

Saint Mary Parish

December 14, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

9am –1:30 pm, Mon. – Fri.

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

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ST. MARY SCHOOL (744-2922) Jason Ford, *Principal*

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

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

UNITED YOUTH MINISTRY Renzo Ortega (203) 240-8059

MUSIC MINISTRY Michael Ferrari, *Music & Choir Director*

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

CEMETERY DIRECTOR: Bob DiMatteo (203)744-5777

BAPTISMS: Sundays at 12:15pm (excluding the 1st Sunday of each month). Please call the Rectory at least six weeks in advance to schedule your Baptism and to sign up for the Baptism Class that is required for both parents and Godparents. These classes are offered on the first Sunday of each month. Anyone requesting a Sponsorship form must be a currently registered and practicing Catholic, and they must attend one of the Baptism Classes to receive it. There is a 3-month waiting period for a sponsorship form for the newly registered. The Catholic requirements for a Godparent/Sponsor are: you must be at least 16 years old; received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church; attend Mass regularly on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation; receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion regularly; sincerely try to follow the moral teaching of the Catholic Church; and if married, were married in the Catholic Church.

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

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

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

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

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

FATHER COREY'S EPISTLE

† *I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for coordinate and working our Pancake Breakfast last Sunday.*

† **From a sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop — *The Voice is John, the Word is Christ***

John is the voice, but the Lord is the Word who was in the beginning. John is the voice that lasts for a time; from the beginning Christ is the Word who lives for ever.

Take away the word, the meaning, and what is the voice? Where there is no understanding, there is only a meaningless sound. The voice without the word strikes the ear but does not build up the heart.

However, let us observe what happens when we first seek to build up our hearts. When I think about what I am going to say, the word or message is already in my heart. When I want to speak to you, I look for a way to share with your heart what is already in mine.

In my search for a way to let this message reach you, so that the word already in my heart may find a place also in yours, I use my voice to speak to you. The sound of my voice brings the meaning of the word to you and then passes away. The word which the sound has brought to you is now in your heart, and yet it is still also in mine.

When the word has been conveyed to you, does not the sound seem to say: The word ought to grow, and I should diminish? The sound of the voice has made itself heard in the service of the word, and has gone away, as though it were saying: My joy is complete. Let us hold on to the word; we must not lose the word conceived inwardly in our hearts.

Do you need proof that the voice passes away but the divine Word remains? Where is John's baptism today? It served its purpose, and it went away. Now it is Christ's baptism that we celebrate. It is in Christ that we all believe; we hope for salvation in him. This is the message the voice cried out.

Because it is hard to distinguish word from voice, even John himself was thought to be the Christ. The voice was thought to be the word. But the voice acknowledged what is was, anxious not to

give offense to the word. I am not the Christ, he said, nor Elijah, nor the prophet. And the question came: Who are you, then? He replied: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way for the Lord.

The voice of one crying in the wilderness is the voice of one breaking the silence. Prepare the way for the Lord, he says, as though he were saying: "I speak out in order to lead him into your hearts, but he does not choose to come where I lead him unless you prepare the way for him."

To prepare the way means to pray well; it means thinking humbly of oneself. We should take our lesson from John the Baptist. He is thought to be the Christ; he declares he is not what they think. He does not take advantage of their mistake to further his own glory.

If he had said, "I am the Christ," you can imagine how readily he would have been believed, since they believed he was the Christ even before he spoke. But he did not say it; he acknowledged what he was. He pointed out clearly who he was; he humbled himself.

He saw where his salvation lay. He understood that he was a lamp, and his fear was that it might be blown out by the wind of pride.

† **Gaudete Sunday** is the third Sunday of Advent, a mid-season break from the usual penitential purple of Advent where Christians are called to "Rejoice (Gaudete)" in the Lord's coming, symbolized by wearing rose vestments and using flowers, marking a shift from solemn preparation to joyful anticipation for Christmas. It's a time to find joy even amidst trials, focusing on Jesus' imminent arrival as Savior, bringing a foretaste of Christmas joy before the season's end.





Mass Intentions

SAT., December 13

4:30 + John Conway — Susie Domitrovie

SUN., December 14

7:00 + Charlene Reis — Husband

8:30 Sandy Hook School Families — Wakeman Family

11:00 + Andrew D'Ambrosio & Rose D'Ambrosio Ma-
turo — Andrew D'Ambrosio**MON., December 15**

9:00 + Estella Maddalena — The DeMarco Family

TUES., December 16

9:00 + Rene Valentino — The Wakeman Family

WED., December 17

9:00 + Anna Langone — Mary Sawitsky

THU., December 18

9:00 People of St. Mary

FRI., December 19

9:00 + Charlie Grant — Kathy Aiello

SAT., December 20

9:00 + Kelly Lovey — The Kallberg Family

4:30 + Patricia N. Allen (11th Anniv.) — The Allen
Family**SUN., December 21**

7:00 + Thomas Hauser — Stephanie McNamara

8:30 + Frances Salierno — Children

11:00 + Michael Shanley — Mom & Dad

**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, December 14**

9:30am Faith Formation Classes

12:15pm Baptism

3:00pm Christmas Concert

6:00pm United Youth

Monday, December 15

8:20am Rosary

Tuesday, December 16

8:20am Rosary

4:30pm Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, December 17

8:20am Rosary

5:00pm Children's Choir

7:00pm Adult Choir

Thursday, December 18

8:20am Rosary

4:30pm Faith Formation Classes

Friday, December 19

8:20am Rosary

Saturday, December 20

7:00am Men's Ministry

8:20am Rosary

11:00am Confessions

3:00pm Adoration

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, December 21

9:30am Faith Formation Classes

12:15pm Baptism

6:00pm United Youth

Be still
& know
THAT I AM
GOD PSALM 46:10

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

EUCCHARISTIC
Adoration



*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit
and prayers will be said before each Mass
by the priest in memory of Christopher
Wagher*

AROUND THE PARISH

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

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 **January 3**. 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** is in full swing and is looking for new members in grades 2 and up. They sing once a month and rehearse every Wednesday from 5-6pm in the Parish Hall. For more info, contact Leanna Hinger at youthchoir.st.mary@gmail.com.

The **St. Mary ADULT CHOIR** practices in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9pm. If you are interested in being part of our Parish Choir, please call the Parish Office.

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

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

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION If you wish to donate toward flowers for the Church in memory of loved ones, please put your donation along with the names in an envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the dropbox outside the Parish Office door.



The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas from 12:00n on **Tues., December 23** through New Year's Day. We will reopen on **Thurs., January 5 at 9am**.



St. Mary Faith Formation
24 Dodgingtown Road
Bethel, CT 06801
203-743-4557

Faith Formation classes have resumed. Registration is ongoing.

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.

You can register for the 2025/26 school year by clicking the Faith Formation tab online on website.

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

ST. MARY CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Thank you to all who donated to our St. Mary Christmas Program. Because of the overwhelming generosity of our Parish, so many children and families will be blessed with gifts under the tree this Christmas. We are so grateful for our Parish Community and your kindness and giving spirit. Merry Christmas! "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." -Mother Teresa

MASS POLICY FOR SCHOOL DELAYS/ CANCELLATIONS

If there is a school delay or closing in Bethel due to the weather, please use common sense when venturing out to the 9:00am Mass. If the snowfall is significant, please do not try to navigate the travel conditions as this is a matter of safety.



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. 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.

Amy B of Brookfield, CT won the November raffle.

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

We are also looking for part-time employees on a regular schedule for our AfterSchool Club, (after school care for our students). Hours are 2pm-5:30pm on days school is in session. For information about either of these opportunities, please email the school office at office@stmarybethelct.org.

COOKING with the SAINTS



January 3, February 28 & March 28

9:00-10:30 Parish Hall

\$5.00 per child, per session

Join us for a morning of the saints' stories and cooking

Please register at stmarybethel.org



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 re-discover, the truth, wonder and mystery of our Catholic faith! The OCIA program prepares you to be received as members of the Catholic Church.

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

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

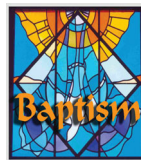
Offertory for the Weekend of December 6/7, 2025

Collection: \$12,263.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,733.00

Offertory for the Weekend of December 7/8, 2024

Collection: \$7,903.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,033.00

Thank you for your generosity!



God Bless those recently Baptized

Jeremy Anderson Duran Guaman

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict *Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.*

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS!



THE SAINT MARY
MUSIC MINISTRY
PRESENTS...

THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN SONG

FEATURING THE
WORK OF THE ADULT
AND YOUTH CHOIRS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

3:00PM

SAINT MARY CHURCH
26 DODGINGTOWN ROAD
BETHEL, CT

*HOLIDAY TREATS, REFRESHMENTS
AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW *

EMAIL
MUSIC.SAINTMARY@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION



AROUND THE DIOCESE

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@malthouse.org.

BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION Brotherhood in Action is currently trying to raise money for their Thanksgiving and Christmas food distributions this year. As many of you know, we are not able to acquire food any longer from the Connecticut Food Bank--which was a primary resource for us in the past. Given this, the cost of food, and reduced direct food donations have all put a strain on our resources. And, of course, the need in Bethel just continues to increase as we're up to around 200 families and counting for each distribution.



The good news is that we get a generous discount from Caraluzzi's when we purchase from them, so cash donations really help us to acquire products at a reduced cost. While we know that all of you have contributed in the past, and many of you have already done so again this year---we would appreciate any contribution you could make at this time.

If you wish to continue to help our mission, monetary donations may be sent to: Brotherhood in Action, P.O. Box 582, Bethel, CT. 06801. Thank you again for your generosity!!

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[YouTube.com/@TheLiteraryCatholic](https://www.youtube.com/@TheLiteraryCatholic)

Engaging discussions with experts, writers, and authors to inspire your faith and ignite your imagination



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

The December Issue of *The Bridge* Is Here!

The Diocese of Bridgeport's monthly newsletter is now available — filled with Bishop Caggiano's Advent message, ways to live the season well, upcoming events, opportunities to serve, and inspiring programs happening across our diocese.



Scan the QR code to read the full issue and stay connected to all the good happening in our diocesan family. Or visit: <https://simplebooklet.com/thebridgedecember2025>

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

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Sun.: Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10. Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

Mon.: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27

Tues.: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 Mt 21:28-32

Wed.: Gen 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17

Thu.: Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

Fri.: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

Sat.: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

Sun.: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6. Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24



**Knights of
Columbus®**

If you are at least 18 years of age, we invite you to join us. To contact us call Alan Gambino at (203)910-3733 or Email GKofPavia@gmail.com for more information. Like us on Facebook.com/Pavia48!

Our next meeting is **Monday, December 8 at 7pm** in Father McGivney Hall.

John Stocks Memorial Coat Drive

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**UNITED
YOUTH GROUP**

**6:00-8:00PM
SUNDAYS**

**UPCOMING
SCHEDULE**

**NOV
30**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
THERE IS NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED
MEETING DUE TO THE HOLIDAY

**DEC
7**

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT
OPEN TO GIRLS 9-12 GRADE
ST ROSE SCHOOL GYM/HALL

**DEC
14**

NIGHT OF WORSHIP
OPEN TO 7-12 GRADERS
AT ST MARY BETHEL

**DEC
21**

CHRISTMAS PARTY
OPEN TO 7-12 GRADERS
ST ROSE SCHOOL GYM/HALL

2025-2026

youth@strosechurch.com

PRAYER FOR GAUDETTE SUNDAY

Heavenly Father, on this Gaudete Sunday, we gather with joyful hearts, reflecting on the light of Christ that shines in our lives. As we light this third candle, we celebrate the assurance of Your presence among us, reminding us to rejoice always in Your goodness and grace.

As we anticipate the coming of our Saviour, help us to prepare our hearts with the hope and joy that this season brings. May we be inspired by the shepherds, who, upon hearing the angels' proclamation, hastened to witness the miracle of Your birth. Let their faith encourage us to share in the good news and to be instruments of Your love in the world.

Lord, as we navigate the days of Advent, guide us in our journey of reflection and growth. May we seek the wisdom of the just, turning away from disobedience and embracing the path of righteousness. Fill us with peace, joy, and readiness as we await Your glorious return.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Light and Redeemer. Amen.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24

4:00pm in the Church

5:30pm and 10:00pm in the Church

Thursday, December 25

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

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

Christmas Confession Schedule

Saturday, December 20: *11:00am-12 noon & 3:00-4:00pm*

Monday December 22: *9:30-10:15am*

Tuesday, December 23: *6:00-7:00pm*

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 31: *5:30pm*

Thursday, January 1: *8:30am & 11:00am*



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. Alan Gambino (203)910-3733 or Email gkofpavia@gmail.com

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

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

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

SERVICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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