

Saint Mary Parish

January 4, 2026

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

9am –1:30 pm, Mon. – Fri.

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

STAFF Father Corey V. Piccinino, *Pastor*
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Father Milan Dimic, *Resident*
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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

† As we begin this new year, I would like to take this opportunity, along with Fr. Andrew, to thank you for your generosity over the past year. You have prayed for our parish, you have given of your time, talent and treasure so that God may be gloried. I think we all can agree that St. Mary Parish is a blessing to us all. We, as the clergy, are most thankful for your many Christmas wishes, prayers, gifts and goodies. To receive all your cards and gifts is a spectacular way to celebrate the holidays.

Thank you to all who were involved in making Christmas possible here at St. Mary. To the staff, Michael Ferrari and Leanna Hinger, the Choirs, the Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors, Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, and the many volunteers.... Thank you for all that you do.

† From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope — *The Lord has made his salvation known to the whole world*

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days he would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ.

A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. His descendants are therefore compared with the array of the stars. The father of all nations was to hope not in an earthly progeny but in a progeny from above.

Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs. Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh. In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judea only, but in the whole world, *so that his name may be great in all Israel.*

Dear friends, now that we have received instruction in this revelation of God's grace, let us celebrate with spiritual joy the day of our first harvesting, of the first calling of the Gentiles. Let us give thanks to the merciful God, who has made us worthy, in the words of

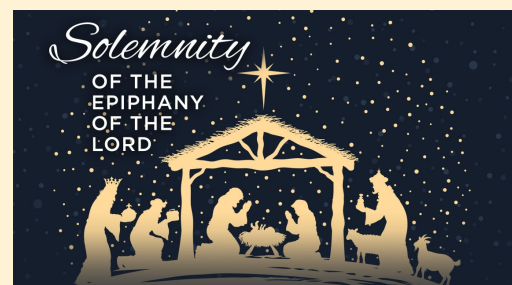
the Apostle, to share the position of the saints in light, who has rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. As Isaiah prophesied: the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. He spoke of them to the Lord: The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you.

This is the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see, when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ. Believing that he would be the father of the nations, he looked into the future, giving glory to God, in full awareness that God is able to do what he has promised.

This is the day that David prophesied in the psalms, when he said: All the nations that you have brought into being will come and fall down in adoration in your presence, Lord, and glorify your name. Again, the Lord has made known his salvation; in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.





Mass Intentions

SAT., JANUARY 3

- 4:30 + Onorio Malvesi — The Wakeman Family
 + Don Bouono (2nd Anniv.) — Wife Yolanda
 + James Brew — The Parish
 Blessings for our Just Desserts Ministry

SUN., JANUARY 4

- 7:00 For St. Mary Parish
 8:30 + Timothy MacGregor — The MacGregor Family
 11:00 + Bernard Foresta — Friends at Bethel High School

MON., JANUARY 5

- 9:00 + Pauline Passineau — Family

TUES., JANUARY 6

- 9:00 + John Connor — Patricia & John Grunert

WED., JANUARY 7

- 9:00 + Edward Roth — Family

THURS., JANUARY 8

- 9:00 + Mary Morgan — Patricia & John Grunert

FRI., JANUARY 9

- 9:00 + Charlie Cascio — O'Malley & Mary T. Smith

SAT., JANUARY 10

- 9:00 + Willoi8am Edward Nation — The D'Andrea & Rivera Family
 4:30 + Charlie Grant — Peg Kennedy

SUN., JANUARY 11

- 7:00 + Rob Ferri — The Ferri Family
 8:30 St. Mary Parish
 11:00 + Erberto Frieri (15th Anniv.) — Children

**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, January 4**

9:30am Faith Formation Classes

12:15pm Pre Baptism Class

12:30pm OCIA

6:00pm United Youth

Monday, January 5

8:20am Rosary

Tuesday, January 6

8:20am Rosary

4:30pm Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, January 7

8:20am Rosary

Thursday, January 8

8:20am Rosary

4:30pm Faith Formation Classes

Friday, January 9

8:20am Rosary

Saturday, January 10

8:20am Rosary

3:00pm Adoration

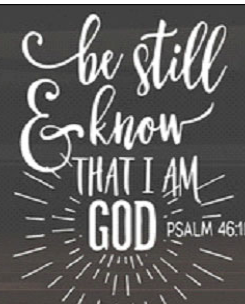
3:00pm Confessions



God Bless You In The New Year



*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit and prayers will be said before each Mass by the priest in memory of Kathleen Stosser from Family*



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



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

**EUCCHARISTIC
Adoration**



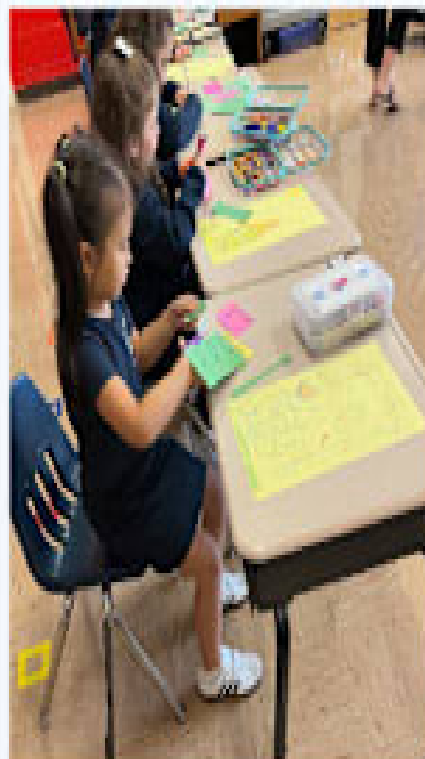
**Saint
Mary
SCHOOL**

FAITH • FAMILY • ACADEMICS

JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

6:00 - 7:30 pm



Experience all that St. Mary School has to offer. Meet our faculty, staff, student and parent ambassadors.

Click [here](#) to register or for questions, please contact admissions@stmarybethelct.org

Saint Mary School
24 Dodgingtown Road Bethel, CT
203-744-2922

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 **February 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.

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.



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.

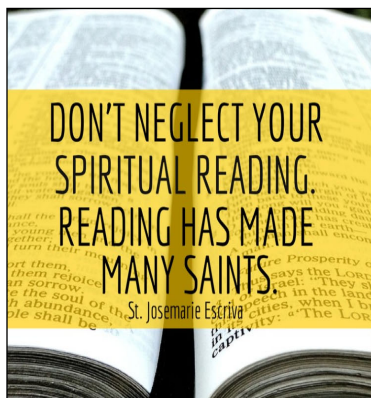
ST. MARY CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

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.

Stay safe!



St. Mary Parish Book Club

All Adults Welcome!

Please see the Church bulletin for monthly meeting announcements.

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.

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 on of the Catholic faithful

If your answer is yes to any of these questions, come and discover, or re-discover, the truth, wonder and mystery of our Catholic faith! The OCIA program prepares you to be received as members of the Catholic Church.

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

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



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HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER

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

THEMED RETREAT: Pilgrims of Hope Men's Retreat

March 6-8th 2026 Pilgrims of Hope Men's Retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - 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.

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

merry christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM

UNITED YOUTH MINISTRY

SERVING ST ROSE | ST JOSEPH | ST MARY

rortega@ctunitedyouth.com

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7th & 8th Graders

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email: stmarycrossroads@gmail.com

St Mary Parish Vocation Ministry

Oh, come Holy Spirit! We joyfully invite you to ignite our hearts with love, virtue, and grace as we support Catholic vocations in our parishes! Let's lift up in prayer and encouragement those who have embraced their calling and accompany those still discerning their path. Together, let us multiply the number of practicing Catholics, sacramental marriages, and vibrant holy families, all contributing to the growth of our Church, the consecrated and the ordained! May our faith deepen as we listen attentively for Your direction, courageously saying yes and going in haste to answer your call, just as our Blessed Mother did on the day of the annunciation.

Mary, Mother of God and St Serra pray for us!

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.



BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION Thank you for your generous support of the Brotherhood in Action Thanksgiving and Christmas food drive. 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 a 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!!



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.

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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

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FROM OFF THE STREETS

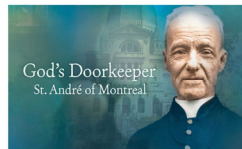
On behalf of Off The Streets I would like to thank all St. Mary's Parish supporters to express our sincere gratitude for the outpouring of support in the form of furniture and financial donations. It is deeply appreciated and will undoubtedly contribute to moving more people in need Off The Streets!

Furthermore, for those parishioners interested in acquiring more detailed information regarding the impact of these contributions or in seeking opportunities to further assist opportunities, avenues for communication have been provided. Interested parties are invited to contact Mike via text message at 203-249-3586 or, alternatively, to access additional details through the QR code provided.



This Week on Formed

Week of January 04, 2026



God's Doorkeeper

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



The Three Wise Men

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.



Epiphany

Have you ever wondered what the Epiphany is? In this engaging episode of the True Meaning of Christmas, join Dr. Michael Barber to find out what the Epiphany is.

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 JANUARY

For prayer with the word of God Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Sun.: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Mon.: 1 Jn 3:22; 4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tues.: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44

Wed.: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52

Thu.: 1 Jn 4:19; 5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22

Fri.: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16

Sat.: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 3:22-30

Sun.: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17



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>

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!



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!



A big thank you to everyone who contributed to Pavia 48, Knights of Columbus, Coats for Kids drives! Your incredible generosity has made a real difference this Christmas season, ensuring that more than 100 children and adults stay warm with cozy coats, hats, and gloves. Together, we've spread warmth and kindness, and it's all thanks to YOU!

Offertory for the Weekend of December 20/21, 2025

Collection: \$8,701.00 On-Line Giving: \$5,094.00

Offertory for the Weekend of December 21/22, 2024

Collection: \$7,087.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,498.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYER FOR YOUR FAMILY

WE BLESS YOUR NAME, O LORD,
FOR SENDING YOUR OWN INCARNATE SON,
TO BECOME PART OF A FAMILY,
SO THAT, AS HE LIVED ITS LIFE,
HE WOULD EXPERIENCE ITS WORRIES AND ITS JOYS.

WE ASK YOU, LORD,
TO PROTECT AND WATCH OVER THIS FAMILY,
SO THAT IN THE STRENGTH OF YOUR GRACE
ITS MEMBERS MAY ENJOY PROSPERITY,
POSSESS THE PRICELESS GIFT OF YOUR PEACE,
AND, AS THE CHURCH ALIVE IN THE HOME,
BEAR WITNESS IN THIS WORLD TO YOUR GLORY.

WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.
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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