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October 22, 2023

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Diocese of Bridgeport

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St. Augustine Cathedral

Rev. Mirosław Stachurski, Pastor

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203 East Avenue

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00AM.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, October 23

7:00 AM† Mario Laracca
5:30 PM† Angelina DiTomaso

Tuesday, October 24

7:00 AM† Nelly Gonzalez
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, October 25

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM NO MASS

Thursday, October 26

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Alfred Palumbo, Sr.

Friday, October 27

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM† John & Bridget Butler

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, October 28

5:15 PM† Clare Beggan & Family

Sunday, October 29

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† Antonio Rubbo, Maria Ciambrella, & Pasquale Rubbo
11:30 AM† Mark Ballard
5:00 PM† Henry Simon



The Sanctuary Candle burns
October 22nd through October 28th in memory
of Mario Laracca.



Pray the Rosary in the Church
Monday - Friday: Before Any
Scheduled Morning Mass at 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm Saturday: 4:45pm

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord,
and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Please remember in your prayers:

Victoria B. Driver **Marię Dęving**
We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
October 15		
Collection	\$4,030.00	\$4,254.70
On-Line	\$2,283.00	\$2,247.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,807.00</u>	<u>\$4,934.70</u>
Votives	\$ 133.09	\$ 142.12

Diocesan Assessment

The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on all gross receipts. For our 2024 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralium Assessment is \$78,324. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,506. This represents an annual decrease of \$3,148.00 from the prior year.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
ALL SAINTS DAY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

MASS TIMES

7:00AM 12:10PM 7:00PM

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Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm
Social Distancing will be maintained.
Masks must be worn.

Rectory:
Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext.19)

**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**
Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

Rectory Staff:
Cathy Lauder
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

Finance Chair:
Ulrike Schambeck
(203) 434-6488

Religious Ed Office:
(203) 866-1189
Carrie Saviano, DRE
stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

Parish Bookkeeper
Monika Piascik

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stthomasyg1@gmail.com
Elizabeth Squicciarino, Coordinator

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(203) 866-1219 Fax

**JOIN THE FALL BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM!
EVERY OTHER FRIDAY 7:00pm**

The facilitator, Kevin Knight, will lead us with a discussion of Leviticus. We meet in the Small Meeting Room of the Parish Center for about 1 1/2 hours. Kevin may be reached at (203) 722-7713 for more information. Come join us as we read scripture and explore how it applies to our lives. Please consider this opportunity to share scripture with each other and to build community through our shared belief.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Whether you're entering college or navigating marriage and family, if you are 18-35ish, we have communities and events **designed for you.** From networking happy hours, Bible studies, service work, worship, and socials, there is something for everyone.

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*DO YOU LIKE TO
KNIT OR CROCHET?*

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We supply the materials - you supply the Love!! We meet once a month for about an hour to pray over our completed shawls and to pick up supplies. Our next meeting is this **Thursday, October 26th, at 7:00pm**, in the Small Meeting Room. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, the Parish Office at (203) 866-3141, or go to our website and click on Parish Life, Ministries.

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

If you have not yet responded to the Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of everyone in the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach! To make a gift, or for more information, please call (203) 416-1470, visit us at 2023BishopsAppeal.org, or scan with your phone.



*We have raised 156 gifts worth \$63,985 bringing our parish to 101.89% of its \$62,800 goal.
Thanks to all who have participated!*



**St. Ann's Annual
Holiday Fair**

16 Hendricks Avenue
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Norwalk, ct

November 12, 2023
10 – 4 pm

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- *Bake Sale*
- *Food Café*



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(203) 853-4872.

**THOSE WHO SING,
PRAY TWICE!**

If you like to sing, please consider joining our Parish Choir. We have our regular rehearsals on Sunday at 11:00am & sing at the 11:30am Mass. We have special rehearsals for Christmas & Easter typically on Wednesday evenings leading up to the holiday. For more information, speak to Marge Kelley, our Music Director, after the 5:15pm, 9:00am, or 11:30am Mass OR send an email to margaretkelley24@gmail.com.

BISHOP CAGGIANO'S STATEMENT ON TERRORIST ATTACKS

(October 11, 2023)

As the world watches in dismay after the horror of the Hamas terrorist attacks on the people of Israel, we stand in solidarity with our Jewish brothers and sisters here in Fairfield County, many of whom have family and friends directly affected by these unspeakable acts. The images of brutal and senseless death and destruction shake us to the core and challenge our common humanity.

We ask for prayers for the people of Israel, for all families who have lost loved ones in this crisis, and for the hostages taken during the terrorist attacks. The uncertainty about their fate inflicts further trauma on families and escalates the violence. As people of faith, we must join in one voice to condemn these acts, to console all who are suffering, and to pray for peace.

As we vigorously defend Israel's right to self-defense against these terrorist acts that indiscriminately threaten civilian populations, we also resolutely urge all parties to move forward with a plan that works toward a just, long-term and swift solution that recognizes and respects the rights and legitimacy of all in the Holy Land.

In an impassioned plea for peace, our Holy Father, Pope Francis has said, "Please stop the attacks and the weapons, and understand that terrorism and war do not lead to any solution, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people. War is always a defeat! Every war is a defeat!"

Even in this darkest hour, we must not lose hope that a sustainable peace can be achieved and that we can move away from violence in this and other conflicts across the globe.



Congratulations to this year's St. Thomas the Apostle St. Augustine Medal Recipients, Pat Hill (left) and Lauren Stoops (center) with Fr. Ralph at the medal ceremony on Saturday. Pat has been a parishioner for 35 years. She has served on the Parish Council, the MOMs Ministry, helped with the Children's Christmas Pageant, and currently heads the Giant Tag Sale with her co-chair, Lauren Stoops. Lauren has been a parishioner for 28 years and got involved with the tag sale jumping right in to the leadership role. The parish family of St. Thomas owes them a big thank you for stepping into the role of chairpersons for the tag sale fundraiser.

ST. ANN'S CLUB MONDAY NIGHT BINGO (except holidays)

16 Hendricks Avenue
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Doors open at 5:30pm First game at 6:45pm
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SEPT 27 - NOV 5, 2023

Join the Fall 2023 Campaign by visiting the location nearest to sign up.

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44 Main St. | Danbury, CT

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Stamford Location

Public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood
35 Sixth St. | Stamford, CT

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PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
 Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
 CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army
 Sfc. Ramil Penserga, US Army
 LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy
 Tech Sgt. Daniel Scofield, US Air Force
 UT2 PO2 Edward Skeen, US Navy
 SSG Sgt. Jesse Skeen, US Army
 Spc. Daniel Gonzales, US Army
 MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
 PFC Matthew Montanez, US Army
 PFC Larry Joyce, US Marine Corps



**JOIN THE SCOUTS!
 SCOUT TROOP 222**

We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center gym. We need at least 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. We follow the school year calendar. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to our web page: troop222.norwalk.scoutlander.com.

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 Robert Lametta
 Christopher Jarboe

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SACRAMENTS

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Prayer Requests!

Please contact the St. Thomas Prayer Ministry. Call Sue Wegiel at (203) 838-4088 with your prayer request or email her at wegiesj@hotmail.com. If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

Procedure for Baptisms & Weddings

Please go to the homepage of our website, click on Parish Registration and Sacramental Requests. Choose the fillable form that you need and follow the instructions at the top of the webpage. **To reserve the church for your desired wedding date, please contact the parish office at least 9 months to 1 year in advance.**

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory anytime.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Weekdays: By appointment



DID YOU KNOW...you must complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, & Confirmation) in order to be a sponsor for Baptism & Confirmation? Do you, or someone you know, want to join the Catholic church? Then the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program is for you! Just call the Faith Formation Office at (203) 866-1189 for more information.

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

If you would like to be added to or removed from this prayer list, please email or call the office.

Please pray for the sick of our parish that may be restored to health and that all who ASSIST and CARE for them will be given the strength to continue their Christian service. Please remember the following in your prayers:

Carm Pagliano	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabrese	Anne Edwards	George Travers
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Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Kathleen Ford	Antonio Vescio	Jackie Hamilton	Debbie Poruban
Kathleen Dominick	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	John Lima	Denise Cassin
Dawn Grover	Nancy G.	Joanna Marvin	Ken Schulman	Holly Sanders	Vinny Massaro
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**The Food Pantry is open
Tuesdays & Saturdays
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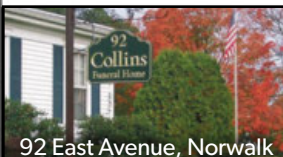


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