

# SAINT MARY PARISH

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## Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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*December 14, 2025*

Third Sunday of Advent

## PARISH CLERGY & STAFF

Reverend Michael K. Jones, S.T.D., *Pastor*

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Sharon O'Dea, *Director of Religious Education*

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:15, & 5:15 pm

Saturday Vigils: 5:15 & 7:00 pm (*Spanish Mass*)

Daily: Monday - Friday, 12:05 pm

## SACRAMENTS

### Confession

Saturday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

6:00-6:45 pm (*Spanish*)

### Baptism

To schedule please visit parish website or call the office.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners wishing to arrange for the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony should contact us at least nine months prior to the wedding to begin preparation.



Saint Mary Church parish center has an elevator  
and accessible street parking in front.

## MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

Readings: 1007

Hymns:

386 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

438 Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

392 On Jordan's Bank

Mass Setting: 347, 8, 9, Missa Emmanuel

## MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 13- DECEMBER 21

SATURDAY

*Saint Lucy*

5:15 Rubiel Puerta

7:00 Special Intention

SUNDAY

*Third Sunday of Advent*

9:00 Robert Hansen

10:30 Amedeo and Rose Curcio

12:15 Giulietta Palladino

5:15 Holly Green

MONDAY

*Advent Weekday*

12:05 Lara Kavanagh

TUESDAY

*Advent Weekday*

12:05 Virginia Lavaty

WEDNESDAY

*Late Advent Weekday*

12:05 Edward F. Brimo

THURSDAY

*Late Advent Weekday*

12:05 Theresa, Andrew, and Andy Daniello

FRIDAY

*Late Advent Weekday*

12:05 Hanna Curran

SATURDAY

*Late Advent Weekday*

5:15 William Wiggin

7:00 Libia Pimienta

SUNDAY

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

9:00 Angela, Maria and Lawrence Christiano

10:30 Rose and Tony Rota

12:15 Enrique L. Rodriguez

5:15 John Farley

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT



The Saint Mary Annual Christmas Concert will be presented on Sunday, [December 14](#) at 3:00PM in the Church.

The Saint Mary Adult Choir will be joined by the Youth and Cherub Choirs in a program of traditional Christmas music.

All are encouraged to come and experience the joyful sounds of Christmas.

Please join us for Christmas party after the performance.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**MONDAY**

**DECEMBER 15**

**TUESDAY**

**DECEMBER 16**

Soup Kitchen Prep 9:30AM Parish Hall Kitchen

Walking With Purpose 9:30-11:30AM Parish Hall

OCIA 7:00-8:00PM Library

**WEDNESDAY**

**DECEMBER 17**

Soup Kitchen Day 9:30AM Parish Hall Kitchen

**THURSDAY**

**DECEMBER 18**

Cherub Choir Rehearsal 5:30PM Parish Hall

Youth Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM Parish Hall

Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30-9:30PM Parish Hall

**FRIDAY**

**DECEMBER 19**

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 10:00-3:00PM Chapel

**SATURDAY**

**DECEMBER 20**

Confession 4:00-5:00PM Chapel

Confession (Spanish) 6:00-6:45PM Church

**SUNDAY**

**DECEMBER 21**



CHRISTMAS MASS  
SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

- 4:00PM Youth and Cherub Choirs in the Church
- 4:00PM Organ and Cantor in the Chapel
- 5:30PM Bilingual Mass at Saint Catherine, Riverside
- 5:30PM Organ and Cantor in the Church
- 10:00PM Solemn Vigil Mass with Choir & Orchestra

### Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day

- 9:00AM Mass with no Music
- 10:30AM Solemn Mass with Choir
- 12:15PM Mass with Organ and Cantor

### Wednesday, December 31

- 12:05PM Daily Mass
- 5:30PM Vigil for Solemnity of Mary

### Thursday, January 1, 2026 | Solemnity of Mary

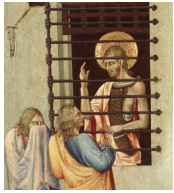
- 12:05PM Holy Day of Obligation

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be **NO** Adoration on Friday, December 26  
and Friday, January 2, 2026

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### GOSPEL MT 11:2-11



When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

### NOVEMBER OFFERTORY...

(includes annual, monthly and EFT offertory donations)

Sunday Offertory	\$ 42,199
Online Giving	10,621
Other Offertory	2,740

Your contributions, both monetary and in service, are important to our parish. Thank you for your generosity!

*To make a gift to the St. Mary Endowment of any stock or appreciated securities, please contact the office for the simple instructions to provide to your advisor.  
email: [stmarygrn@gmail.com](mailto:stmarygrn@gmail.com) / office: 203.869.9393*



Many thanks to those of you who have signed up for Online Giving and to those who continue to mail or drop off your offertory donations.

You can choose to do a One Time Gift or a special remembrance, or you can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It's easy and it's convenient!

If you haven't already signed up then go to our parish website at [www.stmarygreenwich.org](http://www.stmarygreenwich.org) and select Online Giving.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children.  
*Catholic Catechism (2223)*

### CLASS SCHEDULE

**DECEMBER 15-31** **MONDAY**  
**NO CLASSES—WINTER BREAK**

**DECEMBER 16** **TUESDAY**  
OCIA 7:00PM

**JANUARY 5** **MONDAY**  
Pre-Communion 4:30-5:30PM  
Confirmation 6:30-7:30PM

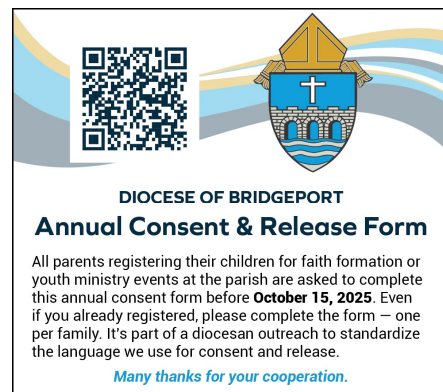
**JANUARY 6** **TUESDAY**  
Reconciliation/Communion 4:30-5:30PM  
Foundation 4 5:00-6:00PM

**JANUARY 7** **WEDNESDAY**  
Pre-Confirmation 1 & 2 5:30-6:30PM

**JANUARY 12** **MONDAY**  
Pre-Communion 4:30-5:30PM  
Confirmation 6:30-7:30PM

**JANUARY 13** **TUESDAY**  
Reconciliation/Communion 4:30-5:30PM  
Foundation 4 5:00-6:00PM  
OCIA 7:00PM

**JANUARY 14** **WEDNESDAY**  
Pre-Confirmation 1 & 2 5:30-6:30PM



### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

#### Protecting God's Children

Everyone who works or volunteers for the Diocese or any parishes or programs must attend a Protecting God's Children awareness training session and complete a criminal background check.

Please visit our website: [www.stmarygreenwich.org](http://www.stmarygreenwich.org) for more information.

*"Lord, come and save us."*

## CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS BAKING ELVES



Our December Soup Kitchen is Wednesday, **December 17**. It is a busy time, but some cookies, brownies, and candies would make an excellent finish to the meal.

Just bring the treats to the Parish Center office on **Tuesday, December 16 from 9-3 PM or by 10:00AM on Wednesday.**

Thank you to all the bakers who help us throughout the year!

## FOOD GIFT CARD DRIVE



We are helping the families of children who attend Corpus Christi/Holy Rosary School in Port Chester (pre-K through 8th grade). They have requested Stop & Shop gift cards so the families may purchase needed food items for Christmas.

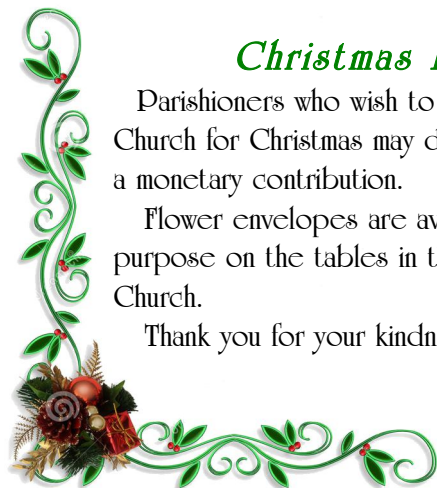
Gift cards should be brought to the parish center office. Again...many, many thanks!

## Christmas Flowers

Parishioners who wish to help decorate our Church for Christmas may do so in the form of a monetary contribution.

Flower envelopes are available for this purpose on the tables in the vestibule of the Church.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



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## SOCIAL CONCERNS CHRISTMAS WISHES



With Christmas around the corner, we will once again be providing gifts for St. Mary Parish in Bridgeport, whose pastor is Fr. Rolando Torres, whom many parishioners remember was an associate pastor here at St. Mary Greenwich. The gifts will be given to children ages 6 to 16.

We encourage you to pick a gift tag from the Giving Tree representing a child in need. Help make their Christmas wishes come true with your kind gift donation. The Giving Tree is located in the parish center reception area. Stop by for a tag and return your gift by Friday, December 19.

Thank you to ALL!

## 2025 BISHOP'S APPEAL



If you have not yet responded to the 2025 Bishop's Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach!

Please set aside a moment to prayerfully consider a gift amount that reflects your blessings.

Thank you for your support.

Saint Mary Parish	
2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 12/5/25	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$328,900
Total Pledged:	\$319,911 (97%)
Donors to Date:	158 Donors
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