

Saint Mary Parish

May 24, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter



*Receive the
Holy Spirit*

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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:

9am –1:30 pm, Mon. – Thurs., closed Friday.

(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*
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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

† Blessed Ivan Merz (1896-1928)

During World War I, while serving on the Italian front, Ivan Merz wrote in his diary: "It would be horrible if this war had no spiritual benefit for me. I must not live the same way I lived before. ... Let the Lord alone help me."



Born in Banja Luka, Bosnia, to a nominally Catholic father and a Jewish mother, Merz was drawn to the Catholic faith through his high school teacher Ljubomir Maraković, a literary critic. He completed a year of university study in Vienna before being drafted into the Austro-Hungarian army in 1916. At the front, often unable to receive the sacraments, he committed himself to daily prayer and the pursuit of holiness.

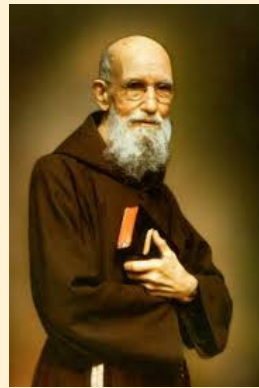
After the war, Merz continued his studies in Vienna and later in Paris, where he spent two years serving the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, made a pilgrimage to Lourdes, and was influenced by writers such as Jacques Maritain, Paul Claudel and Charles Péguy.

In the years that followed, he helped organize the Croatian Catholic youth movement and promoted

Catholic Action under the motto "Sacrifice, Eucharist, Apostolate." In 1923, he completed a doctorate at the University of Zagreb and began teaching French language and literature. Deeply devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, he centered his life on daily Mass and Eucharistic adoration.

Suffering from chronic eye disease and sinus infections, Merz underwent surgery in April 1928. He contracted meningitis and was left unable to speak. When a priest administering the last rites asked whether he offered his life for the youth he served, he nodded in assent. He died May 10, 1928, at age 31, and was beatified by St. John Paul II in 2003.

Bl. Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap. Capuchin Franciscan, Humble Servant



Fr. Solanus Casey was born on November 25, 1870, in Oak Grove, Wisconsin. He entered the Capuchin Franciscans in Detroit in 1897. Known as "The Doorkeeper" when he was porter at St. Bonaventure's monastery, he was always ready to open the doors of the monastery to listen to anyone who knocked. He faithfully and humbly served the people of Detroit, MI, Huntington, IN and New York by providing soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled, and a healing touch for the sick.

People would seek out Fr. Solanus asking for "special favors," which lead to numerous miraculous healings and answered prayers. Known for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, Fr. Solanus would often play his violin for Jesus in the presence of the tabernacle. Fr. Solanus was diagnosed with erysipelas and died on July 31, 1957. His body was found incorrupt thirty years after his death. He was declared venerable by Pope John Paul II on July 11, 1995 and was beatified on November 18, 2017 in Detroit.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

**SAT., MAY 23**

4:30 + Anthony Mattiaccio — Madeline Revere

SUN., MAY 24

7:00 + Barbara McCarthy — The Kallberg Family

8:30 St. Mary Parish

11:00 + Charles Ruhl — The Ruhl Family

MON., MAY 259:00 + Carl Mallonee — Susan & David Mallonee
(To be said at St. Mary Cemetery weather permitting)**TUES., MAY 26**

9:00 + Sr. Mary Jullian Collins — The Parish

WED., MAY 279:00 Milo O'Brien (*Blessings*) — Carmel O'Brien-Frank**THURS., MAY 28**

9:00 + Father Austin B. Digham — The Parish

FRI., MAY 29

9:00 + Pat Foresta — Lisa Davenport & Kathleen De Marco

SAT., MAY 30

9:00 + Peter J. Neville — The Glenn Family

4:30 + Anthony Lombardo — Ellen McShane

SUN., MAY 31

7:00 + Rosalie DeMarco — Bud & Eleanor McClellan

8:30 + Emile Ravenda, Jr. — Linda & Tom MacGregor

11:00 St. Mary Parish

**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, May 24**

12:15pm Baptism

2:30pm Men's Cursillo

6:00pm United Youth

Monday, May 25

7:00pm May Devotions

Tuesday, May 26

9:30am Women of Faith

3:30pm New Day Bereavement

4:30pm Faith Formation Classes

7:00pm Women of Faith

Wednesday, May 27**Thursday, May 28**

6:30pm Bible Study

Friday, May 29**Saturday, May 30**

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Adoration

Sunday, May 31

12:15pm Baptism

2:30pm Men's Cursillo

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.

The 9:00am Mass on Monday will be held at St. Mary Cemetery (weather permitting) in honor of our veterans on Memorial Day.



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

stmarybethelreliged@gmail.com
stmarybethel.org

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.

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. 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



MAY DEVOTIONS to the Blessed Mother will take place on Mondays in May at 7pm in the Chapel at the Notre Dame

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JUNE 14, 2026
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Bethel, CT



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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.

St Mary's
Bethel

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



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



St. Mary Church

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Bethel, CT 06801

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I/We pledge/gift \$500.00

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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.

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Catholic Communication Campaign (Collection date May 17, 2026) The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) supports media efforts that share the Gospel with our neighbors, as well as people across the country. When you contribute to this collection, half of your donation supports the national communications programs of the bishops of the United States, while the other half stays in our diocese to support local communications initiatives.

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!



New Day Bereavement Program
Spring Session Registration Now Open
April 21 – June 16
Tuesday evenings 4:30 – 6:00pm

Your loss may be recent or long ago. We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment.

God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey through loss to healing.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at

St. Mary Church
 26 Dodgingtown Rd.
 Bethel

Meetings are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

St. Mary Church is partnering with the Bereavement initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries to offer this program. Please go to their website to submit a Program Inquiry Form or you can contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023.

www.Thegrief.org

Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of our bereavement ministers regarding the next steps.




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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

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




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DIACONATE SPOTLIGHT
Andres Grajales

Answering God's Call to Serve

For Andres Grajales, the call to the diaconate came quietly but unmistakably, encouraged by three different priests and supported by his family, parish community, and the Charismatic Renewal. Entering formation has been a deeply rewarding journey, allowing him to grow in faith and prepare to serve others.

Andres hopes to reflect Christ's love as a deacon, bringing His light both to the Church and to those who have not yet encountered Him, fostering unity and renewal in the Diocese.

The Bishop's Appeal helps make diaconate formation possible, providing education, spiritual guidance, and pastoral training for men discerning this sacred vocation.

Support the next generation of deacons by giving to the Bishop's Appeal.

Learn more at 2026BishopsAppeal.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.

<https://youtu.be/mqkfLnpZwhl>



This Week on Formed

Week of May 24, 2026



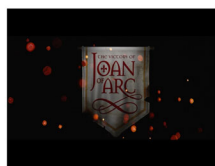
Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven

This captivating film highlights St. Philip Neri's great love for youth, his warm sense of humor, contagious joy, deep mystical spirituality, and his amazing gift for miracles. Watch this film to learn more about the famous Apostle of Rome.



The Wild Goose

The Wild Goose. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. It is a 14 part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.



The Victory of Joan of Arc

Meet Joan of Arc. In this powerful movie-of-the-mind audio drama, you'll hear the true story of how she rose from an obscure peasant village to serve God and her country in the most surprising and miraculous ways.

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

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



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!!

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 so that we can continue to provide money for security deposits. The cost of apartments in our area is excessive and there is a shortage of low cost housing. A security deposit could be the deal breaker for someone seeking shelter. 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.

If you would like to support our work, please send contributions to: Off the Streets, PO Box 591, Bethel CT 06801. or donate online by cut and pasting the link below into your browser <https://gofund.me/baa5b98d>



Offertory for the Weekend of May 16/17, 2026

Collection: \$7,060.00 On-Line Giving: \$58,125 .00

Offertory for the Weekend of May 17/18, 2025

Collection: \$7,796.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,416.00

Thank you for your generosity!

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

That everyone might have food Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



Sun.: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Mon.: Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7 Jn 19:25-34

Tues.: 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Mk 10:28-31

Wed.: 1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 10:32-45

Thu.: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12 Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5 Mk 10:46-52

Fri.: 1 Pt 4:7-13 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Mk 11:11-26

Sat.: Jud 17, 20b-25 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 11:27-33

Sun.: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18

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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,
O.P.,
Promoter of the Rosary &
Co-host of Godsplaining



Molly & Chris McMahon,
Founders of Catholics at the Shore

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1 (800) 662-6316

A MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

As our nation pauses today to remember those in the military who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy, we pray you would have us all look to you for strength, comfort and guidance. Be with all who served and is serving in our Armed Forces. Bless them and their families. Grant your loving protection.

Let peace prevail among all the nations, O God. Especially let your mercy rest upon our land, even as we acknowledge with thanksgiving your past goodness on this country.

If it is your will, preserve the lives of the men and women in uniform as they defend our citizenry. Most of all, we pray that you would turn the hearts of all - military and civilian - to your holy Word where we find the true peace for our sinful souls that surpasses all understanding.

Keep us repentant of sin. Move us to know, take hold and treasure your saving grace. In this peace and hope for eternity, we pray. 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. 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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