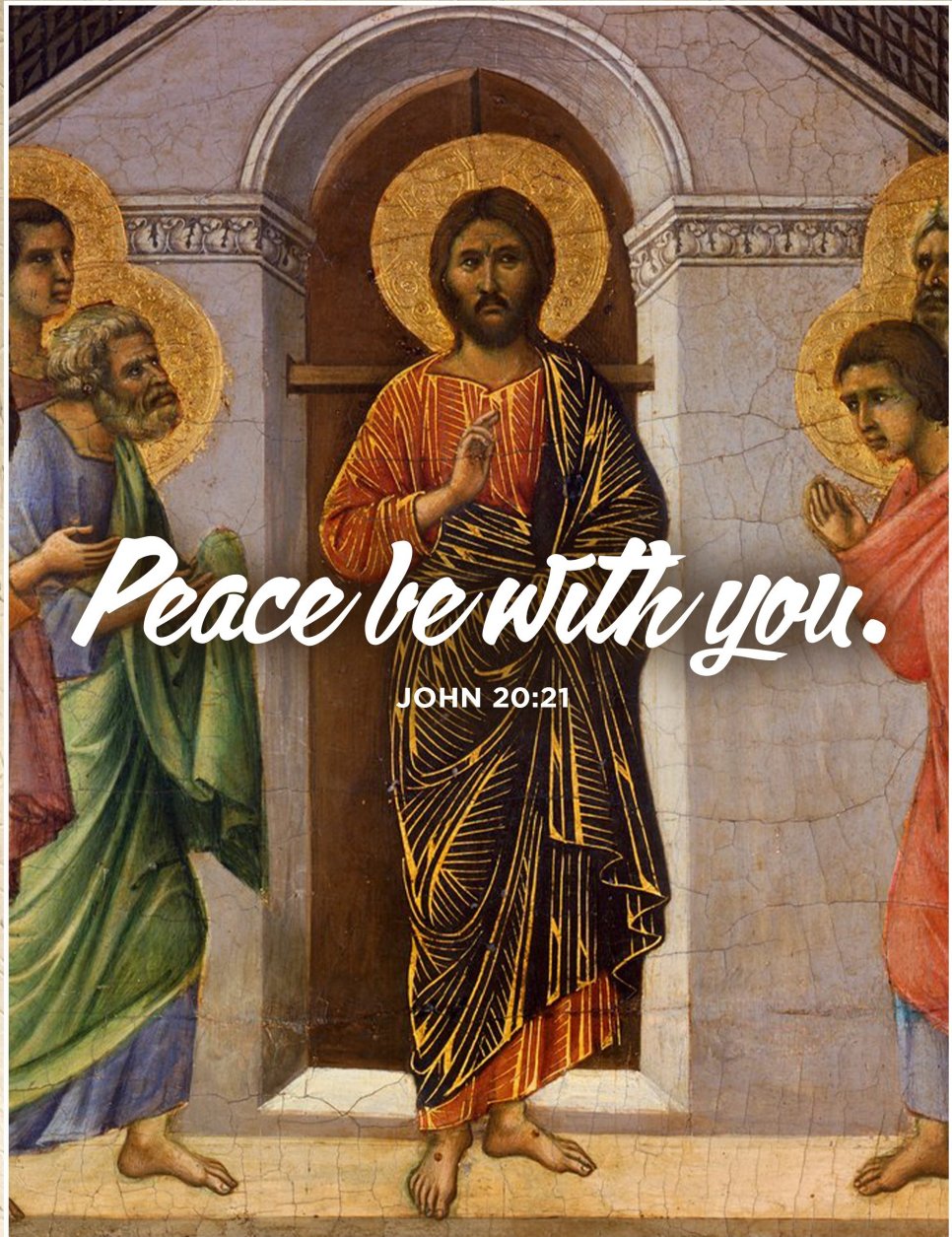


Saint Mary Parish

PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 8, 2025



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PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

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

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

FATHER COREY'S EPISTLE

† On Tuesday of Holy Week at around 4:45 pm, I was walking down to the Church to hear confessions. You might remember, it was unbelievably windy. As I moved down the stairs, a strong gust of wind came along and knocked me off my feet and I fell on the edge of the steps. (Yes, I know it is hard to believe and if I wasn't there myself, I wouldn't believe it either.)

As you can imagine it hurt quite a bit, but Holy Week had to go on.

The next week I went to the Walk-In Orthopedic Center at Berkshire Park. They took x-rays and said I have fractured my tail bone. Nothing they could do about it. But they did find some things they didn't like. So I went for an MRI. Then I went for a CAT scan and finally went for a PET scan. After all these tests and eliminating this, that and the other thing, the Doctors agreed that I have developed B-Cell Lymphoma.

This seems to occur to men over the age of 60. I am seeing an Oncologist and I shall be receiving treatment for a cure (the doctor's words). Chemo, that will be put into a port in my chest will given every three weeks for 18 weeks. That will be a total of 6 treatments. There will probably be some side effects, but they can be dealt with. With your prayers and those of my family and friends, I shall get to the Fall in September all shiny and new.

One side effect will be hair loss — that is an easy one for me. (I may have to get a fake goatee to wear).

I hope to be ministering as best I can and with Fr. Andrew's help, everything will proceed as normal.

As many of you know I have great devotion to St. Pope John Paul II. When he was in America talking to young people he repeated a number of times the phrase *"Do not be afraid"*. He is a Saint so I have to listen to him.

Please walk with me on this journey. Thank your in advance for prayers and positive thoughts

† Monsignor William J. Scheyd

Monsignor William J. Scheyd, 85, died peacefully on May 28, surrounded by his family and friends at Catherine Dennis Keefe Queen of the Clergy Residence where he resided for the past nine years. A priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport for 60 years, Monsignor Scheyd was born and raised in Bridgeport and attended St. Ann's Elementary School and Fairfield Prep. He completed his seminary studies at St. John Seminary in Boston, and later earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Boston Theological Institute. Monsignor Scheyd served in parishes throughout Fairfield County, including St. Mary Parish and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Norwalk, St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport, and Saint Aloysius Parish in New Canaan. For 15 years, he served as Vicar General of the Diocese of Bridgeport, working closely with the bishops of the diocese and assisting on various diocesan committees and boards.

Active in ministry well past his retirement in late 2016, Monsignor Scheyd had a variety of other interests including cars and travel (including trips to the Holy Land, a trip to Rome where he had the honor of meeting Pope John Paul II). In addition to the many hats he wore as a Monsignor and Vicar, he also could be found on the beach every summer wearing a large straw hat and reading a book. Monsignor Scheyd was not only recognizable within the community for his good work, but also known instantly in public for his famous "mutton chops" sideburns.

Monsignor loved spending time with those he loved, especially his sister and her family in Fairfield, who enjoyed dinners together religiously every Thursday. He enjoyed summer vacations to the shore where he focused on being an amazing brother and uncle. He enjoyed good conversation with friends and family accompanied by delicious food. Monsignor loved to show off his cooking skills, and was particularly adept at omelets, and

FATHER COREY'S EPISTLE

barbequed fish and shrimp. His passion for food extended well past his waistline to the most vulnerable, and he always made sure that no one in his community went hungry. He found great joy in serving the larger community in his role as Fire Chaplain, a position he held for 37 years in Norwalk, and 15 years in New Canaan. He also served as Norwalk Police Commissioner in the late 70s and early 80s.

Msgr. was extremely generous, and was always willing to lend a hand. Whether assisting first responders when tragedy struck, ministering to the injured, or supporting wherever help was most needed, his first priority was always caring for others. Blessed with a great sense of humor, he loved to laugh, and always viewed the world through a positive lens, urging others to do the same. His greatest gift was his ability to genuinely comfort others. His dedication to his Catholic faith was great, and he lived his life with purpose, bringing the strength and hope that comes from faith in Jesus to so many parishioners, friends, and strangers. He took great pride in helping to create Malta House, a residence and ministry for single moms and their babies.

Monsignor Scheyd is survived by his beloved sister, Barbara Scheyd Lasko; his nephew, Gene (Lynne) Lasko; nieces Anne (Steven) Barletta, Margaret (Michael) Harrigan, and Mary (David) Campbell; twelve grand-nieces and nephews; and one great-great-nephew. He was predeceased by his parents, William and Pauline Scheyd.

Visiting hours were held on Monday, June 2 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Saint Aloysius Church, 21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT., followed by a Mass at 7:30 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, June 3 at 11:00 AM at Saint Aloysius Church. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to Malta House, 139 W Rocks Rd, Norwalk, CT 06851 in Monsignor Scheyd's memory. For directions or online guestbook, please visit: www.Magnerfuneralhome.com



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



SAT., June 7

4:30 + George Aiello — John & Susan Geier

SUN., June 8

7:00 + Gloria Lucas

8:30 + Vincenzo Conte — Todd & Debra Smith

11:00 + Helen Hyland — The Ruhl Family

MON., JUNE 9

9:00 + Frances Piccinino

TUES., JUNE 10

9:00 For the People of St. Mary

WED., JUNE 11

9:00 + Fred & Christina Healy — Gina & Dan Ippolito

THU., JUNE 12

9:00 + Thomas R. Neylon (10th Anniv.) — The Dolan Family

FRI., JUNE 13

9:00 + Giovanni Del Mistro — Fulvio & Elide Tramontina

SAT., JUNE 14

9:00 + George Brooks (10th Anniv.) — The Brooks Family

4:30 + Patricia Reisert — Marie Broccoli

SUN., June 15

7:00 + Kathy Prahach — Family

8:30 + Kevin Fitzgerald — Children

11:00 + Thomas Neylon & John Dolan — The Dolan Family



*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit and prayers will be said before each Mass by the priest in memory of Mary Legnard from the Salierno Family*

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 **June 14**. 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 **YOUNG ADULT** group (ages 21-35) meets every 3rd Thursday of the month. Look them up on Instagram at [avemarie1882](https://www.instagram.com/avemarie1882).

The **ST. MARY ADULT CHOIR** practices in Father McGivney 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 **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.

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 —

Mysteries of the Rosary - The Glorious Mysteries

June 12, 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 8

12:15pm Baptism

6:00pm CrossRoads

Monday, June 9

8:20am Rosary

7:00pm Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, June 10

8:20am Rosary

Wednesday, June 11

8:20am Rosary

5:00pm Children's Choir Practice
(Father McGivney Hall)

7:00pm Adult Choir Practice
(Father McGivney Hall)

Thursday, June 12

8:20am Rosary

6:30pm Mysteries of the Rosary

Friday, June 13

8:20am Rosary

Saturday, June 14

8:20am Rosary

3:00pm Adoration

3:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Chamber Music Performance

Sunday, June 15



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

EUCCHARISTIC
Adoration

Offertory for the Weekend of May 31/June 1, 2025

Collection: \$8,303.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,833.00

Offertory for the Weekend of June 1/2, 2024

Collection: \$7,427.00 On-Line Giving: \$5,346.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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!



St. Mary Religious Education
24 Dodgingtown Road
Bethel, CT 06801
203-743-4557

stmarybethelrelied@gmail.com
stmarybethel.org



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 Father McGivney Hall** beginning in September and 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 dnkeen-er@diobpt.org.



Mother Cabrini Shrine
Met Cloisters
Dinner

June 28, 2025 - 11:00am
departure - \$125/
person

PILGRIMAGE

JUNE 28TH
DEPARTING 11:00AM
PRICING TO FOLLOW

• 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



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/D4NLkqr54I>

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



Join us for St. Mary Vacation Bible School



June 23-27, 2025

9:00-11:45

St. Mary Parish Hall

\$55.00

Ages 3-10

Child _____

Age _____ Gender _____

Parent Name _____

Phone Number _____

Parent email _____

Allergies, medical condition or special need _____

In case of Emergency, contact _____

Phone number _____

For more info contact Mary Ferri 203 743 4557 or
faithformation@stmarybethel.org

I understand that neither St. Mary Church, nor any of its employees or volunteers is responsible for any injury sustained by my child. I accept full responsibility for any medical expenses as a result of any such injury sustained.

Parent/Guardians _____

(Signature)



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MALTA HOUSE
HOPE FOR LIFE

Bottles for Change

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



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Be grateful. Give generously.

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Create your account TODAY

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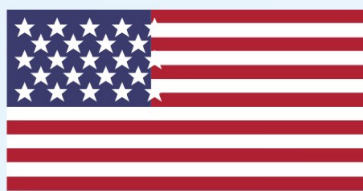
www.stmarybethel.org and click on the online giving link

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

That the world might grow in compassion Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

The Spirit is a Movin'

A Musical Celebration of the American Spirit



Pledging allegiance to our flag and celebrating the
250th Anniversary of our Military

A Chamber Music Performance

**Saturday, June 14, 2025
7:00 PM**

*Preconcert wine & cheese reception
in Fr. McGivney Hall*

St. Mary Church

26 Dodgingtown Road
Bethel, Connecticut



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.



ONE in Christ
2025 Bishop's Appeal
DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

"The Pastoral Care Department at St. Vincent's Medical Center serves the mission of the Church by striving to make sure every patient and healthcare provider regardless of their faith, state of life, or socioeconomic status, knows about the dignity they possess as sons and daughters of God."

Juan J. Colón, Jr.
Configuration Stage, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

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To support this important ministry and work in our Diocese, please consider making your gift to the Bishop's Appeal today! Visit: www.2025BishopsAppeal.org

BREATHE IN ME, O HOLY SPIRIT by St. Augustine of Hippo

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.

Amen.



Sun.: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Mon.: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab Jn 16:29-33

Tues.: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

Wed.: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab Jn 17:11b-19

Thu.: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Jn 17:20-26

Fri.: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19

Sat.: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 Jn 21:20-25

Sun.: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



This Week on Formed

Week of June 08, 2025



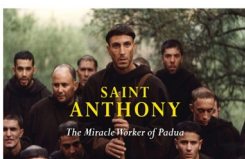
Mary | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary. Who is Mary? Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How could she be a virgin if Jesus had brothers and sisters according to the Bible? Find out answers to these and more questions in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



The Wild Goose

In this Easter season, join Fr. Dave Pivonka in the Wild Goose, a 14-part series on living a life inspired by and with the Holy Spirit.



Saint Anthony: Miracle Worker of Padua

This beautiful Italian film depicts the life of St. Anthony of Padua, including his preaching, his love for the poor, and the wonders of his miracles. It will doubtless help you cultivate devotion to this beloved saint.

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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 202*207 2222 -22
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