

Saint Mary Parish

August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

They all ate and were satisfied.

Matthew 14:20



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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:

9am –1:30 pm, Mon. – Thurs.,
closed Friday.

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

STAFF Father Corey V. Piccinino, *Pastor , Vicar for Clergy & Religious for the Diocese of Bridgeport*
Father Johnson Singarajan, *Parochial Vicar*
Father Milan Dimic, *Resident*
Deacon John DeRoin
Deacon Eric Keener
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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**† Welcome Father Johnson!**

I am Fr. Johnson Singarajan. I was born into a family of seven children in Tamil Nadu, India. I entered the seminary formation program in 2004. I completed my spiritual formation in Zambia, my community experience in Congo, and my theology studies in Kenya. I was ordained on 12th July 2014. Following my ordination, I served in a parish in Nairobi, Kenya, for three years, after which I undertook a spiritual formation program in Dublin, Ireland. I have also served as a parochial vicar in Mwanza, Tanzania. I obtained my Board Certification in Clinical Pastoral Education (Chaplaincy) in Bridgeport, USA, in 2024. I have worked as a Chaplain at the Hospital of Central Connecticut for eighteen months, and also served as a chaplain at Norwalk Hospital for a brief period before relocating to Bethel. I am very happy to serve at St. Mary Church, Bethel, and I kindly request that you keep me in your prayers.

† Cause for Canonization of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

In 2002, Archbishop Sheen's Cause for Canonization Venerable Fulton J. Sheen—soon to be Blessed—was one of the most iconic Catholic figures of the 20th century. While his legacy spans from diocesan ministry to teaching and speaking to serving on the Second Vatican Council, he is perhaps most popularly recognized for his work in radio and television, especially his primetime TV show *Life Is Worth Living*.

Sheen evangelized millions through his media ministry, and there is an untold number of souls converted to the Catholic faith through his witness. Not that Sheen would take any credit for that, of course; he believed the work of converting hearts belonged to God alone. But Fulton Sheen was a willing and effective instrument in God's hands.

Bishop Fulton Sheen led a full and fascinating life and ministry, taking him from his roots in small-town Illinois to his studies in Europe to participation in the Second Vatican Council. Along the way, he was a pioneer in media ministry, earning an Emmy award for "Most Outstanding Television Personality" in 1952 and reaching millions of souls across the air waves and TV waves. And that's in addition to traveling nationally and internationally for speaking engagements and

authoring 66 books.

Just months before passing into eternal life, he met Pope John Paul II at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, who said to him, "You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus. You are a loyal son of the Church." A couple of months later, he passed away during his daily holy hour, a commitment he'd kept his entire priestly life.

At a time when television was still a relatively new medium, Fulton Sheen recognized its potential for evangelization. He saw advances in communication not as threats to the faith, but as opportunities to bring the Gospel to people who might not otherwise encounter it.

Sheen's appeal was remarkable. He was intellectually sharp, deeply rooted in Catholic teaching, and unafraid to address difficult subjects, yet he spoke with a warmth and directness that drew people in. At Cardinal Spellman's suggestion that Sheen consider television for his evangelistic efforts, he began his famous television show, *Life Is Worth Living*, which aired weekly for 13 years and reached an audience of millions.

The success of *Life Is Worth Living* made it one of the defining broadcasts of its time and "the most widely-viewed religious series in the history of television."

Fulton Sheen's example still speaks to the Church today: the tools of a new age can be used faithfully and effectively in service of the Gospel.

Fulton Sheen is known not only for his work in media but for his holiness and personal example of faith. In 2002, the Diocese of Peoria—Bishop Sheen's home diocese—officially opened his cause for canonization. He was declared Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012, and in 2014, his first miracle was confirmed: a stillborn infant resuscitating after 61 minutes without a pulse. Pope Francis officially recognized this miracle in 2019 and called for Sheen's beatification, which was initially postponed.

Finally, in 2026, the beatification date has been set for September 24 of this same year, and fans and devotees of Fulton Sheen everywhere are excitedly preparing for this historic event!

Mass Intentions

SAT., AUGUST 1

4:30 + Salvatore DeMarco — Michelle Mattiaccio

SUN., AUGUST 2

7:00 For St. Mary Parish

8:30 + Lourdes Rivera & Prospero Riveras, Sr. & Teresita DeJesus & Eduardo DeJesus — The Rivera Family

11:00 + Rose Hardy — The Ruhl Family

MON., AUGUST 3

9:00 + George Aiello (2nd Anniv.) — Wife & Family

TUES., AUGUST 4

9:00 + Bernadette DeSantos — The Gavin Family

WED., AUGUST 5

9:00 + George Valentini — Susan & David Mallonee

THURS., AUGUST 6

9:00 + Rosalie DeMarco — Kathy Aiello

FRI., AUGUST 7

9:00 + Flora Mazzucco — The Cassaniti Family

SAT., AUGUST 8

9:00 + John Rooney — Pat Kuhn & Family

4:30 + Donna Cook — Michelle Mattiaccio

SUN., AUGUST 9

7:00 + Msgr. Richard Scully & Father John Kennedy — St. Mary Parish

8:30 For St. Mary Parish

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



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 2

12:15pm Pre Baptism Class

2:30pm Men's Cursillo

6:00pm United Youth

6:00 CrossRoads

Monday, August 3

Tuesday, August 4

Wednesday, August 5

Thursday, August 6

6:30pm Summer Bible Study

Friday, August 7

Saturday, August 8

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Adoration

Sunday, August 9

12:15pm Baptism

2:30pm Men's Cursillo

6:00pm United Youth



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AROUND THE PARISH

Please join us to pray the Rosary every morning from Monday through Friday at 8:20am in the Church.

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 **August 15**. 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.

Are you a Catholic woman seeking a closer relationship with Christ? If so, prayerfully consider attending a **3-DAY RETREAT** at Graymoor in Garrison, NY, September 17-20, 2026. Many St. Mary women have already attended! This fulfilling experience is offered by our Diocese's Cursillo Community. For information, please email cursillonews.fairfieldcounty@gmail.com or call Susan at 203-733-1269.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday afternoon, September 13 from 2-4pm, we will have a 40th Ordination Anniversary Party for Father Corey at Bennett Park in Bethel. There will be food and refreshments and entertainment to celebrate the years of dedication and service to the people of our diocese!

St. Mary Religious Education

24 Dodgingtown Road

Bethel, CT 06801

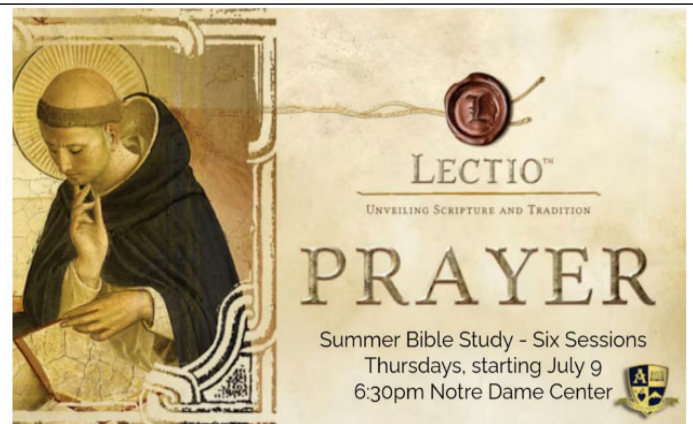
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Registration forms for the 2026/37 year have gone out in the mail for current families. You can find online registration on our website [@stmarybethel.org](http://stmarybethel.org).

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.



With the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute's LECTIO series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of LECTIO Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy.

In six video sessions, LECTIO: Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love.

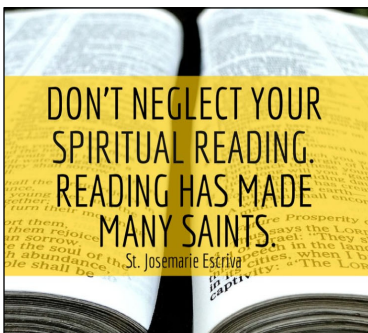
Engaging and accessible, Prayer: Finding Intimacy With God includes:

- The LECTIO Divina approach of Reading, Reflecting, Responding, and Contemplating
- Penetrating questions and insights for the six video sessions
- Additional resources for a fuller understanding and application
- Daily reflections to deepen the meaning of prayer in your life

Join us on Thursday evenings in the Notre Dame Center at 6:30pm

July 9, 16, 23, 30

August 6, 13



St. Mary Parish Book Club

All Adults Welcome!

Please see the Church bulletin for monthly meeting announcements.



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 12:30-2 pm.

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



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III — Peter Michael Kent & Son Nguyen
Ngoc Ai



This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit and prayers will be said before each Mass by the priest for Robert Borja from Gladys & Galo

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

Offertory for the Weekend of July 25/26, 2026

Collection: \$6,213.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,084 .00

Last year's offertory for the Weekend of July 26/27, 2026

Collection: \$6,421.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,015 .00

Thank you for your generosity!



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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.

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☐ One Time

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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

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.

2026 PARISH RAFFLE

1st PRIZE: \$20,000 American Express Gift Card

2nd PRIZE: \$6,000 American Express Gift Card

3rd PRIZE: \$4,000 American Express Gift Card

4th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

5th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

6th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

7th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

8th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

9th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

10th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

11th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

12th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

13th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

thirteen (13) prizes to be awarded; totaling \$40,000.00

Tickets are \$25 each

-Extra tickets available at the parish office-

DRAWING:

August 15, 2026 at 11pm

Streamed LIVE at www.parishraffle.com

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!

ST MARYS
CROSSROADS
PRESENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT

7TH-10TH GRADERS

SUNDAY AUGUST 2, 2026
ST MARYS PARISH HALL

DROP OFF: 5:50PM - 6:00PM PICK UP 8:00PM
STMARYCROSSROADS@GMAIL.COM



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

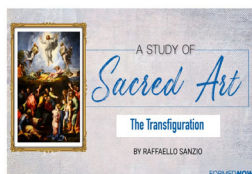
To watch a video about what we do, use the link or QR code below.

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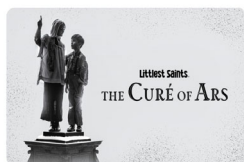
This Week on Formed

Week of August 02, 2026



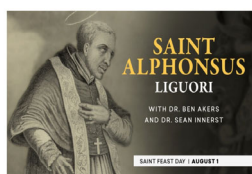
The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.



The Curé of Ars: St. John Vianney

The Church investigates the life of the Curé of Ars to see if he should become a saint. Will the evidence of his holiness pass the test?



St. Alphonsus Liguori | Catholic Saints

Born to a noble Italian family and known as the "Prince of Moral Theologians", St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.

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Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.



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!!



WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
5:00 PM - 11:00 PM

SATURDAY
1:00 PM - 11:00 PM

SUNDAY
1:00 PM - 10:00 PM

AUTHENTIC ITALIAN FEAST • RIDES • GAMES • LIVE MUSIC
BEER • WINE • LASER LIGHT SHOW • STATUE PROCESSION

ENTERTAINMENT

- HEADLINERS**
- BEYOND PURPLE**
DINO PAPA'S TRIBUTE BAND
THURSDAY
 - THE ZOO**
FRIDAY
 - MULLET**
BOB ROCK & ROLL BAND
SATURDAY
 - SHOOTING STAR**
A TRIBUTE TO BAD COMPANY
SUNDAY
 - VITO LOMBARDO**
WED - THU
 - VITTORIO DI CARLO**
"THE GRACEFUL TENDER"
FRI & SUN
 - LOUIS AND JOAHN AND THE UPTOWN BAND**
SATURDAY
 - DJ DEAN**
PERFORMING THROUGHOUT THE EVENT



Join us for Mass and Grand Procession

Wednesday, August 19th

4:00PM: Mass and Blessing of San Gennaro Statue at St. Peter Church
5:00PM: Grand Procession down Main Street to festival on Ives Street



WEEKEND SHUTTLE SERVICE

On FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY ONLY
Park for FREE at the Western CT State University parking garage on 5th Avenue off of White Street and use our FREE Shuttle Service. Shuttle runs every 15 minutes. The last shuttle leaves the festival at 11:30 PM on Fri & Sat and 10:30 PM on Sunday.

OTHER PARKING OPTIONS

AVAILABLE ALL WEEK
The City of Danbury utilizes ParkMobile for convenient payment. Park for a fee at the Patriot Garage, Bardo Garage, Metro-North Station, or available street parking. 1 Ives Street, Danbury, CT 06810.

[@DANBURYSANGENARO](https://www.instagram.com/danburysangennaro)

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING



If you are missing a pair of glasses, a key, a jacket, a book, a toy, or some other item, you may have left it in the Church. Be sure to check out the boxes in the Usher's room. If you find anything in the Church, please leave it in a box in the Usher's room.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST



For evangelization in the city Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



Sun.: Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 Rom 8:35, 37-39 Mt 14:13-21

Mon.: Jer 13:1-11 Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 Mt 13:31-35

Tues.: Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Mt 13:36-43

Wed.: Jer 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thu.: Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6ab Mt 13:47-53

Fri.: Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Mt 13:54-58

Sat.: Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 14:1-12

Sun.: Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 Rom 8:35, 37-39 Mt 14:13-21

OFF THE STREETS is an all volunteer organization that assists those in need of housing. For those individuals that demonstrate a willingness to get off the streets, we provide security deposits, furniture and household items. We ask you to consider a donation to Off The Streets so that we can continue to provide money for security deposits. The cost of apartments in our area is excessive and there is a shortage of low cost housing. A security deposit could be the deal breaker for someone seeking shelter. On the first Saturday of every month we collect donations between ten and noon at South Street Self Storage located at 39-A South St in Danbury. You can contact Mike at otsdanburymr@gmail.com with any questions you may have or scan the code for a list of items we can accept.

If you would like to support our work, please send contributions to: Off the Streets, PO Box 591, Bethel CT 06801. or donate online by cut and pasting the link below into your browser <https://gofund.me/baa5b98d>



OTS HELP PAGE



VACATIONERS - If you are visiting other areas and would like information regarding Churches in that area, you may either call 1-800-Mass-Times or visit the website [www. Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org).

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.

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.

EVENING PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Dear Mother Mary, the night has come and I come to rest in your arms before I sleep. My mind is tired and my heart is full of worries, and so I need your motherly embrace to help me find rest.

Tonight, I place under your sacred mantle everything that stole my peace today: the anxieties, the fears about the future, and that noise in my mind that refuses to let me sleep. Intercede for me with your Son, Jesus, Mother, and ask Him to send His calm into my room right now.

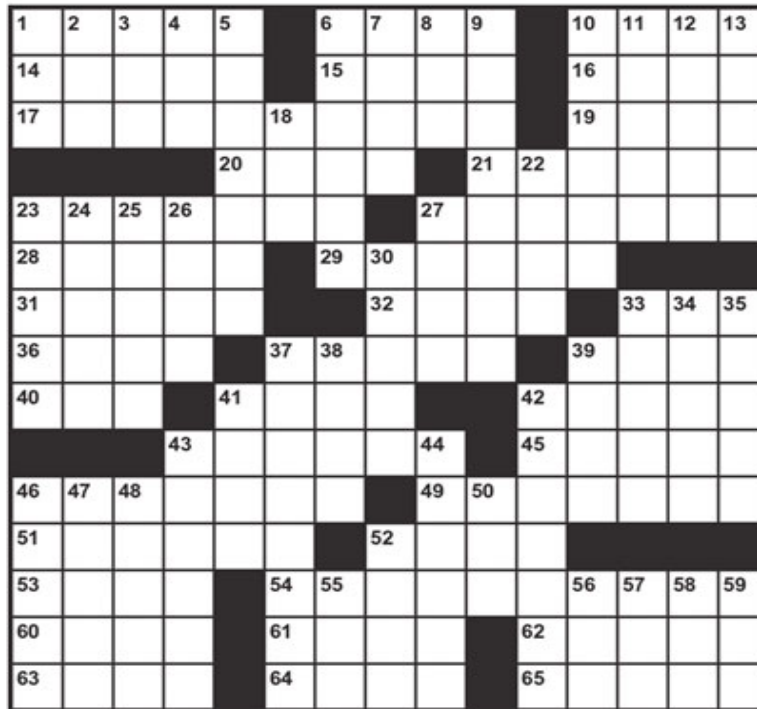
Take from me this need to try to control everything. Carry away the panic and the anxiety that try to make me believe I am alone or that something bad is going to happen. When fear tries to return in the middle of the dark, remind me that I am safe under your protection.

Watch over the wounds I never tell anyone about, those silent hurts I try to hide behind a smile during the day. You understand my weariness, Mary, and you know that I do not need to be strong all the time.

I let go of every burden I carried today and I choose to trust. Protect my family as well, watch over my home, and grant me a night of deep, restful sleep, free from nightmares.

Cradle my thoughts, dear Mother, so that I may breathe deeply, close my eyes, and fall asleep in perfect peace. Amen.

SUMMER CATHOLIC CROSSWORD PUZZLE 4



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Across

1. Colour of smoke if no pope is elected
6. Increases
10. Mil. mail centers
14. Staff again
15. Extinct flightless bird
16. Advertise boastfully
17. Holy symbol that is the capital of California
19. Melody
20. Sleeveless garment
21. From that place
23. Catholic satirist and TV host
27. John and James "Sons of ____"
28. "Are you calling me ____?"
29. Took off the board
31. "____ be to the Father..."
32. Muslim titles of honor
33. Its films begin with a roar
36. Ones in Berlin
37. Loud
39. Tropical tuber
40. Parisian possessive
41. Ill-bred fellows
42. He established Notre Dame, Fr Edward ____, CSC
43. More slothful
45. Express a belief
46. Camel team
49. So soon
51. Head
52. "...a poor man is better than a ____ (Prov 19:22)
53. Parched
54. The bishops, collectively
60. Describes some men in the Bible
61. ____, talent, and treasure

62. At Zarephath, she fed Elijah
63. Fortune teller
64. Monk's cowl
65. Shaft of a column

Down

1. Male members of religious orders (abbr.)
2. Meadow
3. Cable TV station
4. Sleeper, maybe
5. Trickery
6. "____ Fideles"
7. "____ give up the ship"
8. Banned pesticide (abbr.)
9. What 63A would do
10. Be present at Mass
11. Poet Ezra
12. Unit of weight
13. Guide
18. Sea, to Sartre
22. Colors
23. Bird holders
24. Kukla's pal
25. "So the king ordered Daniel to be brought and cast into the ____ den." (Dan 6:17)
26. Obstructs
27. Marks
30. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will ____ it up." (Jn 2:19)
33. Saint Goretti
34. Whet
35. The root of all evils is the love of this (1 Tim 6:10)
37. Hometown of Jesus
38. Thor's father

39. Drink to excess
41. Hollow in the earth
42. Our Mother of ____
43. Climbing device
44. "If Christ has not been ____, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." (1 Cor 15:14)
46. Talons
47. Lofty nest
48. "I will ____ you up on eagle's wings"
50. Resinous deposit
52. VIP's transport
55. Certain Padre
56. Photo
57. United States farmer's org.
58. Outplay
59. Nathan told David that taking Bathsheba was like stealing this (2 Sam 12:3)



Solution to Crossword Puzzle No. 4

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. Kathleen Keener eajkeener@gmail.com

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 mu-sic.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 dkeener@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. Rectory Office

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. Mike Roberts telecom0711@gmail.com.

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