

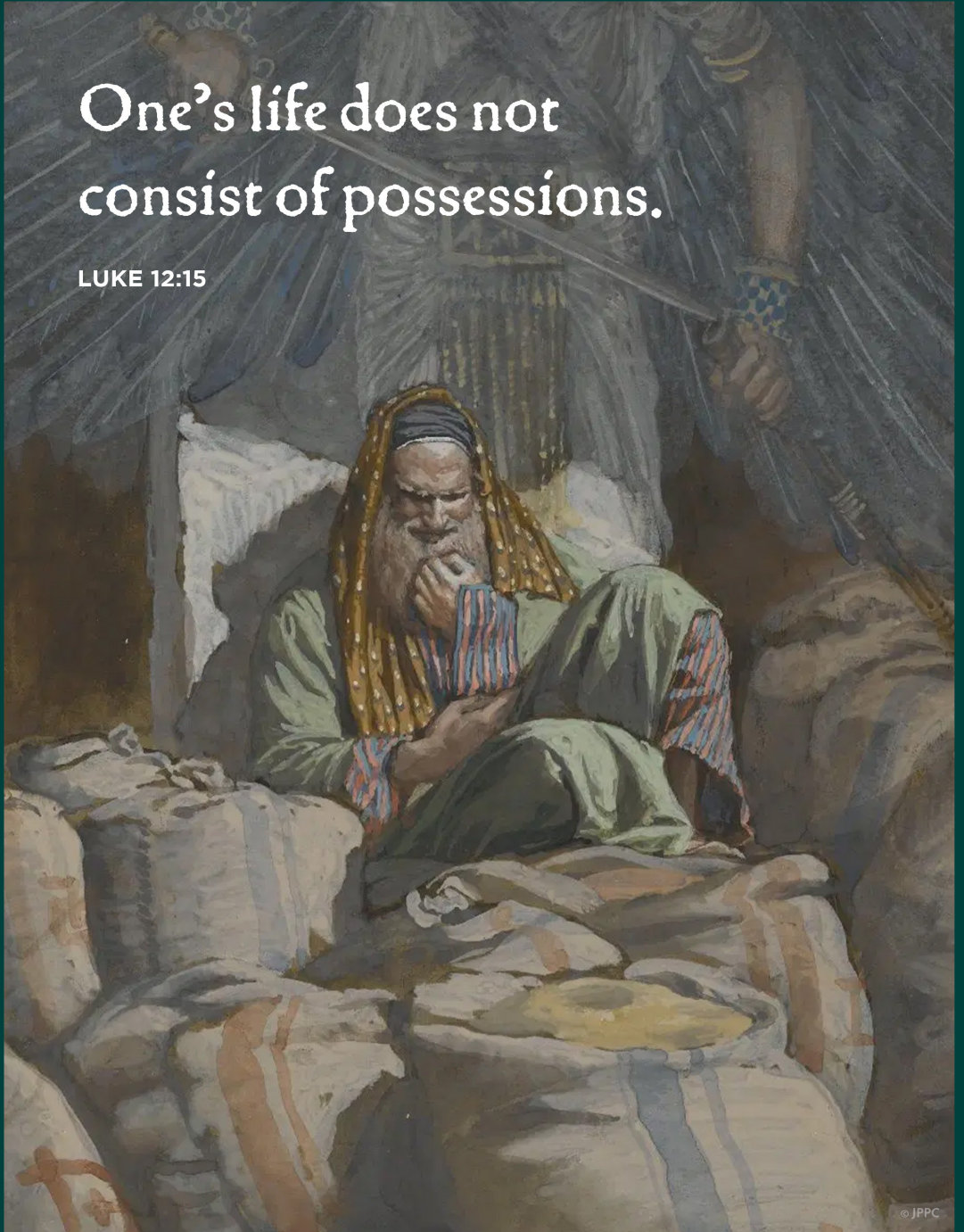
Saint Mary Parish

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 3, 2025

One's life does not
consist of possessions.

LUKE 12:15



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PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

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

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

FATHER COREY'S EPISTLE

† Top Ten Pilgrimages To Make In The U.S This Summer

1. **San Antonio Missions, San Antonio, Texas** — A UNESCO World Heritage site, the San Antonio Missions were originally founded by the Franciscans. The San Antonio Mission Trail along the San Antonio river invites pilgrims to spend a day biking their way to each unique mission.



2. **National Shrine of Our Lady of la Leche, St. Augustine, Florida** — Our Lady of la Leche Shrine is the oldest shrine in the United States. Pilgrims flock there each year, often seeking healing from infertility or pregnancy complications.



3. **Chapel on the Rock, Camp St. Malo, Allenspark, Colorado** — During World Youth Day in 1993, St. John Paul II visited St. Malo for personal prayer time and a hike along timber trails. Reflecting the rugged Colorado landscape and nestled upon a boulder, Chapel on the Rock inspires pilgrims to ponder God's divine creation.



4. **The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, MD** — The Seton Shrine opened a brand new museum on the life and legacy of Mother Seton, America's first canonized saint this year. It's also the only Shrine in the country that has a robust living history program with historical interpreters.



5. **National Grotto of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, MD** — Literally five miles away from the Seton Shrine is "the Grotto," a replica of the Lourdes shrine in France. This haven in the mountains isn't quite hidden: a 25 foot golden statue of the Blessed Mother is poised on top of the mountain welcoming all.



FATHER COREY'S EPISTLE

6. **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Baltimore, Maryland** — Known as America's First Cathedral, this basilica is an active parish, offering perpetual adoration in their Pope Saint John Paul II Chapel. Pilgrims often contemplate Mary's heart in the Pope Saint John Paul II Garden. The focal point is a stunning mural of flowers associated with the Blessed Virgin.



Four more next week!



**Every Saturday
between 3:00pm
& 4:00pm in the**

**EUCCHARISTIC
Adoration**

God Bless those recently Baptized



Theodore Dahlgard



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III— Elias Feliz & Erica Salazar



SAT., August 2

- 4:30 + Henryka Miniewicz — Family
 + Mary Legnard — Mary McCollum
 + Suzanne, Raymond & Ronald Dorman — Dorman Sisters
 + William Quinlan
 + Barbara Ann Prothero — Marie Willmott
 + Charles Grant — Paul & Diana Szatkowski
 + Christopher Boslet, Sr. — Nan & Paul Rinaldi
 + Alpio Sabino — Tina Henry
 + Ann McDonnell Cranny — Tina Henry
 + Ed Nugent — The Lalla Family
 + Craig Benjamin — Dave & Dorothy Lennon & Family

SUN., August 3

- 7:00 + George Aiello — Wife & Family
 8:30 + Fedela Cannato — Patricia & Veronica Barra
 11:00 + Rose Hardy — The Ruhl Family

MON., August 4

- 9:00 + Mary Legnard — Carol Roth

TUES., August 5

- 9:00 + Mary Ellen Nelson — Family

WED., August 6

- 9:00 + Mary Legnard — Bob & Claudia Kozlowski

THU., August 7

- 9:00 + Flora Mazzucco — The Cassaniti Family

FRI., August 8

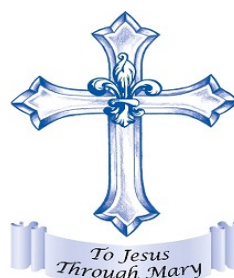
- 9:00 + Msgr. Richard F. Scully & Rev. John Kennedy — The Parish

SAT., August 9

- 9:00 + John Beckert — The Keener Family
 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



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

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.

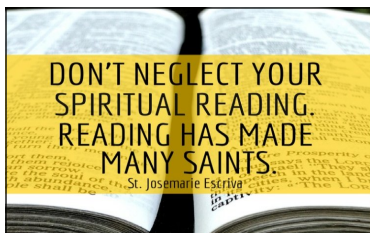
The **ST. MARY MEN'S MINISTRY** group meets on Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in Father McGivney Hall, followed by the 9:00 AM Saturday Mass. For more information, Deacon Eric Keener at dnkeener@diobpt.org.

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 **August 9**. 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.

Mysteries of the Rosary - The Glorious Mysteries 6:30pm Notre Dame Center

As Our Lord is taken down from the Cross and his lifeless body is placed into the tomb, it appears like his life and mission are an utter failure. Yet, there his glorious light shines into the darkness and rises victoriously! Our world has complicated problems. Our God has simple, yet powerful solutions. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. May our lives become evidence of the Resurrection and proof of Pentecost!

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'StMaryChurchBethel'*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 3

12:15pm Pre Baptism Class

Monday, August 4

8:20am Rosary

Tuesday, August 5

8:20am Rosary

Wednesday, August 6

8:20am Rosary

Thursday, August 7

8:20am Rosary

6:30pm Mysteries of the Rosary

Friday, August 8

8:20am Rosary

Saturday, August 9

8:20am Rosary

3:00pm Adoration

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, August 10

12:15pm Baptism

Offertory for the Weekend of July 26/27, 2025

Collection: \$6,421.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,015.00

Offertory for the Weekend of July 27/28, 2024

Collection: \$7,923.00 On-Line Giving: \$3,380.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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).

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!

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
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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

Follow us on
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for more
information and
updates!



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@CTUNITEDYOUTH
WWW.CTUNITEDYOUTH.COM

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

2025 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

2023 PARISH
TICKET

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| 4 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card | 9 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card |
| 5 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card | 10 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card |
| 6 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card | 11 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card |
| 7 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card | 12 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card |
| 8 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card | 13 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card |

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

prizes not redeemable for cash & exclude alcoholic beverages presence of winner not required
no purchase necessary to enter the raffle., void where prohibited

PARISH RAFFLE
TICKET

DRAWING: August 16, 2025 at 11pm
streamed LIVE at www.parishraffle.com

2023 PARISH
TICKET

St Mary's
Bethel

CROSS ROADS

Monthly Regular Meetings
Community Service Opportunities
Retreats and Other Events

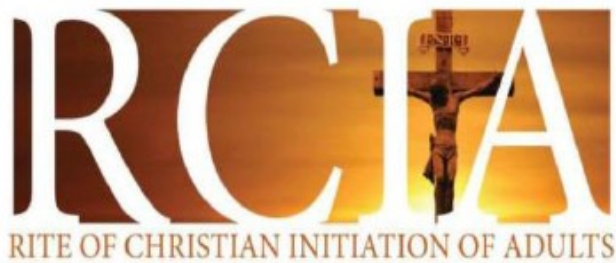
Email StMaryCrossroads@gmail.com to get on
the email list for upcoming event schedule

Middle School Ages

FAITH | COMMUNITY | FUN

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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Go to: www.osvonlinegiving.com/994

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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!



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

"I thank God for bringing Juan into my life especially when I needed to be reminded how nothing is impossible for God. He not only prayed with me, but for me, as I lost my voice completely and became scared that the throat cancer was winning. Juan met with me every day for one hour after radiation treatment. I am so grateful. The Pastoral Care Associates at St. V's provide outstanding ministry services with compassion."

Coach Karl Buckey Walden

Recipient of Pastoral Care for the Sick

MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY!

Give the gift of hope and compassion to the sick and elderly by supporting the Bishop's Appeal.



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."*

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



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/D4NLkqr54I>

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 knightsforcolumbus48-bethelct for more information. Like us on [Facebook.com/Pavia48!](https://www.facebook.com/Pavia48/)

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 22th, 2025
9AM-5PM

St. Mary Church 26 Dodgingtown
Rd, Bethel, CT, 06801

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

Prayer by St. John Vianney for Vocations

God, please give to your Church today
many more priests after your own heart.

May they be worthy representatives of Christ
the Good Shepherd.

May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to
prayer and penance;

be examples of humility and poverty;
shining models of holiness;

tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of
God;

zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacra-
ments.

May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in
the Eucharist

and to Mary his Mother

be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their
ministry.

Amen.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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

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.: Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

Mon.: Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mt 14:13-21

Tues.: Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wed.: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36

Thu: Nm 20:1-13 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 16:13-23

Fri.: Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 Mt 16:24-28

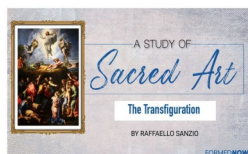
Sat.: Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51 Mt 17:14-20

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



This Week on Formed

Week of August 03, 2025



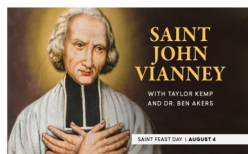
The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

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.



Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.



Saint John Vianney | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss St. John Vianney, the Cure d'Ars and patron saint of parish priests.

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

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

STAFF Father Corey V. Piccinino, *Pastor*
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Deacon John DeRoin
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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 744-2927 744-2927 744-2927
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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