

Saint Mary Parish

February 8, 2026

The Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

9am –1:30 pm, Mon. – Fri.

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

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Father Andrew LaFleur, *Parochial Vicar*
Father Milan Dimic, *Resident*
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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.

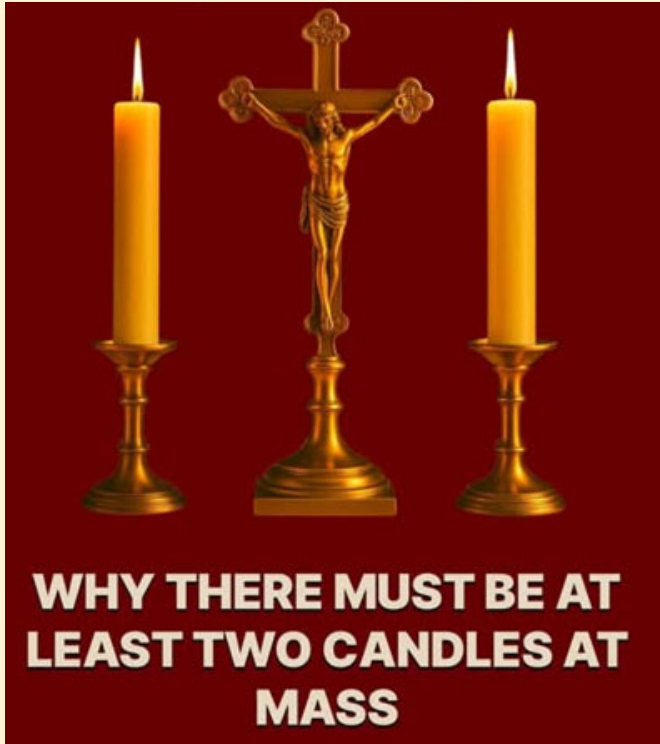
PASTORAL CARE AT DANBURY HOSPITAL: Prior to your hospitalization, you or a family member should notify the Catholic chaplain at the Hospital.

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



Most Catholics see candles at Mass and think: "They're just decoration." Or: "They make the altar look beautiful." Candles are not there for mood. They are there for meaning.

The Church Requires Candles.

According to the Church's liturgical law, at least two candles must be present at every Mass. Not one. Not zero. At least two. Why? Because the Mass is a Sacred Act, not a speech.

In ancient times, candles were used for light. But the Church kept them even after electric light existed. Why? Because candles proclaim something: *"This place is holy. This action is divine."* Whenever sacrifice is offered to God in Scripture, light is present.

Two Candles: A Silent Witness

In biblical tradition, two witnesses are required to establish truth. Scripture says: *"A matter is confirmed by the testimony of two or three witnesses."* At Mass, the candles stand as silent witnesses to what is happening on the altar: the sacrifice of Christ, the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The altar is never left without witness.

Light Before the Presence of God

Candles burn:

- as a sign of Christ, the Light of the world,
- as a symbol of prayer rising to heaven
- as an image of self-giving, the candle destroys itself to give light

This is exactly what happens at Mass: Christ gives Himself completely.

Why Not Just One Candle?

One candle can suggest:

- private prayer
- personal devotion

But the Mass is never private.

Two candles say: *"This is the public worship of the Church."*

It is Christ acting through His Body, the Church.

More Candles, Greater Solemnity

On solemn feasts, you will see:

- four candles
- six candles
- sometimes seven (when a bishop celebrates)

This is not excess.

It is the Church saying: *"Today, we celebrate with greater joy and honor."*

But never fewer than two.

The Message Is Clear

- The altar is not a stage.
- The priest is not performing.
- The Mass is not ordinary.

Two candles quietly declare: *"He is here. Heaven is open. Pay attention."*

So Next Time You See the Candles...

Don't ignore them. They are preaching without words. They are worshipping without sound.

They are reminding you:

- Christ is present.
- Christ is offered.
- Christ is our light.

Mass Intentions

SAT., FEBRUARY 7

4:30 + Edward Nugent, Jr. — Family

SUN., FEBRUARY 8

7:00 + Teresa Franzese — Fudgy & Ned Belardinelli

8:30 St. Mary Parish

11:00 + Felix Wagher — Mary Wagher

MON., FEBRUARY 9

9:00 + Cathy Lathrop — The Dardis Family

TUES., FEBRUARY 10

9:00 + Vincenzo Trichilo — The Dardis & Morrissey Families

WED., FEBRUARY 11

9:00 + James Coffey — Family

THURS., FEBRUARY 12

9:00 + Carlos Estevez — Gladys & Sisters

FRI., FEBRUARY 13

9:00 + Louis DiMatteo — The DiMatteo Family

SAT., FEBRUARY 14

9:00 + Valerie Lorraine Traverson — Kathy Hehl Curran

4:30 + Leoica Garcia — The Mulligan Family

SUN., FEBRUARY 15

7:00 + Rosalie DeMarco — Mary Ferri

8:30 + Maureen Lockwood — Family

11:00 St. Mary Parish



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, February 8

9:30am Faith Formation Classes

12:15pm Baptism

12:30pm OCIA

2:30pm Curisillo

6:00pm United Youth

Monday, February 9

8:20am Rosary

7:00pm Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, February 10

8:20am Rosary

4:30pm Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, February 11

8:20am Rosary

Thursday, February 12

8:20am Rosary

4:30pm Faith Formation Classes

Friday, February 13

8:20am Rosary

Saturday, February 14

8:20am Rosary

3:00pm Adoration

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, February 15

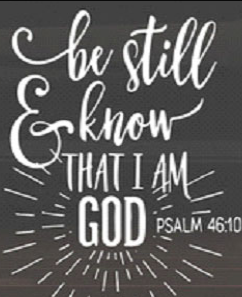
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**Every Saturday
between 3:00pm
& 4:00pm in the**

**EUCCHARISTIC
Adoration**



*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit and prayers will be said before each Mass by the priest in memory of Rosa Bella Almonte from her children*

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 **March 7**. 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.

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



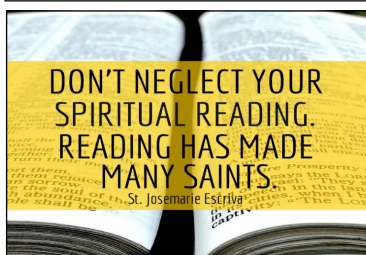
St. Mary Faith Formation
24 Dodgingtown Road
Bethel, CT 06801
203-743-4557

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

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 Parish Book Club

All Adults Welcome!

Please see the Church bulletin for monthly meeting announcements.

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.

Offertory for the Weekend of January 24/25, 2026

Collection: \$5,517.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,378.00

Offertory for the Weekend of January 25/26, 2025

Collection: \$5796.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,886.00

tory for the Weekend of January 31/February 2, 2026

Collection: \$6,950.00 On-Line Giving: \$5,038.00

Offertory for the Weekend of February 1/2, 2025

Collection: \$7,209.00 On-Line Giving: \$5,168.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

The winner of the Saint Mary School 10 Month Raffle for January has been selected and notified - the winner is John R.

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.



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.

February 10, 2026



Saint Mary School
Giving Hearts
Day

Our goal is to raise \$20,000!

Support our school!



Use our online option to contribute to our Parish offertory

Convenient!

Secure and Confidential!

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Efficient!

Create your account TODAY

Go to: www.osvonlinegiving.com/994

or

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

2026 Holy Family Men's Retreat March 6 -8th

2026 Holy Family Women's Retreat April 17-19 2

THEMED RETREAT: Pilgrims of Hope

Faith is a journey! Last year, just months before his passing, Pope Francis called for a jubilee year, and he announced the theme would be Pilgrims of Hope.

As "pilgrims of hope," we must be willing to take risks, to make the effort to understand God's call, and to grow in our faith. The pilgrim doesn't travel aimlessly but allows God to be the North Star, leading us to discover that God is at the heart of our journey.

We invite you to join us this year at Holy Family for your annual retreat as we celebrate our 75th anniversary of ministry. Together, as part of God's beloved creation, we can pursue that blessed goal – life with God as beloved companions and pilgrims of hope.

Visit holyfamiliyretreat.org/themed-retreats for more info and to register or call us at 860.760.9705. Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - West Hartford, CT.

For more info email Rich Bruno kofcbrunomembership@gmail.com (Men's Retreat) or call Mary Ferri — 203 743 4557 (Women's Retreat)



HOLY FAMILY
PASSIONIST
RETREAT CENTER



SUPPORTING THE BISHOP'S APPEAL UNITES US AS ONE IN CHRIST!

The Bishop's Appeal invites us to live out "The One," our diocesan vision of spiritual and pastoral renewal. United as One in Christ, we support ministries that accompany others in faith, reflect truth, beauty and goodness and serve those in need throughout Fairfield County.

Your generosity helps the Diocese to:

- **Form priests, deacons, and laity** to preach, lead, and evangelize more effectively
- **Provide tuition assistance** in partnership with Foundations in Education for families seeking a Catholic education
- **Provide faith formation** for all our diocesan communities
- **Offer pastoral care** to the isolated, grieving, and ill
- **Assist individuals and families** in crisis through Catholic Charities and other outreach programs
- **Provide tuition assistance** in partnership with Foundations in Education for families seeking a Catholic education.

Your contribution is a living sign of our unity and strengthens the mission of the Church. Gifts may be made using your parish's pledge materials or online.

As we continue our journey in life, may we walk One in Christ, accompanying one another and those most in need. Be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones.

MAKE A GIFT TODAY: 2026BISHOPSAPPEAL.ORG

• 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.*



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

Saint Mary Church

26 Dodgingtown Road
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February
14

? Live Q & A

Join us for 9:00am Mass
and then for coffee and
refreshments at 9:30am in
Fr. McGivney Hall for Q&A

Director of Apologetics
Suan Sonna,
will help equip Catholics to
know
“what” we believe,
“why” we believe it,
and “how” to share the Truth
with charity and clarity



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.

St Mary Parish Vocation Ministry

World Marriage Day, observed on the second Sunday of February (February 8 in 2026), celebrates the sacrament and vocation of marriage and honors faithful spouses worldwide. It encourages couples to renew their vows through special Masses, blessings, and parish events. Rooted in Catholic teaching, the day highlights marriage and family as the seminary of all vocations—the domestic church where children first encounter God's love, grow in faith, and discern their calling to priesthood, religious life, or marriage itself. By strengthening marriages on this day, we foster a culture of life and holiness for all vocations. Happy World Marriage Day! Please pray for sacramental marriages and families!



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!!

UNITED YOUTH GROUP WINTER RETREAT

FEBRUARY 13TH-14TH



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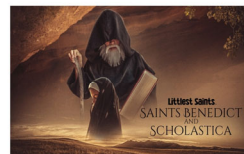


\$25 UNITED MEMBERS | \$50 NON MEMBERS
OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL TEENS
7+8 GRADERS MAY JOIN SATURDAY



This Week on Formed

Week of February 08, 2026



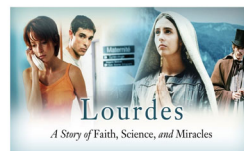
Ss. Benedict and Scholastica

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.



Beloved

Beloved uncovers the mystery and the meaning of the sacrament of marriage. What if marriage is more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage? Beloved invites all couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do" ... whether you said it last year or many years ago.



Lourdes: Story of Faith, Science,

The film follows a journalist, his ancestor who met Bernadette at Lourdes, and the story of a woman healed by Lourdes' waters, tracing three lives.

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

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



Sun.: Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

Mon.: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56

Tues.: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13

Wed.: 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

Thu.: 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mk 7:24-30

Fri.: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37

Sat.: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Mk 8:1-10

Sun.: Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



**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 Mon., Feb. 9 at 7pm.

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!

Lenten Pasta Dinners

**Feb 20, 2026
Mar 20, 2026**

5:30pm-8:00pm

St Mary's School Gym



PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF LAPSED CATHOLICS TO THE SACRAMENTS

Almighty Father, You desire not the death of the sinner, but that he may be converted and live. Pour out upon us Your mercy and hear the prayers of Your servants. Soften the hearts of Your children who have strayed from the true path which You established for their salvation.

They are now forgetful of their duties as Catholics and pursue the pleasures of the world. Grant that they may quickly return to the practice of every Christian virtue, so that their lives may shine with the integrity of faith, the fervor of piety, and the ardor of charity. Restore them all to Your sacraments and the life of Your grace, through the merits of the Most Precious Blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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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