
Bethel

Meetings are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

St. Mary Church is partnering with the Bereavement initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries to offer this program. Please go to their website to submit a Program Inquiry Form or you can contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023.

www.Thegrief.org

Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of our bereavement ministers regarding the next steps.



MALTA HOUSE is the only transitional living program in the state of Connecticut where a

mom can stay with her baby for long-term support and a "hand-up" as she journeys to independence and hope. We need your help...

Since opening our doors in 1998, we have welcomed over 700 mothers and babies to our home. But we're not done yet. We are always looking for new volunteers to join our team! Please consider volunteering with us and making a difference in the lives of mothers and babies.

If you are interested in lending your skills and sharing your heart with our moms and babies, please contact Claudia Escalante at cescalante@maltahouse.org.



ST. LUKE GUILD: SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SERVE



Tom Walsh, chaplain at Yale New Haven Hospital, serves in the **St. Luke Guild**, a ministry dedicated to supporting healthcare providers through prayer, formation, and fellowship.

Guild members participate in:

- **Prayerful Encounters** and spiritual reflection
- **Book discussions** on faith in healthcare
- **Acts of mercy** like food drives and community outreach

Through the Guild, healthcare providers are spiritually strengthened, equipped to serve faithfully, and united as **One in Christ**.

The Bishop's Appeal helps make this ministry possible, advancing pastoral renewal in the Diocese by forming disciples who serve others with love and compassion.

MAKE A GIFT TODAY!

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The Knights of Columbus are a Catholic fraternal service order founded by Blessed Michael McGivney in 1882. We support the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism in the Parishes of St. Mary Bethel, St. Patrick Redding & nearby communities. Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus, and we are Catholic men of charitable action. If you're at least 18 years of age, we invite you to join us. Our meetings are held every second and fourth Monday at 7pm in Father McGivney Hall.

To contact us, call Alan Gambino at (203)910-3733 or Email us at gkofpavia@gmail.com

To watch a video about what we do, use the link or QR code below.

<https://youtu.be/mqkfLnpZwhl>



BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION Thank you for your generous support of the Brotherhood in Action. The generous donations of the people of St. Mary's makes it possible for our organization to exist and be able to give those in our community a sense of hope for happy holidays and year-round. If you wish to continue to help our mission throughout the year, monetary donations may be sent to: Brotherhood in Action, P.O. Box 582, Bethel, CT. 06801. Thank you again for your generosity!!

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FROM OFF THE STREETS

On behalf of Off The Streets I would like to thank all St. Mary's Parish supporters to express our sincere gratitude for the outpouring of support in the form of furniture and financial donations. It is deeply appreciated and will undoubtedly contribute to moving more people in need Off The Streets!

Furthermore, for those parishioners interested in acquiring more detailed information regarding the impact of these contributions or in seeking opportunities to further assist opportunities, avenues for communication have been provided. Interested parties are invited to contact Mike via text message at 203-249-3586 or, alternatively, to access additional details through the QR code provided.



This Week on Formed

Week of April 12, 2026



Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in a new way with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This video on Formed includes breathtaking footage of Catholics across the world performing works of mercy and asking God to have mercy on us.



Pope John Paul II

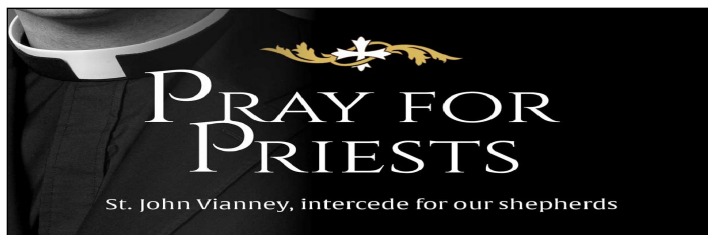
Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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Offertory for the Weekend of April 4/5, 2026

Collection: \$71,577.00 On-Line Giving: \$6,072.00

Offertory for the Weekend of March April 5/6, 2025

Collection: \$9,437.00 On-Line Giving: \$5,268.00

Offertory for the Weekend of April 11/12, 2026

Collection: \$8,321.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,678.00

Offertory for the Weekend of March April 12/13, 2025

Collection: \$9,437.00 On-Line Giving: \$5,268.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Sun.: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

Mon.: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

Tues.: Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab Jn 6:30-35

Wed.: Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40

Thu.: Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

Fri.: Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

Sat.: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20

Sun.: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

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a collaboration between the **Diocese of Bridgeport**
Sacred Heart University and Guild of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Diocese of Bridgeport Project Rachel Ministry – Jesus Keeps on Loving You, No Matter What

“As we approach Lent, please allow me to speak to all who carry the unbearable sadness and guilt of an abortion experience. Be assured that Jesus keeps on loving you, no matter what. I pray that God plants a seed of hope in every heart that is overwhelmed by sadness and despair from participation in abortion. This Lent, the Lord’s mercy awaits you. Allow Him to heal you and lift your sadness into joy.” – Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

The Diocese of Bridgeport’s Project Rachel Ministry is here to help you. For confidential assistance or information on upcoming events, please contact Maureen at 203-416-1619 or projectrachel@diobpt.org. There is hope after abortion.

St. Mary Church Community presents...



APRIL 24, 2026

\$20 entry fee covers all regular games
Additional games & food available for purchase
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Games are played from 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
St. Mary School Gym- 24 Dodgingtown Rd- Bethel



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

For priests in crisis Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY MOTHER OF HELP

O most loving and powerful Mother Mary,
Holy Mother of Help,

I turn to you in in my time of need.

Wrap me in your mantle of mercy, and
Intercede before your Son, Jesus, on my behalf.

When I am lost, guide me.

When I am weak, strengthen me.

When I am afraid, cover me with your peace.

You who stood at the foot of the cross,
Stand now with me in my trials.

Holy Mother, never has it been known that
Anyone who sought your help was left unaided.

So now with hope and humility, I place
My worries, my needs and my heart in your
care.

Amen.

MINISTRIES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LITURGY

Adult Acolyte Provide adult altar service at funerals and memorial services. Rectory Office (203) 744 - 5777

Altar Server Support the community in the Church's weekly liturgical celebrations. Father Andrew LaFleur FrLaFleur@diobpt.org

Lector Proclaim the scriptures and read the petitions at Mass. Rectory Office (203) 744 - 5777

Eucharistic Minister Assist in the distribution of Holy Communion on weekdays and Sundays. Rectory Office (203) 744 - 5777

Usher Assist with greeting, seating, and the collection at Mass and services. Rectory Office

Cantors/Choir Lead and assist in the music for the 11am Mass and major feasts through the year. Mr. Michael Ferrari music.saintmary@gmail.com

Youth Choir Grade 2+ - will develop vocal skills and musicianship through the singing of chants, hymns and psalms at Masses and special events. Youthchoir.st.mary@gmail.com. (Leanna Hinger)

YOUTH

CrossRoads Middle School Youth Group Join youths (grades 6-8) in the early formative years of their faith by participating in regular meetings, prayer, and social activities. Chaperones and adult aides welcome (must have completed Virtus Training). Ms. Rosie Lifreiri & Mr. Tom Reese stmarycrossroads@gmail.com

UNITED High School Youth Group (St. Mary - St. Joseph - St. Rose parishes) Join other youths (grades 9-12) in the effort to grow in their relationships with Christ and their Catholic Faith, participate in opportunities for service, fun and games, and fellowship. Chaperones and adult aides welcome (must have completed Virtus Training). Mr. Renzo Ortega (203) 240-8059

COMMUNITY

Bereavement Support Group Offers a prayerful experience of mutual support and consolation for those who are confronting the difficulties of losing a loved one. Rectory Office

Faith and Family Nights/Social Committee Join in and assist at various celebrations and social events of the Church year. Rectory Office

Men's Ministry Join other Catholic men in a positive Christian fellowship and learn ways to better strengthen one's personal faith journey. Deacon Eric Keener dnekeener@diobpt.org

Women of Faith/Walking with Purpose A women's ministry dedicated to offering a variety of activities for spiritual growth, fellowship, support, and outreach. Mrs. Caroline LaFleur la_fleur@sbcglobal.net

Knights of Columbus Promote fraternal ties among other Catholic Men and participate in various charitable activities both at the Church and in the local community. Mr. Alan Gambino (203)910-3733 or Email gkofpavia@gmail.com

Ave Maria - Young Adults Where card games, Wii Tourneys, drinks and appetizers meet adoration, rosary, and catechesis. Fr. Andrew LaFleur frlafleur@diobpt.org

Just Desserts Help in the catering of baked goods and treats for parish celebrations. Rectory Office

Book Club ST. MARY BOOK GROUP welcomes all adults! "Spiritual reading has made many saints." (St. Josemaria Escriva). Rectory Office

SERVICE

Homebound Eucharistic Ministers Bring Communion to the home-bound and those in local nursing homes. Rectory Office

Matthew 25:35 Provides meals for either groups outside of parish (ex, Dorothy Day) or for families in need within the parish. Rectory Office

Parish Hospitality Committee/Photographers Volunteer to help set up, serve, and clean up for Parish receptions. Record events in church or photography of events. Rectory Office

Prayer Line Prayer society that receives intentions and prays regularly for them. Mrs. Maggie Kent Mrs. Deana Chamberlin (203) 731 - 4738 (203) 482 - 7149

Pro-Life Committee that strives to build a culture of life, upholding and promoting the dignity of human life. Rectory Office

Altar Linen Committee Provide regular care for the various linens used at Mass. Rectory Office

St. Martha Cleaning Society Assist in the regular cleaning and upkeep of the Church. Rectory Office

Rectory Volunteer Aides Assist the rectory staff with mass mailings and various projects. Rectory Office

Prayer Shawl and Baby Blanket Making Ministry Mary Ferri 203-743-4557

Religious Articles Store & Catholic Book Fair One weekend in both the Fall & the Spring, as well as Christmas, to help with the distribution of religious goods for purchase. Mrs. Maggie Kent (203) 743 - 4557

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

Religious Education Catechist Share the Catholic Faith with the children of our parish. Mrs. Mary Ferri (203) 743 - 4557

RCIA Catechist/RCIA Sponsor Accompany and share the faith with those seeking to join the Catholic Church or complete their sacraments. Deacon Eric Keener (203) 744-5777

Missionaries to the Family & Mysteries of the Rosary Mission to support revitalizing the domestic church within our families. Catechesis & programming to help you live out holiness in your marriage and home. Santos Oyola and Juliana Restrepo julyres@hotmail.com

Pre-Baptism Preparation Help teach parents and Godparents of their responsibilities to prepare for Baptism. Rectory Office

Vocations Ministry prays for, encourages, educates and accompanies those discerning any vocation to which God is calling them. Father LaFleur FrLaFleur@diobpt.org

Adult Faith Formation Series Join in ongoing adult faith formation to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Catholic Faith. Shani Burke-Specht (203)744-5777

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