

Saint Mary Parish

December 21, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

9am –1:30 pm, Mon. – Fri.

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

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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

† *As we celebrate this Christmas, may we always keep in mind the reason for the celebration: Jesus Christ is born in Bethlehem. He has come to save us from our sins and to show us how to live in love. May this Christmas be for all of us a time of forgiveness, peace and love. On behalf of the Clergy and staff, may you and yours have a blessed and wonderful Christmas, full of love, happiness and memories.*



† From a commentary on Luke by Venerable Bede, priest — *The Magnificat*

Mary said: *My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

The Lord has exalted me by a gift so great, so unheard of, that language is useless to describe it, and the depths of love in my heart can scarcely grasp it. I offer then all the powers of my soul in praise and thanksgiving. As I contemplate his greatness, which knows no limits, I joyfully surrender my whole life, my senses, my judgment, for my spirit rejoices in the eternal Godhead of that Jesus, that Savior, whom I have conceived in this world of time.

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Mary looks back to the beginning of her song, where she said: *My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.* Only that soul for whom the Lord in his love does great things can proclaim his greatness with fitting praise and encourage those who share her desire and purpose, saying: *Join with me in proclaiming the greatness of the Lord; let us extol his name together.*

Those who know the Lord, yet refuse to proclaim his greatness and sanctify his name to the limit of their power, *will be called least in the kingdom of heaven.* His name is called holy because in the sublimity of his unique power he surpasses every creature and is far removed from all that he had made.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy. In a beautiful phrase Mary calls Israel the servant of the Lord. The Lord came to his aid to save him. Israel is an obedient and humble servant, in the words of Hosea: *Israel was a servant, and I loved him.*

Those who refuse to be humble cannot be saved. They cannot say with the prophet: *See, God comes to my aid; the Lord is the helper of my soul. But anyone who makes himself humble like a little child is greater in the kingdom of heaven.*

The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

This does not refer to the physical descendants of Abraham, but to his spiritual children. These are his descendants, sprung not from the flesh only, but who, whether circumcised or not, have followed him in faith. Circumcised as he was, Abraham believed, and this was credited to him as an act of righteousness.

The coming of the Savior was promised to Abraham and to his descendants for ever. These are the children of promise, to whom it is said: *If you belong to Christ, then you are descendants of Abraham, heirs in accordance with the promise.*



Mass Intentions

SAT., December 20

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

MON., December 22

9:00 + Flora Mazzucco — The Cassiniti Family

TUES., December 23

9:00 + Patricia A. Neylon — Sister

WED., DECEMBER 24

9:00 St. Mary Parish

WED., DECEMBER 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 St. Mary Parish
 5:30 St. Mary Parish
 10:00 St. Mary Parish

**THURS., DECEMBER 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY**

7:00 St. Mary Parish
 8:30 St. Mary Parish
 11:00 St. Mary Parish

**FRI., December 26**

9:00 Our Parish Priests — The Nelson Family

SAT., December 27

9:00 + Lynette L. Espinosa — Helen Yee
 4:30 + Czeslaw Zabrzewski (20th Anniv.) — Wife Alina

SUN., December 28

7:00 + Ann H. Stosser — Husband
 8:30 + Mary Luechinger — The Mallonee Family
 11:00 + Ann & Hugo Greco — Maria & Paul Shanley



*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit and prayers will be said before each Mass by the priest in memory of Margaret Brenna from her daughter*

**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 21**

9:30am Faith Formation Classes

12:15pm Baptism

6:00pm United Youth

Monday, December 22

8:20am Rosary

Tuesday, December 23

8:20am Rosary

Wednesday, December 24

8:20am Rosary

4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 25

7:00am Christmas Day Mass

8:30am Christmas Day Mass

11:00am Christmas Day Mass

Friday, December 26

8:20am Rosary

Saturday, December 27

8:20am Rosary

3:00pm Adoration

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, December 28

12:15pm Baptism

6:00pm United Youth



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*



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.

Congratulations for those who won the Christmas Tree Raffle: Veronica Z -- The Golden Rule Tree; Diane C. -- Gingerbread Tree; Abbie M -- Reindeer Tree; Ilana P. -- Snow Tree; Adrianna W. -- Woodland Tree; Danielle T. -- Pretty in Pink Tree; Corey P. -- Silver and Gold Tree; Easton G. -- The Grinch Tree; David B. -- Peppermint Twist Tree; Annette G. -- Tree of Science; Melissa P. -- Mathematical CreativiTree

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.



God Bless those recently Baptized

Declan Arthur Suchy

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!

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.

Christ is Born!

Inactive Catholics You Are Invited Home!

There's an old saying that goes "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug. It's your Heavenly Father reaching His arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home.

No matter how long you have been away, for whatever reason, you are always welcome.

We hope you accept this as your invitation to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith. As your brothers and sisters in our worldwide Catholic family, we want you back. We've missed you, and our Church is not the same without you.

Regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of going to Mass, you can always come home and return to the practice of the sacraments and the fullness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church He founded. Visit our website at stmarybethel.org and visit us in person.

You are most welcomed to our community!

Welcome Home!

Rejoice!



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@maltahouse.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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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>



This Week on Formed

Week of December 21, 2025



The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special

In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.



Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



What Catholics Believe About Christmas: Traditions, Santa Claus

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about Christmas. What are the 12 days of Christmas? Was Santa Claus a real person? What is Advent?

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

Mon.: 1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56

Tues.: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66

Wed.: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Lk 1:67-79

Wed. Vigil: Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Wed. Night: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

Thu: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Fri.: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22

Sat.: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sun.: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR PEACE

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Thank You for Your unfailing love and grace. Please guard our hearts and minds with Christ's perfect peace during the Christmas season and throughout the coming year. Let us take hold of all that You came to the earth to give us and help us live in harmony with each other. Let us look to You continually and let us trust You wholeheartedly to carry us through every battle. Let us rest in Your presence every day and remain peaceful at all times. Let us bask in the immeasurable love of Christ until the day of His return.

Lord, I trust You to pour out an unprecedented measure of Your Spirit in the coming days and draw multitudes of souls into Your loving arms. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**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

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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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