

Please note the following changes in our Parish life:

- **All weekday and Sunday public Masses celebrated in the presence of the lay faithful are temporarily suspended in the Diocese of Bridgeport.** Mass will be live-streamed via our Facebook page each day at 12 noon for anyone who wants to tune in and pray with us while confined to home during this time of isolation. Go to Facebook.com and search for: StMaryChurchBethel. On Sundays after the 12 noon live-streamed Mass we will expose the Eucharist in the Rectory Chapel for 'virtual' Eucharistic Adoration until 6pm. <https://www.facebook.com/StMaryChurchBethel/>
- **The Mass intentions for all suspended Masses will be said privately by Father Corey or Father Wolfe.**
- **All other Parish activities have been cancelled or postponed until further notice.**
- **St. Mary Parish Hall will remain open for Private Prayer** during normal hours. Remember to spread out and remain at least 6 feet apart
- **Confession** will continue to be offered at 3pm each Saturday in the Church Hall. New procedures have been introduced for the well-being of all penitents and priests that respect the social distancing being asked of us. These will be displayed by the entrance of the parish hall and must be strictly followed.
- **If you have a Baptism scheduled please call the Parish Office.** If you cannot reschedule, attendance must be limited to immediate family members only and only one family at a time. If the baby has health concerns, let us know immediately.
- **No decisions have been made concerning First Communions and Confirmation.** They could be pushed back. We will know more in the coming weeks. We strongly suggest you make no definite plans at the present time.
- **Those planning to be Married must speak to a priest regarding any moving of dates.**
- **The Anointing of the Sick is available upon request, especially in emergencies.** Call the church office.
- **Funeral Liturgy may be offered without Mass.** A memorial Mass may be celebrated at a later date. Please call the office to make arrangements or if you have any questions.
- **Stations of the Cross are cancelled** but, of course, you can do your own Stations any time at home or in the Parish Hall.
- **The Parish Office will be closed until further notice.** We ask that all church business be handled by email (stmaryoffice@comcast.net) or by phone (203)744-5777. We will return your call as soon as possible.
- **St. Mary School is closed and Religious Education and Youth Ministry classes and programs are all cancelled until at further notice.** The Religious Ed Office is closed but you can leave messages (203)743-4557. To keep connected with the United Youth Ministry go to <https://www.ctunitedyouth.com/>
- **Please remember, even though we are closed our operating expenses are on-going.** We greatly appreciate your continued financial support. You can go to www.osvonlinegiving.com/994 to register for online giving or you can send your weekly envelope via the post office.
- **Practically speaking,** if you are in trouble at home and need food, or toiletries, or medications and you cannot get out or do not think it wise to go out, call the rectory and we will try to help you. If you are feeling fine and you want to do some errands for people, please call us. I am sure that as the days go by your help will be needed. Our number here is 203-744-5777.

PLEASE BE REMINDED – BEFORE ENTERING ANY OF OUR PARISH BUILDINGS – THINK – Have you traveled abroad? – Do you have any flu-like symptoms? – Have you spent time with anyone with flu-like symptoms? **IF ANY APPLY TO YOU – DO NOT ENTER OUR BUILDINGS –** Instead, contact your health care provider first and get clearance before potentially spreading the virus! Thank you!