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THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 20, 2023



THEN JESUS SAID
TO HER IN REPLY,
"O WOMAN,
GREAT IS YOUR
FAITH! LET IT BE
DONE FOR YOU
AS YOU WISH."
—MT 15:28

20TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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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, August 21

7:00 AM† Rafael Segura
5:30 PM† Louis Caruso

Tuesday, August 22

7:00 AM† Andrew Cianciullo
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, August 23

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

Thursday, August 24

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Anthony Donofrio

Friday, August 25

7:00 AM† Tyler Hill
5:30 PM† James Hanford

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, August 26

5:15 PM† Bertha Ballard

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, August 27

7:30 AM† Rosa Arianna Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† Rose Izzo Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM† Henry Simon Fr. Ralph



The Sanctuary Candle burns
August 20th through August 26th in memory
of James Hanford.

We welcome the newly Baptized into the
Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Oliver Henry Rico

Congratulations to his parents, family, & friends!

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

Vincent Massaro **Domenic Cocchia**

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

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

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
August 13		
Collection	\$3,887.00	\$3,711.00
On-Line	\$2,302.00	\$2,275.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,683.00</u>	<u>\$4,419.00</u>
Votives	\$ 156.80	\$ 134.82

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.



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

VOLUNTEER

All that's missing is **U**!
Can you: **Fold a shirt?**
Wash a glass?
Unpack a box?

If yes, then we could use your help with our Annual Tag Sale! Drop-Offs begin mid-August. Drop-off dates will be announced in the coming weeks and we can use your help on any day.

Our Annual Parish Tag Sale is the largest fundraiser of the year. These funds are critical to cover our operating costs.

Please contact the Parish office
by phone or email if you need more
information or to volunteer.

**WE CAN'T DO IT
WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!**



**Our Giant Tag Sale will be the weekend
of September 16th & 17th**

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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2023 GIANT TAG SALE

Drop Off Dates

Mondays:	August 14, 21, & 28	
	September 11	6 pm - 8:30 pm
Tuesdays:	August 15, 22, & 29	
	September 5 & 12	6 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturdays:	August 19, & 26	
	September 9	9 am - 12 Noon
Sundays:	August 20 & 27	
	September 10	9 am - 12 Noon

Please don't ask! We can't take it!!!

TV's Computers Cribs Baby Strollers
 Car Seats VHS Grills Mattresses Fire Arms
 Stuffed Animals Particle Board Furniture
 Power Equipment Exercise Equipment
 Pianos & Organs Empty Picture Frames
 Household Appliances Video Game Players
 Large Curio or Display Cases
 Books (we will be taking children's books)

We reserve the right to refuse any donation not in clean, usable, and/or saleable condition.

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

(except holidays)

St. Ann's club

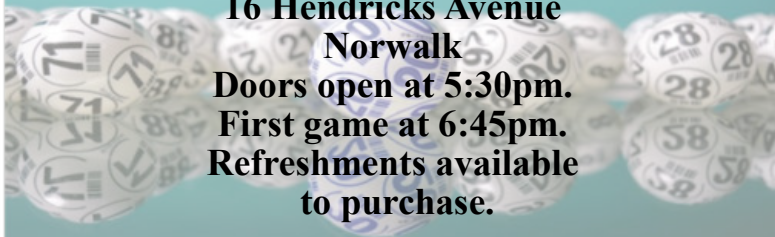
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Doors open at 5:30pm.

First game at 6:45pm.

Refreshments available to purchase.



2023 - 2024

Religious Education

If you are entering kindergarten through 6th grade in September and have not received an email from Rel. Ed, please go to our website homepage & click the link to the Religious Ed Registration page. Kindergarten is not mandatory and is free for all who attend. Please sign up ASAP so we can plan our class sizes and teacher needs.

If you are entering a Catholic school Second Grade or Sixth Grade, you also need to sign up for First Communion and Confirmation.



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9:00am - 2:00pm

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Our day will include:

- Saturday daily Mass
- Confession available
- Exposition and Benediction
- Marian Procession
- Recitation of the Rosary
- Conferment of the Brown Scapular
- Conferment of Miraculous Medal
- Fatima Video
- Preaching by the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate

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The 2024 MASS BOOK is open. Only 2 Saturday Vigil or Sunday weekend masses may be booked & no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until September 12th.

Phone or email requests are welcome.

FROM A SPIRITUAL CANTICLE BY SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST

The soul united to God and transformed in him draws from within God a divine breath, much like the most high God himself. And God, abiding in the soul, breathes forth the life of the soul as its exemplar. This I take to be what Paul meant when he said: Because you are children of God, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, "Abba, Father"; this is what takes place in those who have achieved perfection.

One should not wonder that the soul is capable of so sublime an activity. For if God so favors her that she is made God-like by union with the most Holy Trinity, I ask you then, why it should seem so incredible that the soul, at one with the Trinity and in the greatest possible likeness to it, should share the understanding, knowledge and love which God achieves in himself.

How this is possible no other power or wisdom can express, save by explaining how the Son of God obtained this sublime state for us and won for us the power to be the children of God, as he asked of the Father: Father, I desire that where I am those you have given me may also be with me, that they may see the glory you have given me, that is, that they may share with certainty the very task I perform. And then he said: "Not for them alone do I ask but also for those who will come to believe in me through their teaching, that all may be one as you, Father, are one in me and I in you, that they may be one in us; that the world may believe that you have sent me. And the glory you have given me I have given them that they may be one as we are. I in them, you in me, that they may be made perfect, and the world will know that you sent me and as you have loved me, so I have loved them.

The Father thus gives them the same love he shares with the Son, though not by nature as with the Son, but through unity and transformation of love. One should not think that the Son is asking the Father to make the saints one with him in essence and nature as the Son is with the Father, but rather that they be united with him in love, just as the Father and Son are one in the essential unity of love. Accordingly, souls possess the same goods by participation that the Son possesses by nature. As a result, they are truly divine by participation, equals and companions of God. The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. IV, Ordinary Time, Weeks 18-34, Catholic Book Publishing Co., New York, 1975, pp. 80-81.

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 visit us at 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.



We have raised 144 gifts worth \$58,695 bringing our parish to 93.46% of its \$62,800 goal. Thanks to all who have participated! Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.



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:

troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com.

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 MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
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 Ulrike Schambeck

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 Tom Donaher
 Joe Dudek
 Glenn Iannaccone
 Ann Jacoby
 Christopher Jarboe
 John Stoops

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Birthright is in need of gently worn *baby & maternity clothing*. Please call to arrange for a drop off. They also need volunteers (especially Spanish speaking). Opportunities include friendship counseling, clerical, and clothing work. Training is provided. Please call for more information: (203) 853-4872.



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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
Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Phil Tavella
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Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Rick Azillo	Jeannetta Torres	Anthony Bruno
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Richard Berg	Diane Turek	Angela McCrae
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
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					

**The Food Pantry is open
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Donations are now being accepted during regular hours or leave **NON-PERISHABLE** items in the bin at the food pantry entrance. Questions? Call them at (203) 866-1644



The Connecticut Hospice, Inc., Homecare Volunteers Needed

The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. is accepting applications for new volunteers! Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. If you have an interest in companionship, light housekeeping or making meals, please contact Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers at (203) 315-7510.



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