

Saint Mary Parish

JUNE 29, 2025

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

You are Peter, and upon this rock
I will build my Church.

Matthew 16:18



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PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

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

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

FATHER COREY'S EPISTLE

† **Father Corey Update — Things are going as expected. Thank you for the gifts and your continued prayers.**

† **From a homily by Saint Paul VI, pope — *We proclaim Christ to the whole world***

Not to preach the Gospel would be my undoing, for Christ himself sent me as his apostle and witness. The more remote, the more difficult the assignment, the more my love of God spurs me on. I am bound to proclaim that Jesus is Christ, the Son of the living God. Because of him we come to know the God we cannot see. He is the firstborn of all creation; in him all things find their being. Man's teacher and redeemer, he was born for us, died for us, and for us he rose from the dead.

All things, all history converges in Christ. A man of sorrow and hope, he knows us and loves us. As our friend he stays by us throughout our lives; at the end of time he will come to be our judge; but we also know that he will be the complete fulfillment of our lives and our great happiness for all eternity.

I can never cease to speak of Christ for he is our truth and our light; he is the way, the truth and the life. He is our bread, our source of living water who allays our hunger and satisfies our thirst. He is our shepherd, our leader, our ideal, our comforter and our brother.

He is like us but more perfectly human, simple, poor, humble, and yet, while burdened with work, he is more patient. He spoke on our behalf; he worked miracles; and he founded a new kingdom: in it the poor are happy; peace is the foundation of a life in common; where the pure of heart and those who mourn are uplifted and comforted; the hungry find justice; sinners are forgiven; and all discover that they are brothers.

The image I present to you is the image of Jesus Christ. As Christians you share his name; he has already made most of you his own. So once again I repeat his name to you Christians and I proclaim to

all men: Jesus Christ is the beginning and the end, the alpha and the omega, Lord of the new universe, the great hidden key to human history and the part we play in it. He is the mediator—the bridge, if you will—between heaven and earth. Above all he is the Son of man, more perfect than any man, being also the Son of God, eternal and infinite. He is the son of Mary his mother on earth, more blessed than any woman. She is also our mother in the spiritual communion of the mystical body.

Remember: [it] is Jesus Christ I preach day in and day out. His name I would see echo and re-echo for all time even to the ends of the earth.

† **From the treatise Against Heresies by Saint Irenaeus, bishop and martyr — *Life in man is the glory of God; the life of man is the vision of God***

The glory of God gives life; those who see God receive life. For this reason God, who cannot be grasped, comprehended or seen, allows himself to be seen, comprehended and grasped by men, that he may give life to those who see and receive him. It is impossible to live without life, and the actualization of life comes from participation in God, while participation in God is to see God and enjoy his goodness.

Men will therefore see God if they are to live; through the vision of God they become immortal and attain to God himself. As I have said, this was shown in symbols by the prophets: God will be seen by men who hear his Spirit and are always waiting for his coming. As Moses said in the Book of Deuteronomy: On that day we shall see, for God will speak to man, and man will live.

God is the source of all activity throughout creation. He cannot be seen or described in his own nature and in all his greatness by any of his creatures. Yet he is certainly not unknown. Through his Word the whole creation learns that there is one God and Father, who holds all things together and

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gives them their being. As it is written in the Gospel: No man has ever seen God, except the only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father; he has revealed him.

From the beginning the Son is the one who teaches us about the Father; he is with the Father from the beginning. He was to reveal to the human race visions of prophecy, the diversity of spiritual gifts, his own ways of ministry, the glorification of the Father, all due order and harmony, at the appointed time and for our instruction. Where there is order, there is also correct timing; where there is correct timing, there is also advantage.

The Word became the steward of the Father's grace for the advantage of men, for whose benefit he made such wonderful arrangements. He revealed God to men and presented men to God. He safeguarded the invisibility of the Father to prevent men from treating God with contempt and to set before him a constant goal toward which to make progress. On the other hand, he revealed God to men and made him visible in many ways to prevent man from being totally separated from God and so cease to be. Life in man is the glory of God; the life of man is the vision of God. If the revelation of God through creation gives life to all who live upon the earth, much more does the manifestation of the Father through the Word give life to those who see God.



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

Mass Intentions

SAT., June 28

4:30 + Sean Ryan — Tom & Mary O'Leary

SUN., June 29

7:00 + Beverly O'Connor — Mary Ferri

8:30 + Jack & Julianna McGregor — McGregor Family

11:00 + Ann Greco (*Anniv.*) — Mary & Paul Shanley

MON., JUNE 30

9:00 + Lorraine Valentini — The Mallonee Family

TUES., JULY 1

9:00 + Charlene Reis — Husband

WED., JULY 2

9:00 + Linda Cole — Pat & Bill Postiglione

THU., JULY 3

9:00 + Ronald C. Wilson — The Tiberio Family

FRI., JULY 4

9:00 For the People of St. Mary

SAT., JULY 5

9:00 + Patricia A. Neylon — The Dolan Family

4:30 + Eric Hagendoorn — Michael Doery

SUN., JULY 6

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 Richard Powers*

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.

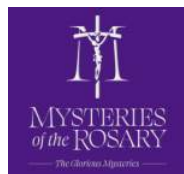
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP provides a prayerful experience of mutual support and comfort for those who are confronting the loss of a loved one. Our upcoming zoom meeting is on **July 12**. If you wish to attend, please call the parish office at 744-5777 and ask that a group facilitator call you with more information.

The **ST. MARY YOUTH CHOIR** sings once a month and rehearse every Wednesday from 5-6pm in Father McGivney Hall. For more info contact Leanna Hinger at YouthChoir.StMary@gmail.com.

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.

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 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!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 29

12:15pm Baptism

Monday, June 30

8:20am Rosary

Tuesday, July 1

8:20am Rosary

Wednesday, July 2

8:20am Rosary

Thursday, July 3

8:20am Rosary

6:30pm Mysteries of the Rosary

Friday, July 4

Independence Day

8:20am Rosary

Saturday, July 5

7:00am Men's Ministry

8:20am Rosary

3:00pm Adoration

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, July 6

12:15pm Pre-Baptism Class

Offertory for the Weekend of June 21/22, 2025

Collection: \$8,857.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,381.00

Offertory for the Weekend of June 22/23, 2024

Collection: \$8,648.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,491.00

Thank you for your generosity!



God Bless those recently Baptized

William Anthony Canil
Hudson Rohonczy
Isabel Rohonczy



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II — Kevin Lemes & Eliza Urena

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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 |
| 5 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card | 10 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card |
| 6 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card | 11 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card |
| 7 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card | 12 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card |
| 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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United meets on Sunday evenings on the campus of St. Rose unless otherwise noted.



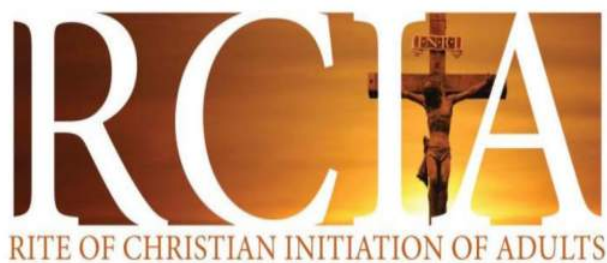
CROSS ROADS

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



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 are **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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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.



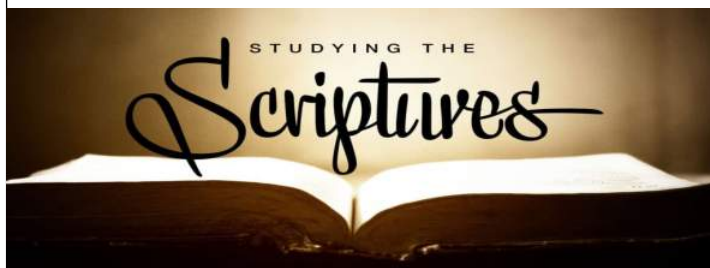
The Knights of Columbus are looking for Catholic men of faith to help in our mission of charitable works to support St. Mary Parish and the greater Bethel community. If you're at least 18 years of age, we invite you to join us! To watch a video about what we do, see the link or QR code below.

<https://youtu.be/D4NLkjqR54I>

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



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."

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 knightsofcolumbus48-bethelct for more information. Like us on [Facebook.com/Pavia48](https://www.facebook.com/Pavia48)!

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's Knights of Columbus Pavia Council scholarship awards: Jack Ginin — Edward J. Collins Memorial Scholarship; Jonathan Keener — Pavia Council Heritage Award in memory of Bernard J. Dolan, Sr. U Arthur J. Mannion, Sr.; Amalia Tuccinardi — Nina Vaghi Good Sportsmanship Award. Our annual Ceremony was held on June 19th at 7pm.



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).

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.

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!

PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those that declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong; that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts towards the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety in the common good for all. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Sun.: Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Mon.: Gen 18:16-33 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 Mt 8:18-22

Tues.: Gen 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 Mt 8:23-27

Wed.: Gen 21:5, 8-20a Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 8:28-34

Thu.: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc-2 Jn 20:24-29

Fri.: Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Mt 9:9-13

Sat.: Gen 27:1-5, 15-29 Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:14-17

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



This Week on Formed

Week of June 29, 2025



Peter: Keeper of the Keys

When a young Christian girl is arrested and imprisoned in ancient Rome, she hears stories of martyrs like St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Lawrence the Deacon—will she find the strength to make the ultimate sacrifice for her faith?



Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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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 744-2927 744-2927
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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