

Saint Mary Parish

March 15, 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

I was blind and *now I see.*

JOHN 9:25



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

9am –1:30 pm, Mon. – Fri.

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

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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.

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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.

FROM FATHER COREY

As you remember 8 years ago, in conjunction with Bishop Caggiano, we conducted the **We Stand with Christ** campaign. The monies that we received (through gifts and pledges) we shared with the Diocese of Bridgeport. The rest of the money we used for the renovation of our Church.

The total amount raised for the campaign was \$2,601,100. The total amount given to St Mary was \$1,521,720. The total amount of the project was \$1,519,870

So we had raised enough money to pay for the project. There was one glitch— a good deal of the money was in pledges over five years. The contractors had to be paid in full, but we did not yet have all the money, so we had to take a loan from Fairfield County Bank of \$750,000. We paid off as much as we could through squeezing the offertory. At maturity last May we still owed \$375,000.

Why did we still owe money? A number of people did not finish paying their pledge or some died. Last year we sent letters to each of those households asking for them to either finish paying their commitments or to call me and let me know that completing their commitment was impossible. Unfortunately, I heard from no one!

The amount owed was not only the pledges that were not paid but the interest that was owed on those five years as well.

Luckily, the bank that we use for our normal transactions, Union Savings, gave us a new loan for \$375,000.

The last couple of months we have been able to pay \$102,000 on the new loan. I was to come to you with this issue earlier, but with my cancer diagnosis, I was unable to speak at all Masses. So I come to you today and ask you for your generosity for what I call **We Stand With Christ Phase II**.

Looking at the beautiful outcome of the project, I believe all that donated to this project are happy with the results. At the beginning of the project, some were leery about giving and wanted to see the results first, some wanted to give more but couldn't at the time, and some of you were not members of the Parish when we began the project.

I come today to ask each household to consider helping the Parish to pay off the loan.

I am asking for a gift of \$1,000 paid in one sum or given over ten months. Or a gift of \$500 or pledge over ten months.

I know this is a big ask, but together we need to rid the Parish of this burden. *All money will stay in the Parish.*

You are always so generous when we are in need. For those who gave would it be possible to give again? If you were not able to give, perhaps you will be able to help now. If you didn't know about the campaign and love the way Church looks, perhaps you might be able to give now. To show you that I am willing to put my money where my mouth is, I will make the first pledge of \$1,000. Knowing this congregation, I know I will not be alone. Thank you for your generosity.



St. Mary Church
26 Dodgingtown Road
Bethel, CT 06801

We Stand with Christ Phase II

I/We pledge/gift \$1,000.00

☐ Over Ten Months

☐ One Time

I/We pledge/gift \$500.00

☐ Over Ten Months

☐ One Time

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ ☐ Please send me monthly reminders

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

Mass Intentions

SAT., MARCH 14

4:30 St. Mary Parish

SUN., MARCH 15

- 7:00 + Sheila A. Duffy — The Polistena Family
 8:30 + Sophie & Stanley Mazur — The Mac Gregor Family
 + Inge, Tony & Linda Barra — The Barra Family
 + Rita Bomagatt — The Barra Family
 + The Cullen Family — The Barra Family
 + Richard Kuhn — Wife Pat & Sons
 + Mary Jean Connolly — The McCabe Family
 + Barbara Klump — The McCabe Family
 11:00 + William Wundeler — Mary Wagher

MON., MARCH 16

9:00 + Sr. Rita Amarante — Andrew D'Ambrosio

TUES., MARCH 17

9:00 + Pat Kelly — St. Mary Rosary Group

WED., MARCH 18

9:00 + Muriel DiMatteo — The DiMatteo Family

THURS., MARCH 19

9:00 + James Coffee — Family

FRI., MARCH 20

9:00 + Leopold Maddalena — Rosalie & Paul DeMarco

SAT., MARCH 21

- 9:00 + Richard Kuhn — Pat Kuhn & Sons
 4:30 + Anthony Fama — Marie Broccoli

SUN., MARCH 22

- 7:00 St. Mary Parish
 8:30 + John Coutermash — Family
 11:00 + Tony Soegaard (16th Anniv.) — 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, March 15

9:30am Faith Formation Classes

12:15pm Baptism

12:30pm OCIA

2:30pm Men's Team Cursillo

6:00pm United Youth

6:00pm Confirmation Class

Monday, March 16

8:20am Rosary

6:30pm How the Mass Comes from the Bible (Fr. Corey)

7:00pm Knight's of Columbus

Tuesday, March 17

8:20am Rosary

Wednesday, March 18

8:20am Rosary

7:00pm Book Club

Thursday, March 19

8:20am Rosary

6:30pm Walk through the Triduum (Fr. LaFleur)

Friday, March 20

8:20am Rosary

6:00pm Family & Couples Mission

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21

8:20am Rosary

3:00pm Adoration

3:00pm Confessions

Parish Mission

Sunday, March 22

Parish Mission

9:30am Faith Formation Classes

12:15pm Baptism

12:30pm OCIA

2:30pm Men's Team Cursillo

6:00pm United Youth

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

**EUCHARISTIC
Adoration**

AROUND THE PARISH

ST. MARY BOOK GROUP welcomes all adults! "Spiritual reading has made many saints" (St. Josemaria Escriva). We are looking forward to discussing The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence. It's a short book, but full of great wisdom, offering practical advice for experiencing God in every day life. We will meet on Wednesday March 18 at 7 pm in the Quiet Room. You can purchase a copy online from Catholic booksellers like icspublications.org, tanbooks.com, and catholiccompany.com; or read it for free online at gutenberg.org.

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 **April 11**. If you wish to attend, please call the parish office at 744-5777 and ask that a group facilitator call you with more information.

The **St. Mary YOUTH CHOIR** is in full swing and is looking for new members in grades 2 and up. They sing once a month and rehearse every Wednesday from 5-6pm in the Parish Hall. For more info, contact Leanna Hinger at youthchoir.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.



THE MASS INTENTIONS BOOK FOR 2027 WILL BE OPEN ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17 AT 9AM.



*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit and prayers will be said before each Mass by the priest in memory of Richard Kuhn from his wife Pat & Sons*

Lent



PENANCE: Saturdays from 3-4pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays at 7:00pm

SOUP & STATIONS: Friday, March 13 at 6:00pm

HOW THE MASS COMES FROM THE BIBLE ITSELF by Father Corey: Monday, March 16 at 6:30pm in the Church

A WALK THROUGH THE TRIDUUM by Father Andrew: Thursday, March 19 at 6:30pm in the Church

ST. MARY PARISH MISSION WITH THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL. At all the Masses the weekend of March 21/22 and at 7:00pm Mon., March 23 through March 25.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY PASTA DINNERS: Fri., February 20 & Fri., March 20 from 5:30—8:00pm

We are having a **BODY WASH, DOVE SOAP, TIDE, KLEENEX AND NON-ALCOHOLIC MOUTHWASH** beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing through Lent benefitting "The Little Sisters of the Poor". Bins are located in the Vestibule of the Church.

Days of FAST and ABSTINENCE (no eating between meals and no meat): **Ash Wednesday & Good Friday** (The norms of fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards.)



Days of ABSTINENCE (no meat): Fridays of Lent

2026 Lenten
MISSION
Featuring Friars of the Renewal
**LENTEN
RENEWAL**

**MARCH 21
THROUGH
MARCH 25**



**WE WELCOME THE FRIARS AT
SUNDAY MASSES 3/21-22.
THEN EACH EVENING, 3/23-25,
IN THE CHURCH FOR
PRESENTATION
7:00PM**

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 February SMS 10 Month Raffle has been selected and notified - the winner is George R

St. Mary School, Bethel, CT is looking for individuals interested in substitute teaching this coming school year on an as needed basis (not daily). Qualifications for this position are a background check, VIRTUS training and a Bachelor's degree.



St. Mary Faith Formation
24 Dodgingtown Road
Bethel, CT 06801
203-743-4557

Faith Formation classes have resumed. Registration is ongoing.

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.

You can register for the 2025/26 school year by

REMINDER *When the Bethel School System cancels school and/or after school activities, Religious Education is also cancelled. Please check on our website or on our Facebook page for clarification.*

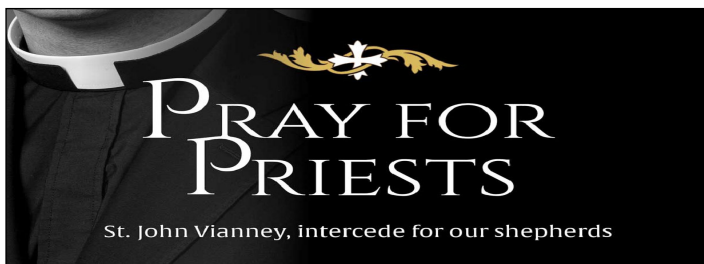
Offertory for the Weekend of March 7/8, 2026

Collection: \$11,060.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,728.00

Offertory for the Weekend of March 8/9, 2025

Collection: \$7,695.00 On-Line Giving: \$3,982.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Are you:

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

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

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

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



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

2026 Holy Family Women's Retreat April 17-19 2

THEMED RETREAT: Pilgrims of Hope

Faith is a journey! Last year, just months before his passing, Pope Francis called for a jubilee year, and he announced the theme would be Pilgrims of Hope.



As "pilgrims of hope," we must be willing to take risks, to make the effort to understand God's call, and to grow in our faith. The pilgrim doesn't travel aimlessly but allows God to be the North Star, leading us to discover that God is at the heart of our journey.

We invite you to join us this year at Holy Family for your annual retreat as we celebrate our 75th anniversary of ministry. Together, as part of God's beloved creation, we can pursue that blessed goal – life with God as beloved companions and pilgrims of hope.

Visit holyfamiliyretreat.org/themed-retreats for more info and to register or call us at 860.760.9705. Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - West Hartford, CT.

For more info call Mary Ferri — 203 743 4557 (Women's Retreat)



Do you want to grow in your faith? Connect with other women? Explore ways that the wisdom of Scripture can help us cope with the challenges of modern life?

St. Mary Church offers Walking with Purpose, a Bible study for women. With over 600 parishes participating, Walking with Purpose has helped more than 70,000 women deepen their relationship with Christ!

Why not join us this spring at St. Mary's? If you've never participated before, it's easy to jump in! No Bible study experience is necessary, and there's no pressure to attend every meeting.

Morning and evening groups begin on Tuesday, April 7. We meet in the Father McGivney Church Hall.

Evening Group at 7 pm: We are continuing Discovering Our Dignity - A Study of Women of the Bible. Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2.

Morning Group at 9:30 am: We are following A Study of 2 Timothy - Passionate Discipleship. Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26.

Please register by Tuesday, March 17 to allow enough time for us to order books and assign tables.

TO REGISTER FOR THE MORNING OR EVENING GROUP, Call 203 -300-1486 . YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND EVERY SESSION! JUST COME WHEN YOU CAN!

Questions? Contact Caroline LaFleur: Phone: 203-300-1486 or Email: la_fleur@sbcglobal.net We look forward to seeing past participants and meeting new ones!

St. Mary Church Community presents...

BINGO NIGHT

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 48

MARCH 27, 2026

BINGO

1	6	12	•	7	2
11	6	•	9	7	4
3	8	•	•	5	2
•	6	12	13	7	10

18+

\$20 entry fee covers all regular games
Additional games & food available for purchase
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Games are played from 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
St. Mary School Gym- 24 Dodgintown Rd- Bethel

COOKING with the SAINTS

January 3, February 28 & March 28
9:00-10:30 Parish Hall
\$5.00 per child, per session

Join us for a morning of the saints' stories and cooking

Please register at stmarybethel.org

• **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

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 Forming Catholics for Life.

This Week on Formed

Week of March 15, 2026



Joseph of Nazareth

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.



Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle

Fun-loving Patrick had it easy at his parents' seaside villa. At 16, he thought he had it made for life—that is, until the day riders kidnapped him to nearby Ireland. Now a slave and shepherd, Patrick faced a bleak and uncertain future. To survive, he'd have to conquer cold, hunger, wild beasts, and even worse enemies.

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 Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

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*"Become his one family:
 in the one Christ, we are one."
 Pope Leo XIV*

ONE in Christ

2026 Bishop's Appeal
 DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

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 TO GIVE TODAY!**
www.2026BishopsAppeal.org




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!!

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

For disarmament and peace Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



Weekly Readings

Sun.: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Mon.: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tues.: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wed.: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thu.: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Fri.: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat.: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sun.: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



**Knights of
Columbus®**

If you are at least 18 years of age, we invite you to join us. To contact us call Alan Gambino at (203)910-3733 or Email GKofPavia@gmail.com for more information. Like us on Facebook.com/Pavia48!

Our next meeting is Mon., March 23 at 7pm.

Lenten Pasta Dinners

**Feb 20, 2026
Mar 20, 2026**

5:30pm-8:00pm

St Mary's School Gym



GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS BETHEL, CT

Begin the Walk at Molten Java

213 Greenwood Ave, Bethel, CT.

Friday, April 3, 12 Noon

Light Lunch to Follow at First Church Bethel, UCC



A FAITH JOURNEY THROUGH BETHEL
MORE INFORMATION AT
www.FirstChurchBethel.org

Sponsored by:
First Congregational Church of Bethel, UCC
Bethel United Methodist Church
St. Mary's Parish
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Walnut Hill Community Church

TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear God,

today I thank You for all that You have done in my life, all that You are doing and all that You are yet to do. I pray, "I don't know what to do, but You do."

Lord, teach me to trust Your plans and to find peace in Your presence. May Your grace sustain me through every trial. I will not worry about tomorrow, because I know You are already there.

In Jesus' name. 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. 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 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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