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October 15, 2023
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Valentina Veronica Argueta Sydney Cecilia Boland Guingesha *Clement* Bosquet Michael Sebastian Chang Patrick Patrick Collins Jessica Mary Edwards Antonio Anthony Gigliotti Calch Francis Iway William James Mangone Juliana *Peregrine* McCurdy Justin Javier Mora-Jimenez Sarah Adelaide O'Sullivan Ella Gemma Parmalee Charlize Margaret Reynolds Alyna Faustina Thomas Michael Warco Christina Rose Vlicky Francesca Cecilia Zullo

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Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor

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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 16

7:00 AM† Rev. Edward A. Colohan 5:30 PM† Andrew Cianciullo

Tuesday, October 17

7:00 AM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon,

Terry Cain & Luis Cardenas

5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, October 18
7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM NO MASS

Thursday, October 19

7:00 AM NO MASS

5:30 PM **†** Wayne Embry, Jr. (2nd Anniversary)

Friday, October 20

7:00 AM **†** Michael Joseph O'Dwyer

5:30 PM **†** Anthony Math

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, October 21 5:15 PM+ Bridget & Michael O'Gara

Sunday, October 22

7:30 AM**†** The Amato's: Arthur, Sr., Mary, Sharon, &

Arthur, Jr., & the Rolland Family

9:00 AM**†** For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

11:30 AM**†** Margaret G. & Edward J. Kelley

5:00 PM **†** Mary Jane Gardella



The Sanctuary Candle burns October 15th through October 21st in memory of the Izzo, Festa, & Verda Families.



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



ADORATION MONDAY NIGHT 6PM - 8PM

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Štachurski 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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022	
October 8 Collection On-Line Diocesan Assessment	\$4,121.00 \$2,554.00 (\$1,506.00)	\$3,443.00 \$2,317.00 (\$1,567.00)	
Net Retained	\$5,169.00	\$4,193.00	
Votives	\$ 160.75	\$ 91.27	

Diocesan Assessment

The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on <u>all</u> gross receipts. For our 2024 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum 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.

REMINDER: No priest will ever send you an email asking for a purchase of gift cards or anything else. These are scam emails & should be moved to your spam folder. Please do not respond to these emails. If you are ever unsure of anything please do not hesitate to call the office or ask one of the priests after mass.



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

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 **Website:**

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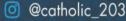
JOIN THE FALL BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM! EVERY OTHER FRIDAY 7:00pm

The facilitator, Kevin Knight, will lead us with a discuss ion 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

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 155 gifts worth \$63,965 bringing our parish to 101.86% of its \$62,800 goal.

Thanks to all who have participated!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

SEPT 27 - NOV 5, 2023

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

Bridgeport Location

Public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood
4697 Main St. | Bridgeport, CT
For more information and to sign up for vigil hours visit
www.40daysforlife.com/bridgeport

Danbury Location

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www.4odaysforlife.com/danbury

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Public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood 35 Sixth St. | Stamford, CT For more information and to sign up for vigil hours visit www.4odaysforlife.com/stamford

THOSE WHO SING,

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.

CONFIRMATION IN THE ECONOMY OF SALVATION

This past Friday, just over 50 young disciples of our parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation. As it is with all seven sacraments of the Catholic Church, we, along with those who have been baptized and confirmed by the Church, continue to enjoy the inward and sacred effects of God's grace, that is to say more precisely, the divine life of God in our souls.

Accordingly, it is good for us to consider the foundations of the Church's sacramental ministry, keeping in mind that what the Church practices and what the Church teaches, is a sacred mystery that comes to us not from the world, society or culture; but rather, through the working, actual, living, will of God, the Almighty Father, handed down throughout the ages, beginning with Jesus Christ, through His Apostles, then through the Bishops of the Church, both past and present. Below is an excerpt from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):

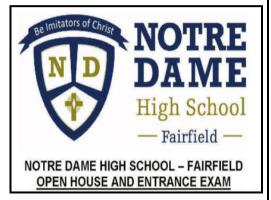
"In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the hoped-for Messiah for his saving mission. ⁹¹ The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism by John was the sign that this was he who was to come, the Messiah, the Son of God. ⁹² He was conceived of the Holy Spirit; his whole life and his whole mission are carried out in total communion with the Holy Spirit whom the Father gives him "without measure." ⁹³

This fullness of the Spirit was not to remain uniquely the Messiah's, but was to be communicated to *the whole messianic people*. On several occasions Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit, s a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at Pentecost. Filled with the Holy Spirit the apostles began to proclaim "the mighty works of God," and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be the sign of the messianic age. Those who believed in the apostolic preaching and were baptized received the gift of the Holy Spirit in their turn.

"From that time on the apostles, in fulfillment of Christ's will, imparted to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands the gift of the Spirit that completes the grace of Baptism. For this reason in the *Letter to the Hebrews* the doctrine concerning Baptism and the laying on of hands is listed among the first elements of Christian instruction. The imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church." ⁹⁹

Very early, the better to signify the gift of the Holy Spirit, an anointing with perfumed oil (*chrism*) was added to the laying on of hands. This anointing highlights the name "Christian," which means "anointed" and derives from that of Christ himself whom God "anointed with the Holy Spirit." This rite of anointing has continued ever since, in both East and West. For this reason the Eastern Churches call this sacrament *Chrismation*, anointing with chrism, or *myron* which means "chrism." In the West, the term *Confirmation* suggests that this sacrament both confirms and strengthens baptismal grace (CCC 1286-1289)."

So, as these young souls continue their Journey of Faith, may we, the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, continue to support these newly confirmed disciples through our words, deeds, worship, and service, with fidelity to the truth; providing them with the example necessary to witness the hope and truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world, and for the salvation of souls.



On **Sunday, October 15** at 1:00 pm. Notre Dame High School in Fairfield will host an Open House for prospective students and their families. The Open House will give students a comprehensive look at the academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs as well as ND's partnership with Sacred Heart University.

The Entrance Exam will be offered on **October 28 and November 11** at 8:00 a.m. All eighth-grade applicants must take an entrance exam at one of the four Diocesan high schools. All applicants must complete an online application. Complete information can be found on the school's website, www.notredame.org

Individual tours are available for parents and students. Please contact our Admissions Office at 203-372-6521 to schedule a visit.

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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.



SPREAD THE WORD! The Diocese of Bridgeport has a tuition assistance program partially funded through the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Visit their website for more information: foundationsineducation.org.

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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 wegiesi@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

4:00 - 4:30 PM Saturdays: 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:

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Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabrese	Anne Edwards	George Travers
Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Phil Tavella
Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Frataloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Hamilton Family
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Mike D.	Elizabeth Malerba	Alessandro Fornara	Jim Charest	Frank Longo	Patricia M.
Stefanie Sena	Jim Bogdany	Paul F.	David R.	Steve C.	Jackson P.
Ginny DeMarco					

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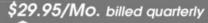
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