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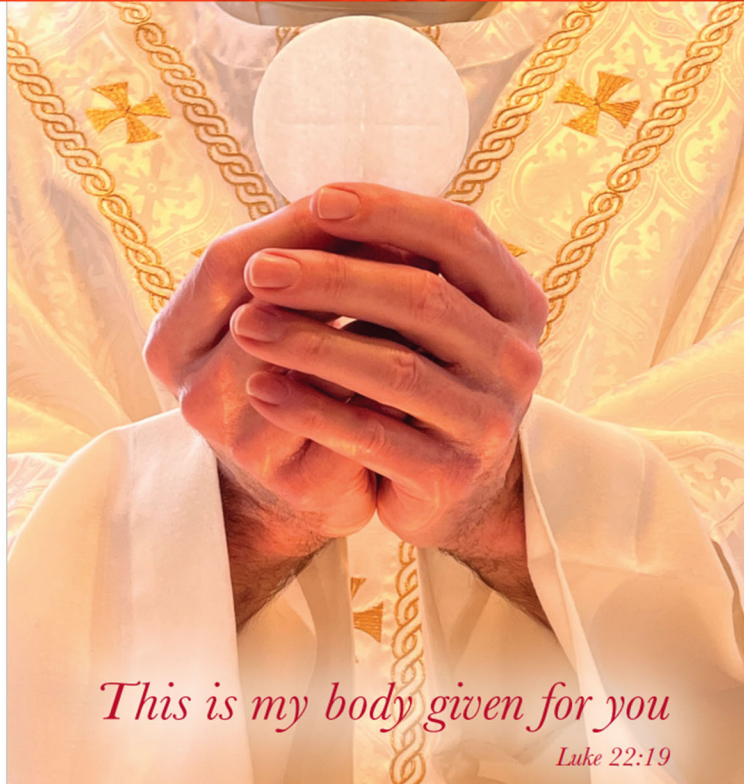
## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY | *September 18, 2022*

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*This is my body given for you*

*Luke 22:19*

Today we formally commission our Catechists and Aides for ministry to the community. Please pray today and throughout the year for our Catechists and Aides who work so diligently with our children. Pray also that the continued leadership and guidance given by Fr. Mirek Stachurski, Fr. Ralph Segura, and our Director of Religious Ed, Mary Vladimirov, will give our children the support they need in all they do.

Chloz Ballard

Kevin Knight

Daniella Norena

Ainsley Ramirez

Filip Stefaniak

Ed Bocchino

Alejandro Maya

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Mia Bothelo

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Molly Powers

Maria Sawicki

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor

(203) 866-3141

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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, September 19

7:00 AM† Roslyn De Bellis  
5:30 PM† Rev. Edward A. Colohan

#### Tuesday, September 20

7:00 AM† Joseph McGuigan  
5:30 PM† Michael Valiante

#### Wednesday, September 21

7:00 AM Intentions of Joseph & Mary Remlin & All Married Couples Who Want to Start a Family  
5:30 PM† Elizabeth & Garrett O'Gara

#### Thursday, September 22

7:00 AM† John Dominick  
5:30 PM† Brian Horne

#### Friday, September 23

7:00 AM† Isidro Ventura  
5:30 PM† Mark Harris, Sr.

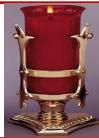
#### Sunday Vigil, Saturday, September 24

5:15 PM† Matthew Harbilas

#### Sunday, September 25

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased  
9:00 AM† Robert LeBlanc, Sr.  
11:30 AM† Jean Montana

**Celebrant**  
Fr. Ralph  
Fr. Ralph  
Fr. Ralph  
Fr. Mirek  
Fr. Mirek



*The Sanctuary Candle burns  
September 18<sup>th</sup> through September 24<sup>th</sup>  
for Nancy Hurd.*



**ADORATION  
MONDAY NIGHT  
6PM - 8PM**

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

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2022	2021
<b>September 11</b>		
Collection	\$3,428.75	\$3,016.00
On-Line	\$2,572.00	\$2,701.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,433.75</u>	<u>\$4,081.00</u>
Votives	\$ 205.15	\$ 152.00

### 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 2023 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralium Assessment is \$81,472. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,567. This represents an annual decrease of \$3,600.00 from the prior year.

### Volunteers needed!

Please help us with our children's religious formation this year. Any help that you would be able to offer would be greatly appreciated. You must be Virtus trained. We can set you up with the training if you haven't already done so. Please contact Mary Vladimirov at (203) 866-1189 or email [stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com).

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.  
Please remember in your prayers:  
*Steven Sferlazza, MD George Blystone*  
We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

We welcome the newly Baptized into the Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.  
*Nicholas Joseph Pierez*  
Congratulations to his parents, family, & friends!



The 2023 MASS BOOK is open. Only 4 Saturday Vigil/Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 6 Sanctuary Candles until November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Rev. Ralph Segura  
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

**Office Hours:**  
Monday through Friday 9 - 4  
Closed Saturday & Sunday

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

**Finance Chair:**  
Ulrike Schambeck  
(203) 434-6488

**Religious Ed Office:**  
(203) 866-1189  
Mary Vladimirov, DRE  
[stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com)

**Parish Bookkeeper**  
Monika Piascik

**Facilities:**  
Tito (Jose) Rivera

**R.I.S.E. Youth Ministry:**  
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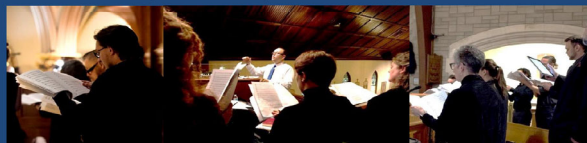
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*- Inaugural Season -*

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- Are you looking to enrich your involvement in the Church?
- Would you like to be part of a new community of faith, friendship and music?

*If so,*

**COME SING WITH US!**

The Diocesan Choir will sing for all major liturgical events celebrated by Bishop Caggiano. Rehearsals will be held on Monday evenings at St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport beginning in October. The choir is open to singers of High School age and older. Prior musical experience and the ability to read music is helpful, but not required. All adult participants must be in full compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environments Policy, including Virtus Certification.

For further information about the Diocesan Choir, contact the Diocesan Director of Music Ministry:

Dr. Bill Atwood  
Email: [William.atwood@diobpt.org](mailto:William.atwood@diobpt.org)  
Phone: 203.368.6777 X 22



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## REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

As we begin this cycle of catechizing our young disciples here at St. Thomas Parish through the Religious Education Department, I thought that we should consider a few statements found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church regarding the education of our children, their parents and extended families:

“For Christians a special gratitude is due to those from whom they have received the gift of faith, the grace of Baptism, and life in the Church. These may include parents, grandparents, other members of the family, pastors, catechists, and other teachers or friends.

Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues.

Parents' respect and affection are expressed by the care and attention they devote to bringing up their young children and providing for their physical and spiritual needs. As the children grow up, the same respect and devotion lead parents to educate them in the right use of their reason and freedom.

As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental. As far as possible parents have the duty of choosing schools that will best help them in their task as Christian educators. Public authorities have the duty of guaranteeing this parental right and of ensuring the concrete conditions for its exercise (CCC 2220, 2223, 2228, 2229).”

It is clear that as a parish community, there is an obligation on our part to assist the parents, families and our young disciples so that they may grow in the knowledge and understanding of the Sacred Mysteries, the truth of the Gospel and the practice of the Catholic Faith. No other entity in society has the right and authority to subjugate what we teach here at the parish, our right and duty to catechize the People of God, nor are we, on our part, to compromise or relinquish that duty in any way or degree.

We are very grateful here for the beautiful young families we have here at St. Thomas Parish, as well as the generation of parishioners who continue to come here to St. Thomas, even now, in these difficult and challenging times. Also, we are blessed with so many excellent examples of worship and prayer at this parish throughout the week and at our Sunday Masses.

We should also recognize the hard work of all the catechists and volunteers here at the parish, many of them in their teens. This is a great gift for us, and an act of charity on their part as well. We begin this year with a new Director of Religious Education, Mary Vladimirov; and we thank her, that, as a busy mother, she is, along with our catechists and volunteers, willing to take on the responsibility of forming our young sons and daughters in the faith and life of the Catholic Church.

As we continue to make the Journey of Faith throughout this academic cycle for this year, we ask for your prayers so that, as we strive to preserve and pass on the rich and long-standing tradition of education, worship, and practice of the Catholic Faith, we will, all of us, continue to grow in the wisdom, knowledge and grace of Almighty God.

*John Ralph*

Congratulations to Our Parishioners Who  
Recently Celebrated Their Anniversary!

September 9th 50 Years

Margo & Bill Skidd

If you have something to celebrate and would like to share it with your parish family, please contact the office by email or phone.

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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. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to our web page:  
[troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com](http://troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com).



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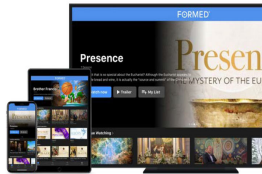


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**Lauralton Hall Shadow Visits**

8th grade girls are invited to spend a day at Lauralton in their Shadow Program. You'll experience a "day in the life" at Lauralton including attending classes, having lunch in the dining hall, studying in the library, and navigating the hallways with a current student.

To schedule your visit, please go to:

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**Fairfield Prep Open House 2022**

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We ask our guests to pre-register for Open House, so we can properly manage the size of the event. To register please visit [www.fairfieldprep.org/visit](http://www.fairfieldprep.org/visit) or call the Admissions Office at (203) 254-4210

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 4:00pm

### 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](mailto:wegiesj@hotmail.com). If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

### New 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	Jim Sweet	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese
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Mike	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Merina Deluc
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Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Cathy Sinica	Richard Berg	Diane Turek	Hamilton Family
Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Richard Barton	Antonio Vescio	Jackie Hamilton	Anthony Bruno
Kathleen Dominick	Jackie Capobianco	Kathleen Ford	Chuck Scott	John Lima	Angela McCrae
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Jack Cade	Josephine Mola Buckley	Nancy G.	Vinny Massaro	Alessandro Fornara	Jim Charest
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