

Saint Mary Parish

July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time



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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:

9am –1:30 pm, Mon. – Thurs., closed Fri-
day.

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

STAFF Father Corey V. Piccinino, *Pastor , Vicar for Clergy & Religious for the Diocese of Bridgeport*
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Jason Ford, *Principal*

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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

† A Prayer For America By First U.S. Bishop, John Carroll

Archbishop Carroll wrote the following prayer for our newly formed government on November 10, 1791, to be recited in parishes throughout his diocese. The text of the prayer below is taken from EWTN's National Catholic Register

It is an excellent prayer especially for the times we live in now, over 250 years later, to remind us of the crucial role faith and prayer has always played in our nation since its beginning. Also each year on July 4th, Independence Day, we can especially pray for our government as we are commanded to do in Sacred Scripture:

I desire therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men: For kings, and for all that are in high station: that we may lead a quiet and a peaceable life in all piety and chastity. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, Who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2 1-4)

Prayer for Our Government by Archbishop John Carroll (1791)

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom

he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

Amen.



Mass Intentions

SAT., JULY 4

4:30 For a Blessed Nation

SUN., JULY 5

7:00 For St. Mary Parish

8:30 + Patricia Ackerman — Ellen McShane

11:00 + Patricia Neylon — The Dolan Family

MON., JULY 6

9:00 + Diane Avesto — Rosalie & Paul DeMarco

TUES., JULY 7

9:00 + Rosalie DeMarco — The McCabe Family

WED., JULY 8

9:00 + Robert Sitler, Jr. — Mary Wagher

THURS., JULY 9

9:00 + Piedad Arboleda — Gladys

FRI., JULY 10

9:00 + Joe Freebairn — Eileen Freebairn

SAT., JULY 11

9:00 + Eric Hagendoorn — Michael Doery

4:30 + Zachary Brady — The Brady Family

SUN., JULY 12

7:00 + Vincent Shannon — Family

8:30 + St. Mary Parish

11:00 + Frances & Thomas Salierno — 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, July 5

12:15pm Baptisms Class

2:30pm Men's Cursillo

6:00pm United Youth

Monday, July 6

Tuesday, June July 7

Wednesday, July 8

Thursday, July 9

6:30pm Bible Study

Friday, July 10

Saturday, July 11

3:00pm Confessions

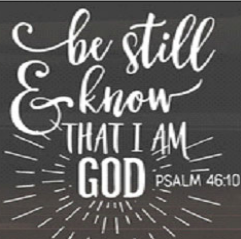
3:00pm Adoration

Sunday, July 12

12:15pm Baptisms

2:30pm Men's Cursillo

6:00pm United Youth



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

**EUCCHARISTIC
Adoration**



Be grateful. Give generously.

Use our online option to contribute to our Parish offertory

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Go to: www.osvonlinegiving.com/994

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

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 **July 11**. 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 cur-sillonews.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



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stmarybethel.org

Registration forms for the 2026/37 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.

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



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.



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).



STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

JULY 10-12, 2026

Inviting high schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Christ!

Registration now open!

An overnight weekend retreat on the campus of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio.

steubenvilleconferences.com/mc3

INFORMATION



Open to teens entering high school in the fall of 2026 through 2026 graduates

Cost: \$300 (for teens belonging to United parishes St. Rose, St. Mary Bethel, St. Joseph Brookfield) | \$350 (for non-United)

youth@strosechurch.com



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I/We pledge/gift \$500.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Please send me monthly reminders

Please make check payable to St. Mary Church. Pledge/gift can also be given online at stmarybethel.org/giving. If you don't already have one, follow the prompts to create an account.

☐ Over Ten Months

☐ One Time

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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!

Look out for your raffle tickets coming in the mail soon!

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

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 June SMS 10 Month Club Raffle has been selected and notified - the winner is Treishana H. of Bethel.

This concludes the drawings of the 10 Month club winners for the 2025-2026 school year.

Supporting Vocations: St. Andrew Dinner with Bishop Caggiano



This past fall, a diverse group of young men including teachers, students, engineers, a woodworker, a zoo staff member, and a recent convert

to the Catholic faith gathered with Bishop Frank J. Caggiano for a St. Andrew Dinner. Together they shared prayer, fellowship, and honest conversation about discerning God's call and the possibility of priesthood.

Bishop Caggiano encouraged the men to rediscover the gift of silence and to listen attentively for the Lord's voice, reminding them, "God has already chosen the better path—our task is to hear it."

Events like this are made possible through the generosity of those who support the Bishop's Appeal, which helps fund seminarians, vocation programs, and the formation of future priests.

Please consider supporting future vocations. To make a gift, visit 2026BishopsAppeal.org



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

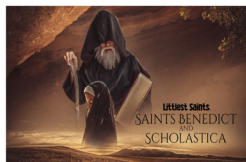
To watch a video about what we do, use the link or QR code below.

<https://youtu.be/mqkfLnpZwhl>



This Week on Formed

Week of July 05, 2026



Sts. 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.



Maria Goretti: The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth

Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St. Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular, the film highlights her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed.



Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon

Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St. Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular, the film highlights her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed.

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

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!!

Change Lives on a Couple Saturday Mornings with Off The Streets !

Would you consider giving 2-3 hours on a Saturday morning of your choice to help deliver or collect furnishings or household items? Your help means that we can say "Yes!" to an individual or family who needs basic furnishings for their new home! We call these deliveries Moves. They begin at 10:00 AM each Saturday from Prime Storage in Danbury, and typically take about two hours. Tasks include helping to move everyday household items, and such apartment sized pieces as mattresses, end tables, chairs, single dressers, & loveseats.

Using only volunteers, Off The Streets helps those experiencing homelessness who are referred by local social services, and have a way to pay rent going forward. We help fund security deposits, and provide basic apartment sized furniture to help create a comfortable home. Most Saturdays, we help individuals or families to make a fresh start.

We really need YOU! You can help as an individual, a family, an organization or a business. Please, would you give it a try? We also have a number of other volunteer opportunities that do not include all the heavy lifting.

Ask any OTS volunteer – it's a blessing to do this work. It's perfect for families with teens too! If you would like to volunteer or learn more than you can contact Mike Roberts at 203-249-3586.



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.: Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30

Mon.: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 9:18-26

Tues.: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 Mt 9:32-38

Wed.: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 10:1-7

Thu.: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 Mt 10:7-15

Fri.: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mt 10:16-23

Sat.: Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Mt 10:24-33

Sun.: Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



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.

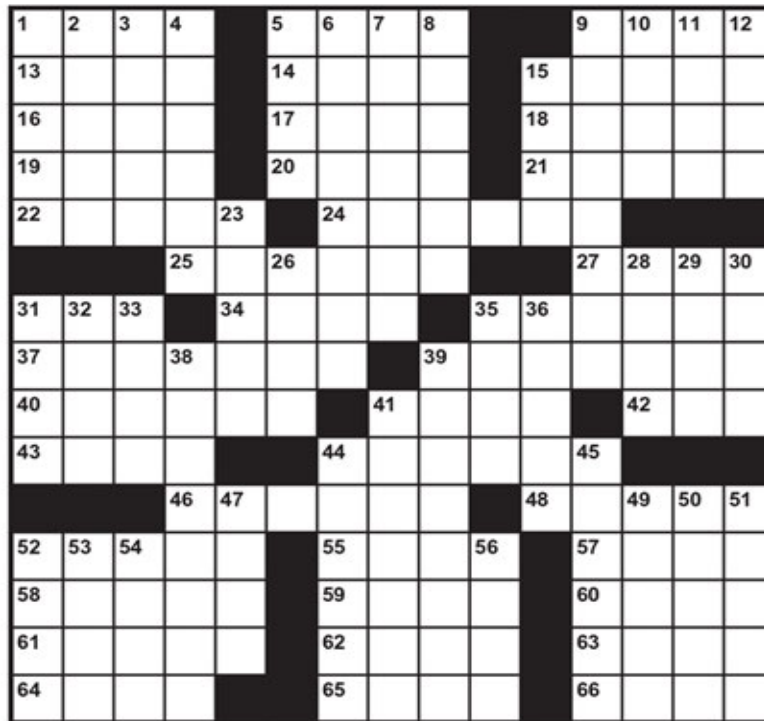
Short Prayers for the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America

"Loving God, as we celebrate this historic 250th anniversary, we thank You for the vision of our founders and the generations who have built and protected this nation. Heal our divisions, replace blame with understanding, and knit our hearts together. May we always be a people united in the pursuit of liberty, justice, and compassion for all. Amen"

"Almighty God, on this milestone of our nation's history, we pray for our leaders at every level. Grant them wisdom, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to the common good. Bless our families, our local communities, and all who protect our freedom. Guide us into a future filled with peace, hope, and prosperity. Amen"

"Gracious Lord, as America begins this new chapter, we pray for the generations yet to come. Help us to be responsible stewards of the rights and freedoms we hold dear. Inspire our youth with courage and a deep desire to serve others. May our country continue to be a beacon of hope, truth, and goodness in the world. Amen."

SUMMER CATHOLIC CROSSWORD PUZZLE 1



www.wordgamesforcatholics.com

Across

1. The Chosen People
5. Small yeast cake
9. Summon
13. Melody
14. Undoing
15. Prince of ____
16. Seed containers
17. Ova
18. Take out the knot
19. Fusses
20. Partial darkness
21. Gum
22. More recent
24. Beardless
25. Occupation of Luke, the Evangelist
27. The Archdiocese of Dubuque is here
31. Catholic letters
34. The "blue-blooded" disease
35. Saint who challenged Henry II
37. Tongs
39. Non-Jew
40. Stitch
41. Goliath lost his
42. Tree
43. Spoken
44. City in the Archdiocese of Westminster and the Diocese of Brentwood
46. Death
48. A part of a deceased holy person's body or belongings
52. One of the prophets
55. Apollo creator
57. Zhivago's love
58. Gather
59. Grow together

60. Cease
61. Unit for measuring gold
62. E Pluribus ____
63. "Mercy!"
64. He's the Red
65. It should end with a reception
66. Promontory

Down

1. The Archdiocese of Osaka is found here
2. Wear away
3. She fed Elijah at Zarephthah
4. Got wise with
5. Ill-____
6. Jesus was born in the reign of this Caesar
7. Chief honcho
8. Patron saint of Germany
9. Pope ____ XVI
10. "Whoever ____ this bread will live forever" (Jn 6:51)
11. 202, in ancient Rome
12. Sharp
15. Free from contamination
23. Catholic United States Chief Justice Taney
26. Long cloak-like vestment
28. Migrant farm worker
29. Where Jesus met the Samaritan woman
30. Up and ____!
31. "Granting that..."
32. "...now and at the ____ of our death. Amen"
33. Span. lass

35. Rosary part
36. Where King Saul consulted a medium (2 Sam 28:7)
38. Dead-end street
39. Patron saint of actors
41. Word of praise
44. Connection
45. Diocese in British Columbia
47. Nod, vis-à-vis Eden
49. Machine shop tool
50. Golf clubs
51. Mafia dons
52. Cod relative
53. "Rubaiyat" name
54. Bollywood Movie Awards gown
56. Bank machines (abbr.)



Solution to Crossword Puzzle No. 1

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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