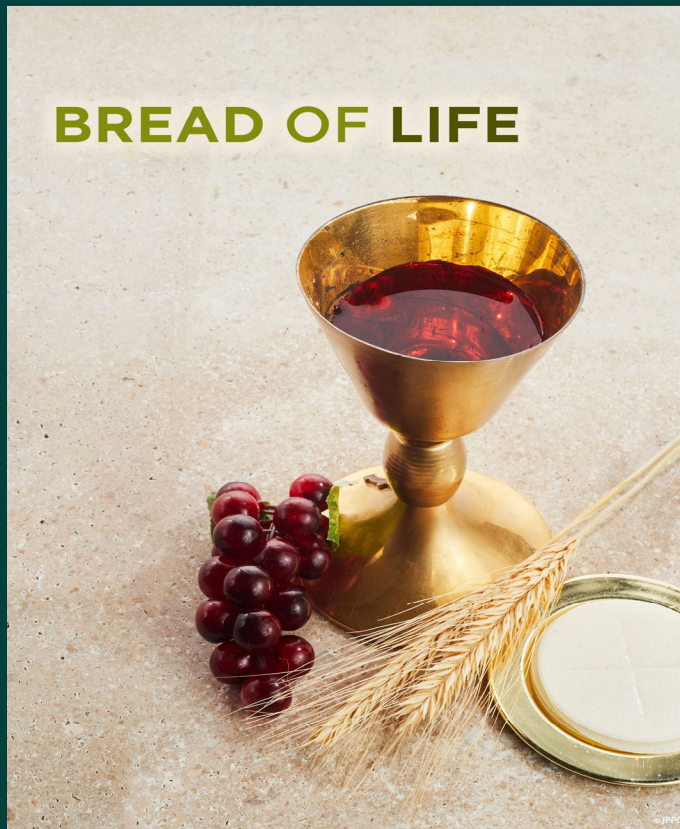


Saint Mary Parish

June 7, 2026

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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*
Father Andrew LaFleur, *Parochial Vicar*
Father Milan Dimic, *Resident*
Deacon John DeRoin
Deacon Eric Keener
Kate Fitzgerald, *Bulletin Editor*
Carolyn Schlichtig, *Parish Secretary*
Maggie Kent, *Office Manager*
Debbie Burke, *Business Manager*
Alex LaFleur, *Property Manager*

ST. MARY SCHOOL (744-2922) Jason Ford, *Principal*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (743-4557) 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.

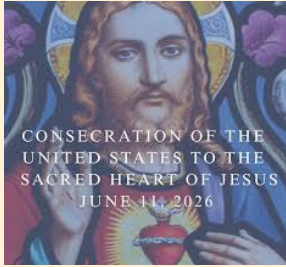
HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: To any of those who are homebound or hospitalized and interested in having a visit by a priest, or are interested in serving in this ministry, please call the Parish Office at 744-5777.

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

† US bishops' consecration of nation to Sacred Heart of Jesus affirms 'our reliance on God'



How might you help a nation in political turmoil celebrate its 250th anniversary and the unlikely creation of the first large-scale, self-governing republic in the modern world?

Dedicate it to the Sacred Heart of Jesus — as the U.S. bishops will do for the United States of

America on June 11, marking the first such formal consecration of the country to Christ's heart.

The prelates made the decision to do this during a Nov. 11, 2025, session of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' fall plenary assembly in Baltimore — and while they were singularly focused on an exceptional gesture to mark our country's semiquincentennial, the consecration still probably can't come at a better time.

According to a CNN/SSRS poll released April 3, Americans are divided by intense levels of cynicism, viewing both the Democratic and Republican parties in deeply negative terms. A full 77% of Americans, the Pew Research Center reported April 15, think the nation's political system needs major changes or complete reform.

Reasons for consecration Archbishop Alexander K. Sample of Portland, Oregon, who chairs the USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty, told OSV News there are three essential reasons the bishops voted for the consecration.

First "would be to place our nation under the kingship of Christ," he said. "Yes, we are a democratic republic; we are a civil society — but no civil society can long endure without being under the kingship of Christ himself; to place ourselves under God's providence and care."

And while our young nation fought a revolution to throw off a monarchy, Archbishop Sample emphasized the continuity between Jesus' kingship and America's founding ideals.

"In the history of our nation, it's undoubtable and it's irrefutable that the faith — and our reliance on God — really was the foundation that our Founding Fathers placed this nation on," he said. "So at this time, as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, it's to remind all of us that — whatever civil government we might have — we are all under, ultimately, the kingship of Christ."

Second, Archbishop Sample noted "there's a certain reparation aspect to the Sacred Heart. I think we can't forget that part of the consecration is to make reparation for offenses against God; against the heart of Christ."

Some of those offenses, he remarked, are part of American history.

"We are a great and blessed nation — but there are mistakes that we have made as a people over these 250 years. And so this is a good time," the archbishop added,

"to also make reparation to the heart of Christ for those offenses against his love, and his mercy, and his justice — for all peoples."

Finally, Archbishop Sample said, "there's this desire, through this consecration, to also call us to have a greater heart for the poor and the suffering ... as we honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we can't just honor it as a private devotion. It has to move us, and move our hearts."

Pope Francis, he said, "was a man who loved these beautiful, rich devotions we have in the faith ... and wanted to call our attention to the fact that the heart of Christ is the heart of mercy ... and through the heart of Jesus, we find healing and reconciliation."

Pope Francis brought the Sacred Heart to wider Catholic attention with the 2024 encyclical "Dilexit Nos" ("He Loved Us"), observing the devotion needs to be revived for our era.

Sacred Heart devotion Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus — which traces its roots to at least the second century — grew during the Middle Ages and was later extended to the universal church following Christ's revelations of his Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a 17th-century French woman religious.

Emily Schumacher-Novak — associate director of Education and Outreach at the USCCB's Secretariat of Justice and Peace — said the June 11 consecration is accompanied by an abundance of USCCB resources, including a prayer and downloadable prayer card; a Novena to the Sacred Heart (June 3-11); a ceremony to enthrone the Sacred Heart in the home; consecration resources for parishes; materials from the Knights of Columbus and the Pope's Prayer Network; and the "We Hold These Truths – America 250" article and video series, which feature the contributions of Catholics to the United States.

"We are also offering a resource that invites people to do 250 hours of adoration and 250 works of mercy," Schumacher-Novak said. "It's that connection back to charity and justice that our Church calls us to — to pray for all the things in our world that need healing — that we can do in front of the Blessed Sacrament."

The national consecration — at Mary, Queen of the Universe Basilica in Orlando, Florida — will be live streamed via the USCCB homepage on June 11.

"As the bishops of the United States do the consecration of the whole nation to the heart of Christ, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we're also encouraging local communities to do the same — especially in our families and in our dioceses," concluded Archbishop Sample.

He noted family, parish and diocesan consecrations are not meant to replace the national consecration.

"It's so we're sort of doing it on all levels, so to speak," said Archbishop Sample, "to really make this a meaningful moment in the light of the Church here in this great and blessed land."



SAT., JUNE 6

4:30 Saint Mary Parish

SUN., JUNE 7

7:00 + Jonathan Simko — Family
 + Mary Ellen Monteleone — Cathy & Gene Blondell
 8:30 + Christopher Wagher — Mary Wagher
 11:00 + Anne Herman Coutermash — Family

MON., JUNE 8

9:00 + Rosalie DeMarco — Carol Roth

TUES., JUNE 9

9:00 + Frances Piccinino

WED., JUNE 10

9:00 + Joan Rotunda — Gary & Peg Lewis

THURS., JUNE 11

9:00 + Joan M. Rotunda — The MacGregor Family

FRI., JUNE 12

9:00 + Souls in Purgatory

SAT., JUNE 13

9:00 + Jackie Besser — Ellen McShane
 4:30 + Leoica Garcia — The Mulligan Family

SUN., JUNE 14

7:00 Saint Mary Parish
 8:30 + Barbara McCarthy — The Jerolimo Family
 11:00 + Helen Hyland — The Ruhl Family



Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

9:00am

Saturday

9:00am & 4:30pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday

7:00am, 8:30am, & 11:00am

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-4:00pm

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 7

12:15pm Pre Baptism

2:30pm Men's Cursillo Class

6:00pm United Youth

Monday, June 8

7:00pm Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, June 9

9:30am Women of Faith

3:30pm New Day Bereavement

7:00pm Women of Faith

Wednesday, June 10

Thursday, June 11

6:30pm Bible Study

Friday, June 12

6:00pm 8th Grade Graduation

Saturday, June 13

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Adoration

Sunday, June 14

12:15pm Baptisms

2:30pm Men's Cursillo Class

3:00pm 250th Anniversary Concert

6:00pm United Youth



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AROUND THE PARISH

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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP provides a prayerful experience of mutual support and comfort for those who are confronting the loss of a loved one. Our upcoming zoom meeting is on **June 6**. 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).

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.

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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.

Offertory for the Weekend of May 23/24, 2026

Collection: \$7,409.00 On-Line Giving: \$8,510.00

Offertory for the Weekend of May 30/31, 2026

Collection: \$6,696.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,695.00

Thank you for your generosity!

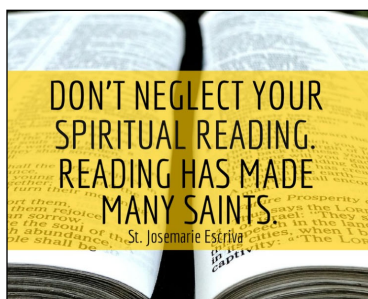


St. Pauly Used Clothing Drop Off Shed



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



St. Mary Parish Book Club

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

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

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

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

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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

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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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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 MAY SMS 10 Month Club Raffle has been selected and notified - the winner is Joe N. of Danbury.

Supporting St. Mary School's Summer Improvement Projects St. Mary School is deeply grateful for the prayers, generosity, and support of our parish community. Your commitment to Catholic education helps us provide a safe, faith-filled environment where students grow in knowledge, service, and love of Christ.

As we prepare for the 2026-2027 school year, we are seeking support for several critical summer projects, including:

- Replacement of the school's security system and cameras
- New HVAC systems for the Main Office and PreK/Religious Education wing
- Playground repairs and other deferred maintenance needs
- Painting the school entrance and hallways
- Upgraded and modernized lighting throughout the building

These improvements are essential investments in the safety, comfort, and future of our students.

Please consider making a special gift to support these projects. Donations may be made through St. Mary's Online Giving platform or by check to the parish office. Please indicate "St. Mary School Summer Projects" with your gift.

Thank you for helping St. Mary School continue its mission of forming students in faith, excellence, and service.

"Let the little children come to me." — Matthew 19:14



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Collect your change
and return between
Mothers Day and
Fathers Day to the
collection box after
mass to Support
Malta House

This is the 4th year for this important campaign in support of babies and motherhood. Over the last 3 years, the St Mary community has donated well over \$ 10,000 to this worthy effort. We thank you for your support to date and look forward to your participation this year

Walking Together in Faith through Accompaniment



Jesus walked with His disciples, meeting them in their struggles and leading them toward truth. Today, the Church continues this mission

through accompaniment, walking alongside one another in faith so that all may encounter Christ.

As Catholics, accompaniment calls us to build meaningful relationships rooted in patience, mercy, service, and authentic love. Through the Church, the Sacraments, and our personal witness, we help others grow in holiness and deepen their communion with God.

Across the Diocese of Bridgeport, many experience loneliness or spiritual disconnection. Through The One, the Diocese responds by offering pastoral accompaniment and home visits through Pastoral Companions, and one on one spiritual friendships through Walk With One.

The Bishop's Appeal supports these ministries and makes this work possible as we continue growing One in Christ.

Support these ministries by giving today: 2026BishopAppeal.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.

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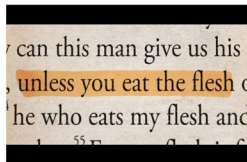
This Week on Formed

Week of June 07, 2026



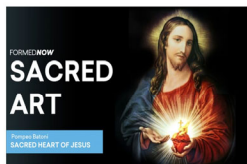
Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee

Christ's teaching about the Eucharist is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. Join Dr. Tim Gray for an exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.



Presence

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.



The Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart

Do you have a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus? Deepen your devotion by listening to this discussion of sacred art pieces depicting the heart of Christ.

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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.

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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 JUNE

For the values of sports Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



Sun.: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58

Mon.: 1 Kgs 17:1-6 Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Mt 5:1-12

Tues.: 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 Mt 5:13-16

Wed.: 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 Mt 5:17-19

Thu.: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mt 5:20-26

Fri.: Dt 7:6-11 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30

Sat.: 1 Kgs 19:19-21 Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 Mt 5:33-37

Sun.: Ex 19:2-6a Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rom 5:6-11 Mt 9:36—10:8

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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.



Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe with Bishop Caggiano, Fr. Joseph-Anthony Kress, and Molly & Chris McMahon

Plus an unforgettable trip to the Sisters of Mary Girlstown

October 9-12, 2026

A Journey of Faith & Joy: Guadalupe to Girlstown

- Encounter the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Walk up Tepeyac Hill, where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531
- Attend Daily Mass
- Come to Intimately Know a Future American Saint Venerable Aloysius Schwartz
- Witness how the Sisters of Mary are transforming the lives of poor children through education, faith formation, and vocational skills training

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano,
Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport



Reverend Joseph-Anthony Kress,
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Molly & Chris McMahon,
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1 (800) 662-6316

St. Augustine: Holy Spirit Prayer

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me, Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy.

Attract my heart, Holy Spirit,
that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit,
that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit,
that I may always be holy.

Amen.

MINISTRIES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LITURGY

Adult Acolyte Provide adult altar service at funerals and memorial services. Rectory Office (203) 744 - 5777

Altar Server Support the community in the Church's weekly liturgical celebrations. Father Andrew LaFleur FrLaFleur@diobpt.org

Lector Proclaim the scriptures and read the petitions at Mass. 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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