

Saint Mary Parish

AUGUST 10, 2025

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds
vigilant on his arrival.

LUKE 12:37



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PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

9am –1:00 pm, Mon. – Closed on Fridays

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

FATHER COREY'S EPISTLE

† Litany of the Lost to Saint Anthony

Lord have mercy — **Lord Have Mercy**

Christ have mercy — **Christ Have Mercy**

Lord Have mercy — **Lord Have Mercy**

For those of us who have lost our health
— **St. Anthony pray for us.** (repeat all)

For those of us who have lost our peace of mind,
For those of us who have lost our housing,
For those of us who have lost our financial security,
For those of us who have lost a loved one,
For those of us who have lost our dreams,
For those of us who have lost our talents,
For those of us who have lost our initial zeal,
For those of us who have lost our sobriety,
For those of us who have lost their faith,
For those of us who have lost our self-respect,
For those of us who have lost our perspective,
For those of us who have lost our innocence,
For those of us who have lost our independence,
For those of us who have lost peace within our families,
For those of us who have lost civil peace,
For those of us who have lost our trust in others,
For those of us who have lost our virtue,
For those of us who have lost our home,
For those of us who have lost our job,
For those of us who have lost (please add your own particular loss),
— **St. Anthony Pray For us.**

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world—
Have mercy on us.

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Have mercy on us.

Let us pray: **All loving God, You have given us in St. Anthony the patron of the lost, as an intercessor to those who are in need of Your mercy. Listen to his voice as he all out to You on our behalf and grant those things which will help us grow in Your Love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† Last week Pope Leo declared **Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman** a Doctor of the Church. Cardinal Newman was a convert to the Catholic faith. He deeply cared for his students and parishioners at Oxford University in England. His cardinalate motto, *Cor ad cor loquitur*, translated: heart speaks to heart.

He worked tirelessly for the spiritual good of English Catholics and for the evangelization of his home country. He longed his flock and he challenges us today to be well-formed in order to be able to give and account of the Catholic Faith.

He said: *You must not hide your talent in a napkin. Or light under a bushel. I want a laity who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold, and what they do not, who know their creed so well, that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it. I want an intelligent, well-instructed laity.* St. John Henry Newman, pray for us.

† More Pilgrimages To Make In The U.S This Summer

The Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine, Oklahoma City



We've been waiting for this one to open for years! The Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine opened this past February, honoring America's first martyr (who also visited the Grotto of Lourdes in Emmitsburg!). The architectural design is kind of a blend between the traditional Roman style, but it also has the beautiful blends of the Spanish colonial style that you would see commonly in Mexico or Central America where Rother served.

El Santuario de Chimayo, Chimayo, New Mexico

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The Chimayo is a small shrine located in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of New Mexico. For generations, American Indians, Hispanics, and other people of faith have traveled to the site of El Santuario to ask for healing for themselves and others, and to offer prayers of petition and of thanksgiving for favors received. Following a long tradition of miraculous shrines, El Santuario is now one of the most important Catholic pilgrimage centers in the United States

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, New Franken, Wisconsin



The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help is the first and only approved Marian apparition site in the United States. To this day, Champion Shrine continues to be a place of refuge and peace for thousands of pilgrims who travel here to pray for help and healing through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Help.

**SAT., August 9**

4:30 + Thomas Hauser — Stephanie McNamara

SUN., August 10

7:00 + Peter Clarke — Family

8:30 + Eleanor Bruckmann — The Keener Family

11:00 People of St. Mary

MON., August 11

9:00 + Laszlo Doery — Michael Doery

TUES., August 12

9:00 + Dolores Fiedler — Family

WED., August 13

9:00 + George Buchanan — The Wakeman Family

THU., August 14

9:00 + Charlene Reis — Husband Joe

5:30 + Steve Oldham — Bob & Deb Nelson

FRI., August 15

7:00 + Jon Scolpino — Kate Fitzgerald

9:00 + Sr. Alberta Sheridan — The MacGregor Family

SAT., August 16

9:00 + Mary Legnard — Mary & Kevin Tita

4:30 People of St. Mary

SUN., August 17

7:00 + Frank Briscoe — Family

8:30 + John Beckert — Dave & Mary Fancher

11:00 + James Hyland, Jr. — The Ruhl Family

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 IS THE FEAST
OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, A HOLY
DAY OF OBLIGATION**



Masses are:

**5:30pm Vigil Mass on Thurs., August
14 and**

7:00am & 9:00am on Fri., August 15

AROUND THE PARISH

Because of the lack of attendance, **FIRST SUNDAY ADORATION** will be discontinued for the summer and will be revisited in the Fall. Saturday Adoration at 3pm will continue.

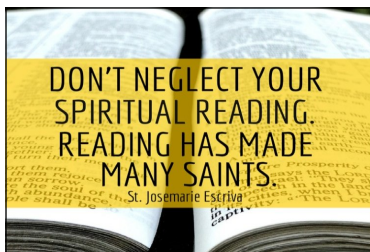
The **ST. MARY MEN'S MINISTRY** group meets on Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in Father McGivney Hall, followed by the 9:00 AM Saturday Mass. For more information, Deacon Eric Keener at dnkeener@diobpt.org.

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 **September 6**. If you wish to attend, please call the parish office at 744-5777 and ask that a group facilitator call you with more information.

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.

PARISH VOCATION MINISTRY - This Monday is the Feast of St John Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests. Please thank our priests and pray with the parish vocation ministry for all our priests!



St. Mary Parish Book Club

All Adults Welcome!

Please see the Church bulletin for monthly meeting announcements.

HELP NEEDED

As our last volunteer moved away, we are in need of someone to wash and press the altar cloths. The task would be once a month and we would instruct you how to do it. There is a little catching up to do and it's up to you whether you want to do it at home or at the Church. Please call the Parish Office at (203) 744-5777. Thank you!

*Like us on Facebook at
'StMaryChurchBethel'*



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, August 10

12:15pm Baptism

Monday, August 11

8:20am Rosary

Tuesday, August 12

8:20am Rosary

Wednesday, August 13

8:20am Rosary

Thursday, August 14

8:20am Rosary

6:30pm Mysteries of the Rosary

Friday, August 15

8:20am Rosary

Saturday, August 16

8:20am Rosary

3:00pm Adoration

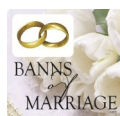
3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, August 17

12:15pm Baptism



*The flowers on the altar this week
were donated in memory of
Richard Schlemmer from his wife
Judy for his birthday on 8/16*



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I— John Thomas Dolan & Ashley Marie Tineo

Offertory for the Weekend of August 2/3, 2025

Collection: \$8,121.00 On-Line Giving: \$5,048.00

Offertory for the Weekend of August 3/4, 2024

Collection: \$7,763.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,903.00

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Mary School

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



Registration is still open for the 2025-2026 school year - there is availability for most grades, PreK 3 to Grade 8 with some classes having waiting lists.

To inquire or set up a tour, please visit www.stmarybethelct.org or email: Admissions@stmarybethelct.org.

Please visit us on FACEBOOK ("St. Mary School, Bethel") and INSTAGRAM ("stmaryschoolbethel") to see photos and news of the latest happenings at SMS!

Saint Mary School
24 Dodgingtown Road
Bethel, CT 06801



St. Mary Religious Education
24 Dodgingtown Road
Bethel, CT 06801
203-743-4557

Go to stmarybethel.org and click on the Religious Education tab to fill out the necessary forms. You can also pick up a hard copy in the vestibule of the Church. Beginning the week of June 15 the Religious Ed office is closed. Please call in (203)743-4557 to leave a message will be answered in a timely manner.

• 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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WWW.CTUNITEDYOUTH.COM

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

St. Paul's 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

CROSS ROADS

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

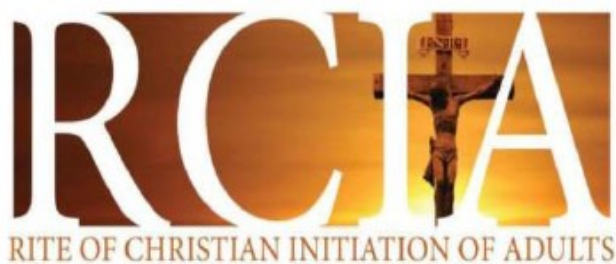
Email StMaryCrossroads@gmail.com to get on the email list for upcoming event schedule

Middle School Ages

FAITH | COMMUNITY | FUN

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

For mutual coexistence Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



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 one of the Catholic faithful?

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 begin in September **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.



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or

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

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!



TEACHING & PREACHING THE GOSPEL

"The ways that the Lord has transformed my life through seminary are hard to describe in words because the movements of the Holy Spirit sometimes are so deep and impactful that there aren't words to accurately depict them. One way that I can describe is the way I live my life. Specifically grown in the areas of Charity and Love, my spiritual life has been transformed."

Brendan M. Gleeson

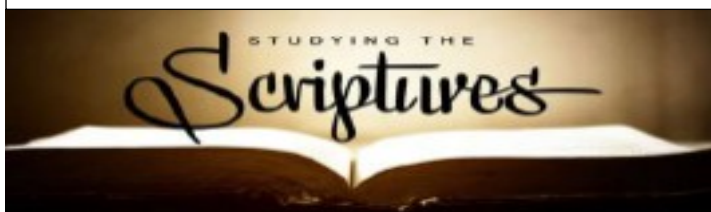
Discipleship Stage, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY!

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal supports the education and formation of young men like Brendan Gleeson in their preparation for the priesthood.



ST MARY'S SCRIPTURE STUDY LOOKS AHEAD TO ITS FALL SERIES



Propelled by the desire to explore their Faith and know God more deeply, members of St Mary's Scripture Study group have been participating in a guided pro-gram that examines the Word of God as revealed in the Old and New Testament. New participants are welcome.

The program consists of 8-10 week sessions in the Spring and Fall. Each cluster focuses on a particular theme. To date, these have included Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God, Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible, and most recently God: The Mystery of the Trinity in the Bible.

Each session lasts approximately one hour and consists of a 30-45 minute video lecture by Catholic biblical scholars, followed by an opportunity for brief discussion. The lectures are engaging, enlightening, and thought provoking. Although the sessions build upon one another, you do not need to attend every session to benefit. The program is not aimed at "Bible Scholars"; it is valuable for anyone who wishes to expand their understanding and increase their love of God.

Stay tuned for information about dates, times, and study topics for the Fall.

Participant Remarks:

- *"I was surprised to find that there was so much more depth to things that I had heard and read many times-- single words took on whole new meanings.*
- *"This class informed us about the connection between the Old and New Testaments, especially as the Old Testament predictions were fulfilled through Jesus."*



The **Knights of Columbus** are looking for Catholic men of faith to help in our mission of charitable works to support St. Mary Parish and the greater Bethel community. If you're at least 18 years of age, we invite you to join us! To watch a video about what we do, see the link or QR code below.

<https://youtu.be/D4NLkjqr54I>

To contact us, call our

Grand Knight Lang Reese at 410-693-6795

or email us at glkofpavia@gmail.com



The Knights of Columbus are a Catholic men's fraternal ministry. Charit 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 knightsofcolumbus48-bethelct for more information. Like us on [Facebook.com/Pavia48](https://www.facebook.com/Pavia48)!

Prayer for Natural Disasters

In Psalm 46, we read these words of encouragement and comfort: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in distress."

Almighty God, Creator, and preserver of our world. We ask you to hear our humble prayers for all those afflicted by storms, flooding, fires, and heat.

Protect both life and property and in your mercy, bring relief to all affected areas. Heal those broken in body and spirit. Protect all those who are most vulnerable. Turn the hearts of all to you, the God of all comfort.

AMEN.

PLEASE JOIN US

for a talk being given by Veronica Royal,
Master Iconographer

The Different Faces of Mary in Iconography

Open to St. Mary's Parish and the Public



Date: August 19th

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Location: Fr. McGivney Hall
St. Mary's Parish of Bethel, CT

Veronica Royal will be giving this talk as an extension of her teaching the iconography workshop for the icon Our Lady of Sorrows, August 18th to August 22nd at St. Mary's Church. Iconographer Veronica Royal has studied icon writing since 1995. She has been painting commissioned works for private individuals and public institutions worldwide. Royal Icon Studio has been featured in: EWTN, National Catholic Register, Catholic Herald

Any inquiries about the icon workshop or the Iconography talk, should be directed to Ewa Krepsztul at 203.482.6797

We hope you can make it to this special, faith-filled opportunity to learn more about icons!

Icon Retreat 2025

August 18th to 22nd, 2025



Icon Retreat Returns to St. Mary Church for 2025!

The 2025 ICON Retreat at St. Mary Church is just a few months away, so don't delay in securing your place as we are joined by world-renowned Iconographer Veronica Royal!

This retreat offers a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal, deep reflection, and personal growth in an intimate setting. You'll experience powerful teachings, meaningful discussions, and a chance to connect with our Lord on a deeper level.

This year, we will be writing the powerful Icon Our Lady of Sorrows.

Why You Should Join Us:

1. Intimate experience with limited spots available
2. Transformative spiritual growth surrounded by peaceful beauty
3. Write & keep your Icon of Our Lady of Sorrows

Spaces are filling quickly, and we wouldn't want you to miss out on this opportunity.

Register today to ensure your spot at the 2025 ICON Retreat!

We look forward to seeing you!

August 18th to 22nd, 2025 St. Mary Church 26 Dodgingtown
9AM-5PM Rd, Bethel, CT, 06801

Contact Ewa Krepsztul at ewa@eviacordis.com
or 203.482.6797
for additional info and registration

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Are you being called to a deeper understanding of Faith and Truth? Do you think you might want to be a Lay Dominican? Come follow in the footsteps of St. Dominic through prayer, study, community and apostolate. Our Lady of Fatima, Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic is growing! Please join us for our Open House/Inquiry on Monday, September 22 @ 7pm, St. Theresa Church, 5301 Main Street, Trumbull in the lower Parish Center. For more information, call, text or email our Formation Director, Mrs. Michelle Rowe, OP., 203-218-6882; orapronobis20@gmail.com.

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!!

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY – *Jesus Keeps on Loving You, No Matter What* 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.

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.

The **ANDY MCGANN COMHALTAS BRANCH AND THE DANBURY LAOH** are presenting their annual Mass to honor Our Lady of Knock on Saturday, August 16th at 11 am at St. Peter's R.C. Church, 104 Main Street in Danbury, CT. Music and readings will be in Irish and English. All are invited to attend!



Sun.: Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

Mon.: Dt 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mt 17:22-27

Tues.: Dt 31:1-8 Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wed.: Dt 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 Mt 18:15-20

Thu: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 18:21-19:1

Fri.: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

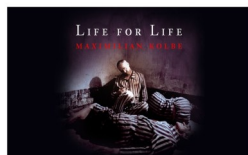
Sat.: Jos 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Mt 19:13-15

Sun.: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53



This Week on Formed

Week of August 10, 2025



Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe

After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape—one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.



Clare and Francis

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.



The Assumption of Mary

The Assumption of Mary, body and soul in Heavenly glory, highlights the power of God and Christ's victory over sin and death for Mary's soul. Learn about this great mystery in Mysteries of the Rosary.

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STAFF Father Corey V. Piccinino, *Pastor*
Father Andrew LaFleur, *Parochial Vicar*
Deacon John DeRoin
Deacon Eric Keener
Kate Fitzgerald, *Bulletin Editor*
Sue Dolan, *Parish Secretary*
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Debbie Burke, *Business Manager*
Alex LaFleur, *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 202*207 2020 -20
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.

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. Mrs. Susan Dolan (203) 744 - 5777

Eucharistic Minister Assist in the distribution of Holy Communion on weekdays and Sundays. Mrs. Susan Dolan (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. Lang Reese gkofpa-via@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

Parish Vocation Ministry prays for, encourages those in their vocation, accompanies those discerning their vocation, celebrates all vocations and educates youth and adults about the beauty of the Catholic vocations of sacramental marriage and family, the priesthood, diaconate and the religious life.

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