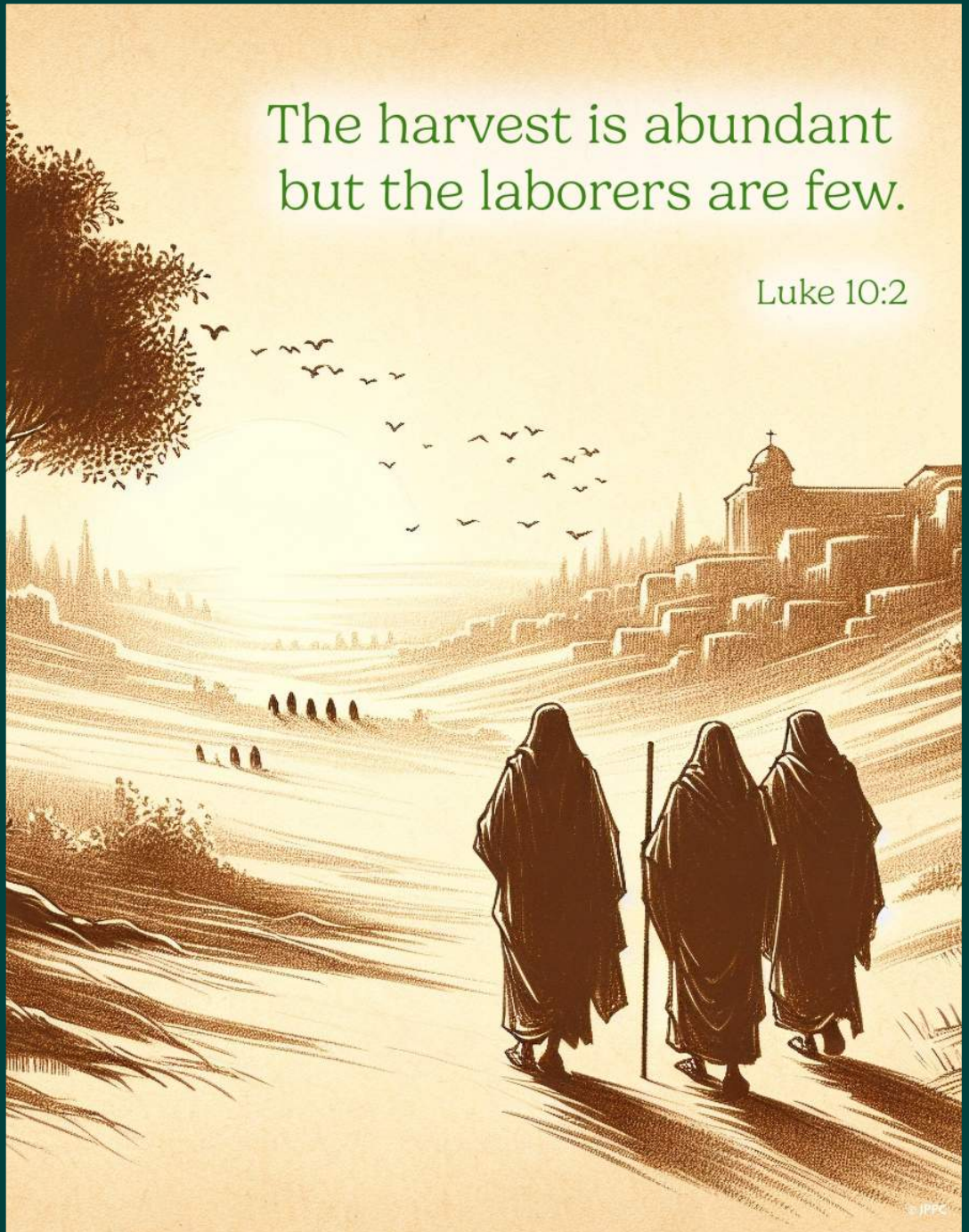


Saint Mary Parish

JULY 6, 2025

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

9am –1:00 pm, Mon. – Closed on Fridays

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

FATHER COREY'S EPISTLE

† **Fun Summer Catholic trivia: How well do you know St. Josemaría Escrivá?** — *From his first confession to being the unofficial patron saint of diabetics, St. Josemaria will surprise you.* (Theresa Civantos Barber — Aleteia)

You've probably heard of Opus Dei, a Catholic organization whose mission is to spread the Christian message that every person is called to holiness and that every honest work can be sanctified.

But did you know its founder was a Spanish priest who is the unofficial patron saint of people with diabetes? And that's just the beginning of what might surprise you about this influential 20th-century saint.

St. Josemaría Escrivá is known for teaching that ordinary work can be a path to holiness, revolutionizing how Catholics today think about spirituality in daily life. But even if you're familiar with his famous teaching about finding God in your work, how well do you actually know this modern saint?

1. Where was St. Josemaría born?
2. When St. Josemaría was two years old, he became gravely ill. When he recovered, his mother made a pilgrimage in thanksgiving to what sacred site?
3. At his first confession, what funny penance did the priest assign St. Josemaría?
4. As a teenager, before he decided to become a priest, what career had he planned to pursue?
5. What did he see one day that inspired him to discern a call to the priesthood?
6. When and where did he receive the founding inspiration for Opus Dei?
7. How did Josemaria escape danger in the Spanish Civil War?
8. What was the first book St. Josemaría wrote, which became a spiritual classic?

9. How many years after his death was he canonized?
10. Fill in the blank: St. Josemaría taught that we should strive to become "_____ in the midst of the world"

Answers:

1. He was born in Spain, in the city of Barbastro.
2. The hermitage of Our Lady of Torreciudad, located twelve miles from Barbastro. He later recalled that, seated on a mule and along rough roads, "My mother carried me in her arms to Our Lady."
3. To eat a fried egg
4. He had intended to be an architect.
5. At the age of 16, while walking on a cold winter day, St. Josemaria noticed footprints in the snow left by the bare feet of a Carmelite friar. As he considered the life of dedication represented by those footprints, he felt an awakening in his soul and wondered if he too was called to give himself to God.
6. On October 2, 1928, while in Madrid on a spiritual retreat, St Josemaria envisioned "a mobilization of Christians of all walks of life who would make the world holy by offering to God their daily duties." From that day forward the young priest dedicated all his energies to this mission.
7. They crossed the Pyrenees mountains on foot, making a dangerous journey through Andorra to reach France.
8. The Way (Camino), a collection of 999 spiritual maxims first published in 1934
9. 27 years, as he died in 1975 and was canonized in 2002
10. "Contemplatives"

What's Your Score?

9-10 correct: Opus Dei Expert

FATHER COREY'S EPISTLE

7-8 correct: Spirituality Scholar

5-6 correct: Modern Saint Enthusiast

Under 5: St. Josemaría still wants you to offer God your daily work!

St. Josemaria Escriva Quotes about Holiness:

"Do you really want to be a saint? Carry out the little duty of each moment: do what you ought and concentrate on what you are doing."

"So you have failed? You — be convinced of it — cannot fail. You haven't failed; you have gained experience. On you go!"

"Jesus, our Lord and Model, growing up and living as one of us, reveals to us that human existence — your life — and its humdrum, ordinary business, have a meaning which is divine, which belongs to eternity."

"Don't be content to ask Jesus pardon just for your own faults: don't love him just with your own heart...Console him for every offence that has been, is, or will be done to him. Love him with all the strength of all the hearts of all those who have most loved him. Be daring: tell him that you are crazier about him than Mary Magdalen, than either of his two Teresas, that you love him madly, more than Augustine and Dominic and Francis, more than Ignatius and Xavier."



SAT., JULY 5

4:30 + Patricia A. Neylon — The Dolan Family

SUN., JULY 6

7:00 + Tadeusz Stachurski — Michelle Curnan

8:30 + Mary Legnard — SMS School & Staff

+ Barbara McCarthy — The Viebrock Family

+ Kenny Frank — George & Linda Keenan

+ Robert Lynch — The Brosnahan Family

+ Mary Ellen Monteleone — The Blondel Family

+ Joseph Begge — George * Linda Keenan

11:00 + Filomena & Pasquele Fisca — John & Rosa Rooney

MON., JULY 7

9:00 + Mary Legnard — Terri & Dickie Kolwicz

TUES., JULY 8

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

WED., JULY 9

9:00 + Walter Burdick — The Newman Family

THU., JULY 10

9:00 + Joe Freebairn — Eileen Freebairn

FRI., JULY 11

9:00 + Zachary Brady — Family

SAT., JULY 12

9:00 + Eric Hagendoorn — Michael Doery

4:30 + Edwin Kiernan — The Bach Family

SUN., JULY 13

7:00 + Vincent Shannon — Family

8:30 For the People of St. Mary

11:00 + Tom & Frances Salierno — Children



*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit and prayers will be said before each Mass by the priest in memory of Mary Ellen Monteleone from the Blondel 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

AROUND THE PARISH

Because of the lack of attendance, **FIRST SUNDAY ADORATION** will be discontinued for the summer and will be revisited in the Fall. Saturday Adoration at 3pm will continue.

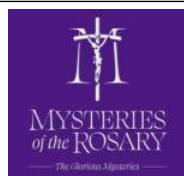
The **ST. MARY MEN'S MINISTRY** group meets on Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in Father McGivney Hall, followed by the 9:00 AM Saturday Mass. For more information, Deacon Eric Keener at dnkeener@diobpt.org.

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

ST. MARY BOOK GROUP welcomes all adults! "Spiritual reading has made many saints" (St. Josemaria Escriva). Our next book is Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith by Robert Barron. Like Barron's Word on Fire documentary film series, Catholicism, the book brings our faith to life through art, literature, architecture, and stories. We will meet on July 23 at 7 pm in the Quiet Room. You can borrow a copy with your Library card through interlibrary loan, or purchase a copy online.

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.



Mysteries of the Rosary - The Glorious Mysteries

Thursdays at 6:30pm Notre Dame Center

As Our Lord is taken down from the Cross and his lifeless body is placed into the tomb, it appears like his life and mission are an utter failure. Yet, there his glorious light shines into the darkness and rises victoriously! Our world has complicated problems. Our God has simple, yet powerful solutions. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. May our lives become evidence of the Resurrection and proof of Pentecost!

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'StMaryChurchBethel'*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 6

12:15pm Pre-Baptism Class

Monday, July 7

8:20am Rosary

Tuesday, July 8

8:20am Rosary

Wednesday, July 9

8:20am Rosary

Thursday, July 10

8:20am Rosary

6:30pm Mysteries of the Rosary

Friday, July 11

8:20am Rosary

Saturday, July 12

7:00am Men's Ministry

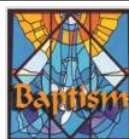
8:20am Rosary

3:00pm Adoration

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, July 13

12:15pm Baptism



God Bless those recently Baptized

Isabella Grace Daluz



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III — Kevin Lemes & Eliza Urena



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).

St. Mary School

A Catholic School of Academic Excellence for Pre-K to 8th Grade

REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR IS

NOW OPEN We are now accepting applications for PreK-- Grade 8. Please visit our website at www.stmarybethelct.org and click on "Apply Now". We do anticipate waitlists in many grades so please apply as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Geraldine Henn, Enrollment Director at admissions@stmarybethelct.org or call 203-744-2922.

Please visit us on FACEBOOK ("St. Mary School, Bethel"), INSTAGRAM ("stmaryschoolbethel"), and TWITTER (@SaintMaryBethel) to see photos and news of the latest happenings at SMS!



Registration for the 2025/2026 school year is now open.

Go to stmarybethel.org and click on the Religious Education tab to fill out the necessary forms. You can also pick up a hard copy in the vestibule of the Church.

Beginning the week of June 15 the Religious Ed office is closed. Please call in (203)743-4557 to leave a message will be answered in a timely manner.

2025 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

2023 PARISH RAFFLE TICKET

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| 4 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card | 9 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card |
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| 8 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card | 13 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card |

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

prizes not redeemable for cash & exclude alcoholic beverages presence of winner not required
no purchase necessary to enter the raffle., void where prohibited

PARISH RAFFLE TICKET

DRAWING: August 16, 2025 at 11pm
streamed LIVE at www.parishraffle.com

2023 PARISH RAFFLE TICKET

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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updates!



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United meets on Sunday evenings on the campus of St. Rose unless otherwise noted.



CROSS ROADS

Monthly Regular Meetings
Community Service Opportunities
Retreats and Other Events

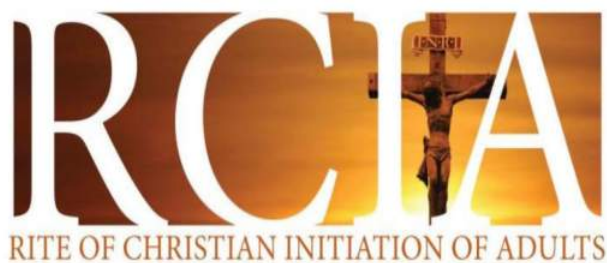
Email StMaryCrossroads@gmail.com to get on the email list for upcoming event schedule

Middle School Ages

FAITH | COMMUNITY | FUN

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

FOR FORMATION IN DISCERNMENT Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



Are you:

- A person who has not been baptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life and have expressed an interest in learning more about Jesus?
- A Baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn about and possibly join the Catholic tradition?
- A Baptized Roman Catholic who has not received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation and would like to become a full participant in the life of the Church?
- Married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful?

If your answer is yes to any of these questions, come and discover, or rediscover, the truth, wonder and mystery of our Catholic faith! The RCIA program prepares you to be received as members of the Catholic Church. Our new sessions begin in September **from 12:30-2:00pm in the Notre Dame Center** every Sunday thereafter. If you are interested in participating or learning more about the RCIA program, call (203)744-5777 or email Deacon Eric Keener at dnkeener@diobpt.org.



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Go to: www.osvonlinegiving.com/994

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

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!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH RECURRING GIVING TO THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

Did you know that you can assist the Diocese in continuing to respond to current needs by being a Recurring Donor?

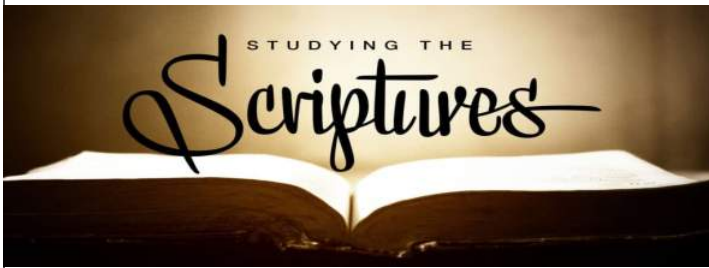
- Recurring gifts are:
- Easy and automatic.
- Flexible and secure.
- Convenient.
- Sustaining.
- Rewarding.

Recurring giving to the Bishop's Appeal allows us to unite as One in Christ and provide works of charity, formation in faith, education, and catechesis.

Sign up for recurring giving today! Visit: www.2025BishopsAppeal.org

*Your recurring gift can be stopped at any time due to change in financial circumstances.

ST MARY'S SCRIPTURE STUDY LOOKS AHEAD TO ITS FALL SERIES



Propelled by the desire to explore their Faith and know God more deeply, members of St Mary's Scripture Study group have been participating in a guided program that examines the Word of God as revealed in the Old and New Testament. New participants are welcome.

The program consists of 8-10 week sessions in the Spring and Fall. Each cluster focuses on a particular theme. To date, these have included Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God, Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible, and most recently God: The Mystery of the Trinity in the Bible.

Each session lasts approximately one hour and consists of a 30-45 minute video lecture by Catholic biblical scholars, followed by an opportunity for brief discussion. The lectures are engaging, enlightening, and thought provoking. Although the sessions build upon one another, you do not need to attend every session to benefit. The program is not aimed at "Bible Scholars"; it is valuable for anyone who wishes to expand their understanding and increase their love of God.

Stay tuned for information about dates, times, and study topics for the Fall.

Participant Remarks:

- "I was surprised to find that there was so much more depth to things that I had heard and read many times-- single words took on whole new meanings.
- "This class informed us about the connection between the Old and New Testaments, especially as the Old Testament predictions were fulfilled through Jesus."
- "I come because it breathes new life into my faith. It helps me realize how rich our Church history is."
- "I have learned that God is a mystery that we need to keep studying more."

TRUTH ON TAP

PRESENTED BY THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF THE GUILDS
OPEN TO ALL - BRING A FRIEND!

Topic
**Spiritual Warfare: What it Is, What it Isn't,
Keep the Devil on His Toes**

Special Presenter
Fr. Sam Kachuba, Pastor, St. Pius X, Fairfield

July 18, 2025
Friday | 6:30 pm
St. Mary Parish, 26 Dodgingtown Road, Bethel

RSVP by July 16 to Ann.Wheeler@diobpt.org

The Knights of Columbus

are looking for Catholic men of faith to help in our mission of charitable works to support St. Mary Parish and the greater Bethel community. If you're at least 18 years of age, we invite you to join us! To watch a video about what we do, see the link or QR code below.

<https://youtu.be/D4NLkjq54I>

To contact us, call our Grand Knight Lang Reese at 410-693-6795 or email us at gkofpavia@gmail.com

The **Knights of Columbus** are a Catholic men's fraternal ministry. Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus, and we are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action. If you are at least 18 years of age, we invite you to join us. Email knightsforcolumbus48-bethelct for more information. Like us on [Facebook.com/Pavia48!](https://www.facebook.com/Pavia48/)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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 of furniture or household goods so that we can continue to move people Off The Streets! 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.



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!!

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY – *Jesus Keeps on Loving You, No Matter What* The Diocese of Bridgeport's Project Rachel Ministry is here to help you. For confidential assistance or information on upcoming events, please contact Maureen at 203-416-1619 or projectrachel@diobpt.org. There is hope after abortion.

MALTA HOUSE is the only transitional living program in the state of Connecticut where a mom can stay with her baby for long-term support and a "hand-up" as she journeys to independence and hope. We need your help... Since opening our doors in 1998, we have welcomed over 700 mothers and babies to our home. But we're not done yet. We are always looking for new volunteers to join our team! Please consider volunteering with us and making a difference in the lives of mothers and babies. If you are interested in lending your skills and sharing your heart with our moms and babies, please contact Claudia Escalante at cescalante@maltahouse.org.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?

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.

Join Our Pilgrimage to the
**NATIONAL SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

FORMATION
Participate in afternoon reflections on prayer, meditation, and devotion to Mary

PRAYER
Participate in daily Mass or spend time with Our Lord in the shrine

TOUR
Stroll along trails, pray the Carmelite Stations of the Cross, and visit the outdoor shrines

JULY 16, 2025
Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:00 am Departure, Sacred Heart Oratory, Georgetown
7:00 pm Return, Sacred Heart Oratory, Georgetown
Premium Motorcoach with Restroom Facilities

Gift Shop
Pack your own lunch or enjoy the on-site facilities
Semi-Structured Day...
time with the group and time to yourself

Open to all ages
Minors must be accompanied by a parent/guardian
\$25 per person
Register and Pay by June 30

www.bridgeportdiocese.org/guilds/morning-star-guild
MorningStarGuild@diobpt.org
REGISTER NOW!

THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I come before you, just as I am, I am sorry for my sins, I repent of my sins, please forgive me. In your Name, I forgive all others for what they have done against me. I renounce Satan, the evil spirits and all their works. I give you my entire self, Lord Jesus, now and forever. I invite you into my life, Jesus. I accept you as my Lord, God and Savior. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul, and spirit.

Come Lord Jesus, cover me with your Precious Blood, and fill me with your Holy Spirit. I love you Lord Jesus. I praise you Jesus. I thank you Jesus. I shall follow you every day of my life.
Amen.

Mary, My Mother, Queen of Peace, St. Peregrine, the cancer saint, all the Angels and Saints, please help me. Amen.



Sun.: Is 66:10-14c Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 Gal 6:14-18
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Mon.: Gen 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab Mt 9:18-26

Tues.: Gen 32:23-33 Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 Mt 9:32-38

Wed.: Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 Mt 10:1-7

Thu.: Gen 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 10:7-15

Fri.: Gen 46:1-7, 28-30 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mt 10:16-23

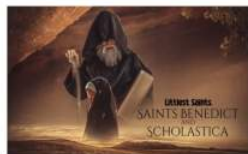
Sat.: Gen 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 Mt 10:24-33

Sun.: Dt 30:10-14 Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37



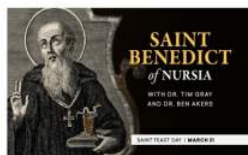
This Week on Formed

Week of July 06, 2025



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.



Saint Benedict | Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Rule of St. Benedict as it applies to daily life.



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.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (743-4557) Mary Ferri, *Director*
Maggie Kent, *Secretary*

RCIA (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 744-2927 744-2928 744-2929
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.

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 dnkeener@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. Lang Reese 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 homebound 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

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