

Saint Mary Parish

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time



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Matthew 13:30

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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:

9am –1:30 pm, Mon. – Thurs.,
closed Friday.

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

STAFF Father Corey V. Piccinino, *Pastor , Vicar for Clergy & Religious for the Diocese of Bridgeport*
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Mary Ferri, *Director*

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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

† **Blessed Luigi and Maria Quattrocchi (1880-1951 & 1884-1965)** — First married couple beatified together

Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi were the first married couple to be beatified together by the Catholic Church on October 21, 2001. As Pope John Paul II proclaimed at their beatification: "Today the aspiration of the Council is fulfilled with the first beatification of a married couple: their fidelity to the Gospel and their heroic virtues were verified in their life as spouses and parents."

Their Journey to Holiness Luigi was born in Catania in 1880 and studied law at Rome's Sapienza University. Maria was born in Florence in 1884 to the noble Corsini family. They married on November 25, 1905, in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. Initially, Luigi was "a good man, just and honest but not very practicing," while Maria was deeply devout from the beginning.

Their son Cesare later observed: "There was a kind of race between Father and Mother to grow in spirituality. She began in the 'pole position' as she already lived an intense faith experience, while he was certainly 'a good man, just and honest but not very practicing.'"

Heroic Trust in Life The couple's most defining moment came during Maria's fourth pregnancy in 1913. Diagnosed with placenta previa, doctors gave them only a 5% chance of survival and urged abortion. The Quattrocchis refused, trusting completely in God's providence. Both mother and child survived, and their daughter Enrichetta was present at their parents' beatification in 2001.

Their Contributions to Marriage and Family Life

- **Created a Domestic Church:** They "made a true domestic church of their family, which was open to life, to prayer, to the social apostolate, to solidarity with the poor and to friendship"
- **Daily Spiritual Practices:** Their lives centered around daily Mass and evening Rosary. "Among the joys and anxieties of a normal family, they knew how to live an extra-

ordinarily rich spiritual life. At the center of their life was the daily Eucharist as well as devotion to the Virgin Mary, to whom they prayed every evening with the Rosary" — *Pope John Paul II*

- **Heroic Sacrifice:** After 20 years of marriage, they took a vow of celibacy, demonstrating their desire to sacrifice everything for love of their Lord.
- **Family Vocations:** Three of their four children entered religious life – two sons became priests and one daughter became a nun.
- **Social Apostolate:** They were among the founders of several Catholic organizations including Italian Catholic scouting associations and charitable organizations
- **Wartime Service:** They opened their home to those in need during wartime, and Maria served as a voluntary nurse in the Italian Red Cross during World War II

There was nothing showy about their faith, nothing that demanded attention. At Luigi's funeral, a friend of his who was an atheist and a freemason said to the Quattrocchi sons, 'Your father never pestered me with sermons. But I want to tell you: It's through his life that I discovered God and that I love the Gospel. Pray for me!'"

Luigi passed away in 1951 and Maria in 1965. They are commemorated on November 25, their wedding anniversary. Three of their children Filippo, Cesare, and Enrichetta (whose cause opened in 2018), were present for their beatification. Filippo and Cesare concelebrated their beatification Mass alongside Pope St. John Paul II.

The miracle recognized by the Vatican for the beatification of Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi was the inexplicable healing of Gilberto Grossi, an Italian resident afflicted from age ten with a severe, incurable bone disease that progressively deformed his skeleton and prevented him from walking without assistance.

A second miracle, involving the healing of a Brazilian woman from a brain tumor in 2007, has been submitted for scrutiny toward their potential canonization, but remains under examination as of 2026.



SAT., JULY 18

4:30 + Leoica Garcia — The Mulligan Family

SUN., JULY 19

7:00 + Flora Espiritu — Cathy & Todd Drury
8:30 + John Potusek — Peter & Veronica Barra
11:00 St. Mary Parish

MON., JULY 20

9:00 + Ann H. Stosser — Family

TUES., JULY 21

9:00 + Father Peter DeMarco — Parish

WED., JULY 22

9:00 + Kim Nguyen Maria — Daughter

THURS., JULY 23

9:00 + Margaret Brenna — Family

FRI., JULY 24

9:00 + George O'Keefe — Wife Peggy

SAT., JULY 25

9:00 + Eleanor Mallonee — Susan & David Mallonee
4:30 St. Mary Parish

SUN., JULY 26

7:00 Alfred Frank (*Blessings*) — Carmel O'Brien Frank
8:30 + Patrick Shean — Family
+ Joanne Stefkovich — Parish
+ Donald Lukas — Ronald Murray
11:00 + Helen Carmelo Broccoli — Family



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, July 19

12:00n Fr. Andrew Reception
2:30pm Men's Cursillo
6:00pm United Youth

Monday, July 20

Tuesday, June July 21

Wednesday, July 22

Thursday, July 23

6:30pm Summer Bible Study

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25

3:00pm Confessions
3:00pm Adoration

Sunday, July 26

12:15pm Baptisms
2:30pm Men's Cursillo
6:00pm United Youth



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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 **August 9**. If you wish to attend, please call the parish office at 744-5777 and ask that a group facilitator call you with more information.

The **St. Mary YOUTH CHOIR** rehearses every Wednesday from 5-6pm in the Parish Hall. For more info, contact Leanna Hinger at youth-choir.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 Thursday of the month with Adoration and a social afterward. Look them up on Instagram at [avamaria1882](https://www.instagram.com/avamaria1882).

ST. MARY BOOK GROUP welcomes all adults! "Spiritual reading has made many saints" (St. Josemaria Escriva). NEW time, NEW place! Read and talk about the timeless Christian classic, The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. The book is readily available through interlibrary loan and from online booksellers. Many Catholic commentators have recommended it as a must-read; and there's a lot of Catholic commentary published about it. We will meet on Wednesday July 29 at 6:00 pm in the Notre Dame Center.

Are you a Catholic woman seeking a closer relationship with Christ? If so, prayerfully consider attending a **3-DAY RETREAT** at Graymoor in Garrison, NY, September 17-20, 2026. Many St. Mary Parish women have already attended! This fulfilling experience is offered by our Diocese's Cursillo Community. For information, please email cursillonews.fairfieldcounty@gmail.com or call Susan at 203-733-1269.

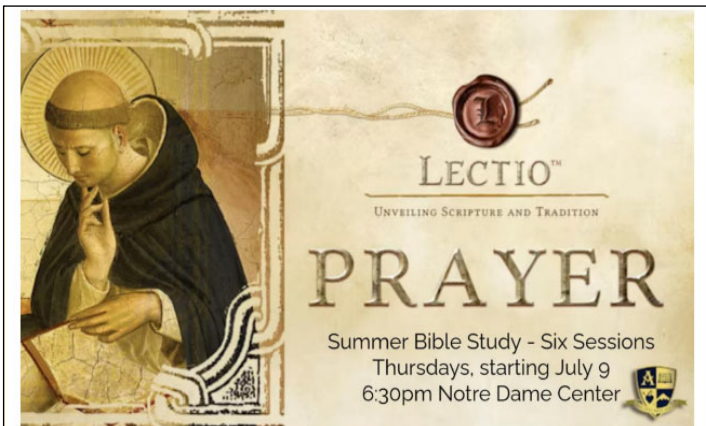
If you would like to dedicate **ALTAR FLOWERS** in memory of a loved one at weekend Masses, call the Parish Office at (203)744-5777. Donation would be \$150 and your loved one's name will appear in the bulletin. If you would like the **SANCTUARY CANDLE** to be lit for your departed loved one, we shall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

SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday afternoon, September 13 from 2-4pm, we will have a 40th Ordination Anniversary Party for Father Corey at Bennett Park in Bethel. There will be food and refreshments and entertainment to celebrate the years of dedication and service to the people of our diocese!

St. Mary Religious Education
24 Dodgingtown Road
Bethel, CT 06801
203-743-4557
stmarybethelreliqed@gmail.com
stmarybethel.org

Registration forms for the 2026/27 year have gone out in the mail for current families. You can find online registration on our website [@stmarybethel.org](http://stmarybethel.org).

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.



With the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute's Lectio series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy.

In six video sessions, Lectio: Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love.

Engaging and accessible, Prayer: Finding Intimacy With God includes:

- The Lectio Divina approach of Reading, Reflecting, Responding, and Contemplating
- Penetrating questions and insights for the six video sessions
- Additional resources for a fuller understanding and application
- Daily reflections to deepen the meaning of prayer in your life

Join us on Thursday evenings in the Notre Dame Center at 6:30pm

July 9, 16, 23, 30

August 6, 13



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 12:30-2 pm.

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



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II — Peter Michael Kent & Son Nguyen
Ngoc Ai



VACATIONERS – If you are visiting other areas and would like information regarding Churches in that

area, you may either call 1-800-Mass-Times or visit the website [www. Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org).

• 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.

Offertory for the Weekend of July 11/12, 2026

Collection: \$9,163.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,871 .00

Last year's offertory for the Weekend of July 12/13, 2026

Collection: \$11,783.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,435 .00

Thank you for your generosity!



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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

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.

2026 PARISH RAFFLE

1st PRIZE: \$20,000 American Express Gift Card

2nd PRIZE: \$6,000 American Express Gift Card

3rd PRIZE: \$4,000 American Express Gift Card

4th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

5th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

6th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

7th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

8th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

9th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

10th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

11th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

12th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

13th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

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

Tickets are \$25 each

-Extra tickets available at the parish office-

DRAWING:

August 15, 2026 at 11pm

Streamed LIVE at www.parishraffle.com

CO-OPERATIVE MISSION SUNDAY JULY 18TH AND 19TH

Our Church is a mission Church. It is evangelizing in areas of the world where our brothers and sisters in Christ are struggling to meet their basic needs. War, famine, persecution, and in many instances, it is simply the lack of resources, are obstacles the faithful face each day. There are priests, religious brothers and sisters, and lay people who are devoting their lives to spreading the Gospel and caring for the spiritual and physical needs of the faithful in these lands. Would you please help them with your prayers and use that weekend's second collection to support them with your financial generosity? Thank you.

OFF THE STREETS is an all volunteer organization that assists those in need of housing. For those individuals that demonstrate a willingness to get off the streets, we provide security deposits, furniture and household items. We ask you to consider a donation to Off The Streets so that we can continue to provide money for security deposits. The cost of apartments in our area is excessive and there is a shortage of low cost housing. A security deposit could be the deal breaker for someone seeking shelter. On the first Saturday of every month we collect donations between ten and noon at South Street Self Storage located at 39-A South St in Danbury. You can contact Mike at otsdanburymr@gmail.com with any questions you may have or scan the code for a list of items we can accept.

If you would like to support our work, please send contributions to: Off the Streets, PO Box 591, Bethel CT 06801. or donate online by cut and pasting the link below into your browser <https://gofund.me/baa5b98d>





The Knights of Columbus are a Catholic fraternal service order founded by Blessed Michael McGivney in 1882. We support the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism in the Parishes of St. Mary Bethel, St. Patrick Redding & nearby communities. Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus, and we are Catholic men of charitable action. If you're at least 18 years of age, we invite you to join us. Our meetings are held every second and fourth Monday at 7pm in Father McGivney Hall.

To contact us, call Alan Gambino at (203)910-3733 or Email us at gkofpavia@gmail.com

To watch a video about what we do, use the link or QR code below.

<https://youtu.be/mqkfLnpZwhl>



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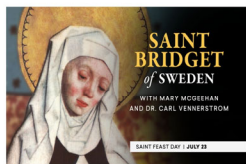
This Week on Formed

Week of July 19, 2026



St. James the Greater | Catholic Saints

On this episode of Catholic Saints, join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life of one of Jesus' inner circle disciples, St. James the Greater.



St. Bridget of Sweden | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of this medieval saint: St. Bridget of Sweden. A wife, mother, and visionary, St. Bridget was an evangelist both inside and outside the home. St. Bridget's visions of Christ's Nativity have greatly influenced its depiction in Christian art. Watch to find out more!



Saint Mary Magdalene | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



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!!



WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
5:00 PM - 11:00 PM

SATURDAY
1:00 PM - 11:00 PM

SUNDAY
1:00 PM - 10:00 PM

AUTHENTIC ITALIAN FEAST • RIDES • GAMES • LIVE MUSIC
BEER • WINE • LASER LIGHT SHOW • STATUE PROCESSION

ENTERTAINMENT

- HEADLINERS**
- BEYOND PURPLE**
2025 PEOPLE'S CHOICE
TRIBUTE BAND
THURSDAY
 - THE ZOO**
FRIDAY
 - MULLLET**
BOY ROCK & ROLL BAND
SATURDAY
 - SHOOTING STAR**
A TRIBUTE TO BAD COMPANY
SUNDAY
 - VITO LOMBARDO**
WED - THU
 - VITTORIO DI CARLO**
THE GRACEFUL TENDRIL
FRI & SUN
 - LOUIS AND JOAHN AND THE UPTOWN BAND**
SATURDAY
 - DJ DEAN**
PERFORMING THROUGHOUT THE EVENT



Join us for Mass and Grand Procession

Wednesday, August 19th

4:00PM: Mass and Blessing of San Gennaro Statue at St. Peter Church
5:00PM: Grand Procession down Main Street to festival on Ives Street



WEEKEND SHUTTLE SERVICE

On FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY ONLY
Park for FREE at the Western CT State University parking garage on 5th Avenue off of White Street and use our FREE Shuttle Service. Shuttle runs every 15 minutes. The last shuttle leaves the festival at 11:30 PM on Fri & Sat and 10:30 PM on Sunday.

OTHER PARKING OPTIONS

AVAILABLE ALL WEEK
The City of Danbury utilizes ParkMobile for convenient payment. Park for a fee at the Patriot Garage, Bardo Garage, Metro-North Station, or available street parking. 1 Ives Street, Danbury, CT 06810.

[@DANBURYSANGENARO](https://www.instagram.com/danburysangennaro)

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING



If you are missing a pair of glasses, a key, a jacket, a book, a toy, or some other item, you may have left it in the Church. Be sure to check out the boxes in the Usher's room. If you find anything in the Church, please leave it in a box in the Usher's room.



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

For respect for human life *Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.*



Sun.: Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Mon.: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 12:38-42

Tues.: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 Mt 12:46-50

Wed.: Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thu.: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 Mt 13:10-17

Fri.: Jer 3:14-17 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Mt 13:18-23

Sat.: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Mt 20:20-28

Sun.: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



Do you have questions of faith as you journey with chronic illness?

Are you a caregiver who seeks comfort in prayer?

Do you feel distanced from Jesus in your struggle with ongoing pain?

Are you wondering, "Why me, God?"



ST. MARY CHURCH

WELCOMES

The Peace in the Storm Project

A ministry of accompaniment for caregivers and persons with chronic illness or ongoing pain.

St. Mary Church is delighted to announce its participation in *The Peace in the Storm Project* at our parish with a small, faith-sharing group for persons living with chronic illness, pain, and other health challenges. Through regular meetings, participants will have the opportunity to reflect on scripture, the sacraments of the Catholic Church, prayer, and fellowship, using the devotional, *Peace in the Storm: Meditations on Chronic Pain and Illness*, Discussion Guides and other resources provided through *The Peace in the Storm Project*.

We will have a meeting on Wednesday, July 15 from 5:30 - 6:30 at the Notre Dame Center.

If you are interested in joining the *Peace in the Storm* group or for more information, please contact: rectoryoffice@stmarybethel.org and leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

For more information:
www.thepeaceinthestormproject.com

The Peace in the Storm Project offers resources and support in the Catholic tradition for faith communities to accompany caregivers and persons with chronic illness, pain, and other life challenges so that all may grow in faith, fellowship, and enthusiasm for God's abiding love and peace. *The Peace in the Storm Project* is a nonprofit organization, IRC Section 501(c)(3), EIN 99-4026336.
www.thepeaceinthestormproject.com

Diocese of Bridgeport Project Rachel Ministry – Jesus Keeps on Loving You, No Matter What

"As we approach Lent, please allow me to speak to all who carry the unbearable sadness and guilt of an abortion experience. Be assured that Jesus keeps on loving you, no matter what. I pray that God plants a seed of hope in every heart that is overwhelmed by sadness and despair from participation in abortion. This Lent, the Lord's mercy awaits you. Allow Him to heal you and lift your sadness into joy." – Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

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.

A Prayer You Must Say Every Day

Lord, before I do anything else, I invite You into my day. I don't want to rush ahead without You, and I don't take it for granted.

Dear God, thank You for this new day.

If I loose focus, bring me back.

If I grow anxious, be my calm.

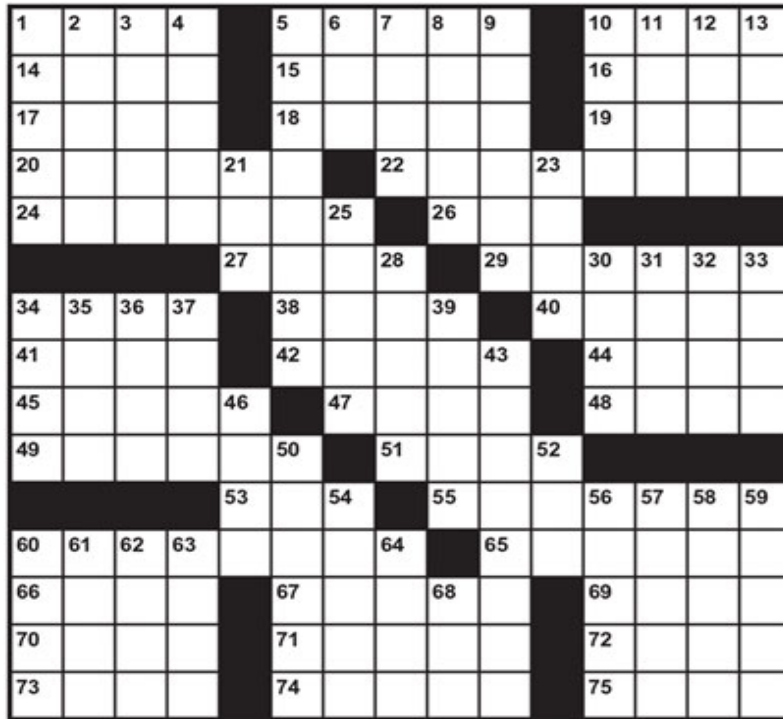
Please go before me today. Open the right doors. Give me peace in uncertainty, strength in the waiting and clarity where I feel confused.

You've brought me this far — I trust You with what's next.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

SUMMER CATHOLIC CROSSWORD PUZZLE 2



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Across

1. Geometric saint?
5. Archdiocese in Nebraska
10. "___ all your worries upon him" (1 Pet 5:7)
14. Exhort
15. Imperial edict that legalized Christianity
16. Biblical physician
17. 554, to Nero
18. Golf clubs
19. Entrance
20. Those in hopeless situations
22. Sideways
24. Absorb
26. Abbr. for two OT books
27. Prejudice
29. Mother of Joseph and Benjamin
34. Headwear
38. Type of history
40. "Hail Mary, full of ___"
41. Mountain range
42. Pertaining to birth
44. Something you shouldn't put on
45. Holy object
47. Detest
48. Very dry champagne
49. Archdiocese in Massachusetts
51. Near
53. Young dog
55. Archdiocese in Kenya
60. Leaping marsupial
65. Rented
66. Jacob was afraid to meet him
67. Certain mount
69. Gap
70. Barks

71. College of Cardinals' task regarding the pope
72. "It was ___ joke."
73. Petty quarrel
74. Cowboy name
75. "Good" queen of England

Down

1. "___ not, that you be not..." (Mt 7:1)
2. Synthetic fabric
3. Maturing
4. "When pigs fly!"
5. Certain sin
6. Bygone Russian space station
7. Natural balm
8. Pilate washed his in front of the crowd
9. Patron saint of Scandinavia
10. Scratch
11. Expensive car
12. Hits the slopes
13. Bordeaux bean?
21. Steal from
23. Cyberzine
25. Wife of Abraham
28. The Evil One
30. Crustacean
31. Ezekiel scattered this to the wind (Ezek 5:1-2)
32. Beige
33. For fear that
34. Restraint
35. Pertaining to Mars
36. Friends
37. Split
39. Rite in the Church in the West
43. Lawfulness
46. NYC nightclub
50. Suckled
52. Hasten
54. French World War I soldier
56. Jericho heroine
57. "___ Mio"
58. They often signal the start of a religious service
59. Thoughts
60. "I will give you the ___ of the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 16:19)
61. PDQ
62. Soft lambskin leather
63. Sudden blast of wind
64. Singles
68. Tread the boards



Solution to Crossword Puzzle No. 2

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. Rectory Office (203) 744 - 5777

Eucharistic Minister Assist in the distribution of Holy Communion on weekdays and Sundays. Rectory Office (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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