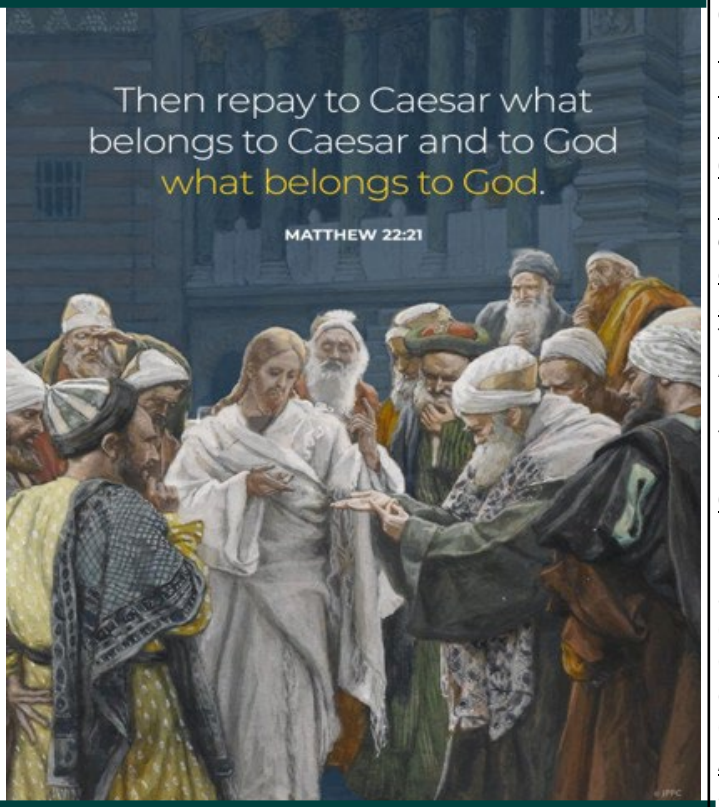
Saint Mary Parish

October 18, 2026

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



26 Dodgingtown Road, Bethel, CT 06801

Phone: (203)744-5777

Website: www.stmarybethel.org Email: rectoryoffice@stmarybethel.org

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

9am –1:30 pm, Monday – Friday

STAFF **Father Corey V. Piccinino, *Pastor , Vicar for Clergy & Religious for the Diocese of Bridgeport***
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Deacon Eric Keener
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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: 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

† October 12 was the 20th anniversary of St. Carlo Acutis' death.

In recent years, St. Carlo Acutis has become one of the most popular saints in the Catholic Church. He was a 15-year-old Italian teenager who spent his short life on earth promoting Eucharistic miracles. His popularity is in large part to the "ordinary" life that he led -- a teenager in the digital age, surfing the internet and playing video games with his friends. For the most part he did not expect to die young, as he was diagnosed with leukemia only shortly before he died.

Leading up to 2006, Carlo was preparing the first exhibition of his Eucharistic miracles display. This required a great deal of research, as he wanted to provide information on each confirmed Eucharistic miracle in the world.

He was able to create a website, which still exists today; this was the first place where he catalogued all of the Eucharistic miracles he could find.

Yet, he still wanted something physical, something he could share with all of his classmates. He had been inspired by a conference he had attended with his parents where there were large posters. Eventually he transferred the work he did for his website onto these posters.

By October 1, 2006, he had everything set up at his school and was prepared to give an exhibition for his classmates on Eucharistic miracles.

Out of nowhere Carlo collapsed and was rushed to the hospital.

Initially he was discharged, as it appeared he was improving. However, a few days later he was unable to get out of bed.

The doctors ran additional tests and discovered that he had a rare leukemia that could not be treated.

His Eucharistic miracles exhibition went on without him on October 4, while he was confined to his hospital bed.

Carlo's last week on earth was painful, and he said to his mother, "I offer all these sufferings to God so that I can avoid purgatory and go straight to Heaven."

Then on the night of October 11 he was not responding and he died on the morning of October 12, 2006, with his family beside him.

For two decades his remarkable example of holiness has inspired many young people, showing them how it is possible to attain the heights of sanctity at such a young age in the digital world.

Let St. Carlo inspire you with some of his wisdom:

- The Eucharist is my highway to heaven.
- Jesus, make yourself at home! Live within me as if it were your own dwelling!
- There are so many tabernacles where I can visit Jesus at any time, so I don't feel the need to go to Jerusalem. We have Jerusalem right out our front door.
- Our lives will truly be beautiful only if we discover how to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves.
- I am dying peacefully because I have lived my life without wasting a single minute of it in things that displease God.
- [I cannot understand] why many people are so concerned with the beauty of their bodies rather than spending time on the beauty of their souls.
- The more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we become like Jesus and the more we get a foretaste of heaven.
- (When receiving Communion): Jesus take a seat! Make yourself at home.
- The Infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever.
- Jesus Christ speaks to us within, and we should listen to Him and follow Him in everything.
- Your Guardian Angel has to become your best friend.
- The Heart of Jesus and the Heart of Mary are indissolubly joined, and when we receive Communion, we come into direct contact with Our Lady and the saints in heaven. God is extremely pleased by the souls that approach the great gifts of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confession.
- Our Lady is the only lady in my life!
- Reciting the Rosary is "the most important appointment of the day."



SAT., OCTOBER 17
4:30 + St. Mary Parish

SUN., OCTOBER 18
7:00 + Souls in Purgatory
+ 8:30 + George Viebrock, Sr. — The Viebrock Family
11:00 + Domenic Broccoli — Family

MON., OCTOBER 19
9:00 + Mary M. Bigler – The Morton Family

TUES., OCTOBER 20
9:00 + Anne Frank – Carmel O'Brien Frinkel

WED., OCTOBER 21
9:00 + Joan Roth – Carol Roth & Daughters

THURS., OCTOBER 22
9:00 + Eufracio Villafuerti – The Caffrey Family

FRI., OCTOBER 23
9:00 + Margaret Brenna -- Family

SAT., OCTOBER 24
9:00 + Matthew Haig – John & Pat Grunert
4:30 + Timmy Billingham – Eleanor Roche

SUN., OCTOBER 25
7:00 St. Mary Parish
8:30 + The Tomaino-Dardis Family – Family
11:00 + Hugo Greco – Maria & Paul Shanley



The flowers on the altar this week were donated in memory of Leon Anziano (1st. Anniv.) from 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, October 18
9:30am Religious Education
9:30am Parent Enrichment
12:15pm Baptism
12:30pm OCIA

Monday, October 19
5:30pm Peace in the Storm

Tuesday, October 20
9:30am Women of Faith
4:30pm Religious Education
4:30pm Parent Enrichment Class
7:00pm Women of Faith

Wednesday, October 21
5:15pm Youth Choir
6:00pm Book Group
7:00pm Adult Choir

Thursday, October 22
4:30pm Religious Education
4:30pm Parent Enrichment Class
6:30pm Bible Study

Friday, October 23
5:30pm Bingo

Saturday, October 24
7:00am Men's Ministry
9:30am Altar Server Training
3:00pm Confessions
3:00pm Adoration

Sunday, October 25
9:30am Religious Education
12:15pm Baptism
12:30pm OCIA
9:30am Parent Enrichment Meeting
6:00pm United Youth

*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit and prayers will be said before each Mass by the priest for Tom Smith from Pat Kuhn & family*

Last week's ***Sanctuary Lamp*** *was lit and prayers were said before each Mass by the priest for Aura Lopez from Dorothea Gulya Stasny*

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS to the Blessed Mother will take place on Mondays in October in the Notre Dame Center Chapel at 7pm. Each devotion will have the Rosary, prayers and Litany of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The **ST. MARY MEN'S Group** meets on Saturdays from 7:30 AM to 9 AM in Father McGivney Hall, followed by the 9:00 AM Saturday Mass. For more information, Rich Bruno at Bruno11955@gmail.com

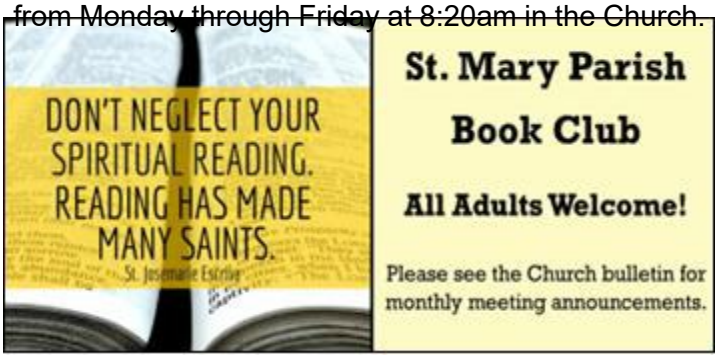
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP provides a prayerful experience of mutual support and comfort for those who are confronting the loss of a loved one. Our upcoming zoom meeting is on ***November 7.*** If you wish to attend, please call the parish office at 744-5777 and ask that a group facilitator call you with more information.

The **St. Mary YOUTH CHOIR** rehearses every Wednesday from 5:15-6pm 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.

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.

Please join us to pray the **ROSARY** every morning from Monday through Friday at 8:20am in the Church.



Saint Mary SCHOOL

FAITH · FAMILY · ACADEMICS

Contact admissions@stmarybethelct.org to schedule a visit.

24 Dodgingtown Road | Bethel, Connecticut 06801

203-744-2922 | www.st.marybethelct.org

Enrollment remains open for the 2026–2027 school year. To learn more or schedule a personal tour, please contact admissions@stmarybethelct.org or contact Geraldine Henn, Enrollment Director at 203-744-2922. The winner of the September ***SMS 10 Month Club Raffle*** has been selected and notified - the winner is Dewitt O. of Bronx, NY.

St. Mary School is looking for individuals interested in substitute teaching this coming school year on an as needed basis. Qualifications for this position are a Bachelor's degree, VIRTUS training and a background check. We are also seeking part-time employees on a regular schedule (days can vary) for our After School Care Club. Hours are 2pm-5:30pm on days school is in session. For information about either of these positions, please email the school at office@stmarybethelct.org, or call 203-744-2922.

Small Things. Great Love.
Saint Mary School, Bethel

At Saint Mary School, prayer is part of each day. As we pray the Rosary together, our children learn to turn to Mary and grow closer to her Son, Jesus. This past week, we honored Our Lady of the Rosary with special intention, praying for our school and parish community and entrusting our students, families, teachers, and staff to her loving care. Our theme, "Do small things with great love," reminds us to carry that prayer into our daily actions. A kind word, a helping hand, and a welcoming smile are simple ways our children can share the love of Christ.

As we look forward to Columbus Day on Monday, we wish our families and parishioners a peaceful weekend, with opportunities to rest, spend time together, and give thanks for God's blessings. Thank you for keeping Saint Mary School in your prayers and supporting the gift of Catholic education. May we continue to grow together in faith and do small things with great love.

Michelle Powrie
Principal,
Saint Mary School

St. Mary Religious Education
24 Dodgingtown Road, Bethel, CT 06801
203-743-4557
Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:30am-2pm
stmarybethelreliged@gmail.com
stmarybethel.org

Registration forms for the 2026/27 year have gone out in the mail for current families. After September 1 you must register in person at the Religious Ed Office.

In-person Registration for the Sacraments are as follows. Please remember to bring your payment:

Confirmation Registration is on October 14 at 6:30pm. Parent & Child must attend.

Looking for volunteers for CrossRoads Youth Group -- a great opportunity for adults and for youth 16+ to help us form a great experience for children 6th grade and older to have fun and continue their faith formation.

Info meeting will be October 18, 2026 11:00 in the school contact Mary for more info or to volunteer meferri@aol.com .



OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

New Classes Begin Sept. 20th in the Notre Dame Center 12:30-2:00

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 rediscover, 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.

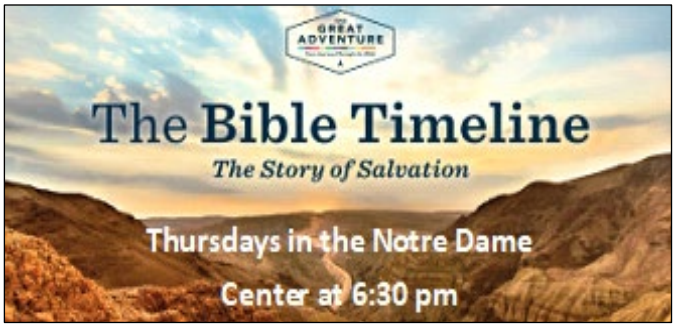
<u>Offertory for the Weekend of Octobber 10/11, 2026</u>

Collection: $7,478.00 On-Line Giving: $4,008.00

<u>Last year's offertory for the Weekend of Oct. 11/12, 2025</u>

Collection: $6,112.00 On-Line Giving: $6,362 .00

Thank you for your generosity!



What makes St. Mary School special? It's a place where children are known, supported, challenged, and encouraged to grow in faith every day.

Families are invited to experience St. Mary School firsthand at our Open House on Saturday, November 8, from 12:30–2:00 p.m. Meet our teachers, visit classrooms, learn about our academic programs, and discover what makes our school community so special.

Whether you are considering St. Mary for your child, know a family who may be looking for a Catholic school, or simply want to learn more about the school serving our parish community, we invite you to join us.

Come see what it means to learn, belong, and grow at St. Mary School.









• UNITED YOUTH MINISTRY •

A COLLABORATIVE YOUTH PROGRAM FOR THE PARISHES OF ST. ROSE NEWTOWN, ST. JOSEPH BROOKFIELD AND ST. MARY BETHEL

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram for more information and updates!

UNITED Youth

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United meets on Sunday evenings on the campus of St. Rose unless otherwise noted.

St. Mary Bethel Parent Enrichment

Helping you to strengthen your faith so that you can strengthen your family.

1 SESSION 1 — The Mass

Discover the meaning and parts of the Mass and how it brings us closer to Jesus.

FOCUS ON:
- The parts of the Mass
- What happens at each part
- How to participate more fully

2 SESSION 2 — The Catechism (Pillars)

Explore the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Creed, Sacraments, Moral Life, and Prayer.

FOCUS ON:
- The Nicene Creed
- The 4 pillars
- How it guides our daily lives

3 SESSION 3 — The Sacraments

Discover how the sacraments bring God's grace into our lives.

FOCUS ON:
- The 7 sacraments
- Their meaning and purpose
- *Marriage as the spiritual foundation of the family.*

4 SESSION 4 — Moral Living

Learn how to grow in virtue, make faith-filled choices, and build a life of prayer.

FOCUS ON:
- The Ten Commandments
- Conscience and decision making
- Living as a missionary disciple

5 SESSION 5 — Prayer

Deepen your relationship with God through different forms of prayer and make prayer a part of daily life.

FOCUS ON:
- Types of prayer
- The Our Father
- Creating a prayer routine

	Sunday 9:30-10:45	Tuesday, 4:30 -5:45	Thursday, 4:30 -5:45
The Mass	10/18/2026	10/20/2026	10/22/2026
The Creed	11/15/2026	11/17/2026	11//19/2026
The Sacraments	1/10/2027	01/12/2027	01/14/2027
Morale Life	02/28/2027	03/02/2027	03/04/2027
Prayer	04/04/2027	04/06/2027	04/08/2027

All sessions will be held in the Notre Dame Center. (previously the Convent)

Questions Shani Burke Specht 203-501-7594, shaniburkespecht@hotmail.com

Knights of Columbus Pavia 48

Tootsie Roll Drive

OCTOBER 17/18

After Saturday and Sunday Masses at St Mary's

26 Dodgingtown Rd, Bethel, CT

Women of Faith

LADIES *Bunco* GAME NIGHT

Friday, November 6, 2026
6:00 PM

Come join us for a fun evening of Bunco, laughter, fellowship and friendship!

PLEASE BRING:
- Your favorite beverage
- A dessert or appetizer to share

$5.00 Donation

Donation helps cover the cost of prizes.

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 1
Please RSVP to:
rectoryoffice@stmarybethel.org

Women of Faith

FAITH ♥ FELLOWSHIP ♥ FUN

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/mqkfLnpZwhI

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

For mental health ministry Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



Sun.: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 / Psalms 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b / Matthew 22:15-21

Mon.: Ephesians 2:1-10 / Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 / Luke 12:13-21

Tues.: Ephesians 2:12-22 / Psalms 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/ Luke 12:35-38

Wed.: Ephesians 3:2-12 / Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 / Luke 12:39-48

Thu: Ephesians 3:14-21 / Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 / Luke 12:49-53

Fri.: Ephesians 4:1-6 / Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 / Luke 12:54-59

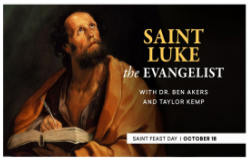
Sat.: Ephesians 4:7-16 / Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 / Luke 13:1-9

Sun.: Exodus 22:20-26 / Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 / Matthew 22:34-40

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Week of October 18, 2026



St. Luke | Catholic Saints

Known as the beloved physician and faithful friend of St. Paul, St. Luke is a crucial figure for the Church's knowledge of Christ's earthly ministry and the early Church. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore the life and legacy of the author of the Gospel according to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.



Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



Slaves and Kings

Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare—Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain—this film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Brotherhood In Action

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!!







Mustang for a Day Shadow Visits - We invite all prospective students to shadow a current student and live a day in the life at our school as a Mustang For a Day. While spending a day is not mandatory as part of the application process, it is an excellent way for students to learn more about what it's like to be an Immaculate High School student.

Visiting students will meet their Student Ambassador host in the main office upon arrival. At dismissal, students will meet with our Director of Enrollment to discuss their day and ask any questions they may have. Register today at immaculatehs.org/visit.

Join us on Sunday, October 18, for our annual Open House at Immaculate. This event will allow students and parents to meet with faculty, administrators, athletic staff and current students, as well as tour the classrooms, newly renovated science labs, dining hall, Chapel and Fitness Center. You will learn about our athletic, fine arts, spiritual life and extracurricular offerings. Register today at immaculatehs.org/visit

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Prayer for Self Motivation

Omnipotent God, vitality of life, Your strength supplies my motivation. I am stirred in the path of Your Will. Maintain my self-motivation to always search, find, examine, will and act upon the truths placed before me. May I become a driving force for others, encouraging them to pick up their crosses and follow the virtuous road of life. I thank You for Your continued vigor that coexists in my whole being, my soul, my spirit and by body!

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. Kathleen Keener eajkeener@gmail.com

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

St. Mary Men's Group Join other Catholic men in a positive Christian fel-lowship and learn ways to better strengthen one's personal faith journey. Rich Bruno at bruno11955@gmail.com

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. Rectory Office

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

Bible Study Spring and fall for 8 weeks each. Peter Baumgartner (pjbaumgart@yahoo.com) or Rich Bruno (bruno11955@gmail.com)

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.
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