



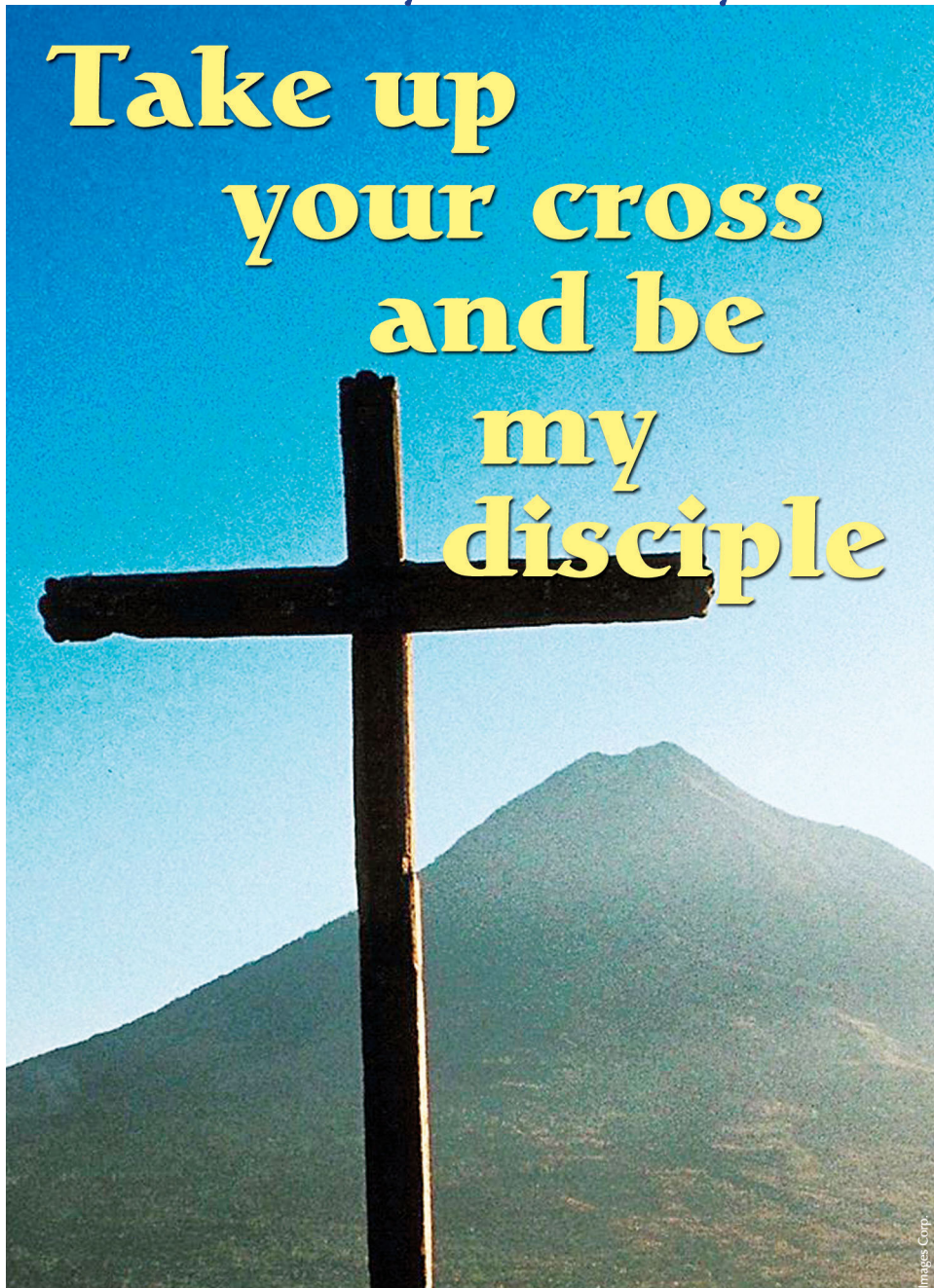
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September 4, 2022 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Labor Day, Monday, September 5

7:00 AM† No Mass
9:00 AM For God's Blessings on Our Work
5:30 PM† No Mass

Tuesday, September 6

7:00 AM† Roger Festa
5:30 PM† Raffaele & Maria Longo

Wednesday, September 7

7:00 AM† Lorraine Caruso Harvey
5:30 PM† Mattie L. Morton

Thursday, September 8

7:00 AM† Frank M. De Bellis
5:30 PM† Crescenzo Piro

Friday, September 9

7:00 AM† Annette Festa
5:30 PM† Cynthia Higgins

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, September 10

5:15 PM† Ruth Desrosiers

Sunday, September 11

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Agnes Cole Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† For All the Victims of the September 11th Attack Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM† Alice & Nick Patrissi Fr. Mirek

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

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The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 4th through September 10th
for Rose & Reginald Festa.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Please remember in your prayers:

Claire Odierno *Anthony Buonaiuto*

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

Banns of Marriage

III

Kayla Ann Cavanagh & Joseph Rivieccio

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

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Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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Monday through Friday 9 - 4
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	2022	2021
August 28		
Collection	\$3,450.50	\$3,236.00
On-Line	\$2,288.00	\$2,443.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,171.50</u>	<u>\$4,043.00</u>
Votives	\$ 160.75	\$ 148.00

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 Cathedral 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.



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 1st.

LABOR DAY
TOMORROW, MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5th
All Parish Offices are Closed
One Mass - 9:00am

No Monday Night Adoration
Enjoy the last unofficial day of summer!!

Volunteers needed!

Please help us with our children's religious formation next 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.

Pray the Rosary in the Church

Monday - Friday: 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm Saturday: 4:45pm

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Do you know a Catholic child entering
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Is your family new to the parish?

Our parish Religious Formation is now
accepting registrations for the 2022 -
2023 Religious classes. Sign up today
by going to our website home page or

email Mary at

stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com or

call (203) 866-1189.

Classes start September 11th.

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 the completed shawls and to pick up supplies. Our next meeting is **this Thursday, September 8th, at 7:00pm**, in the Small Meeting Room. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, or the Parish Office at (203) 866-3141, or go to our website and click on Parish Life, Ministries.

FROM A SERMON ON THE BEATITUDES BY SAINT LEO THE GREAT, POPE

Remember, Christian, the surpassing worth of the wisdom that is yours. Bear in mind the kind of school in which you are to learn your skills, the rewards to which you are called. Mercy itself wishes you to be merciful, righteousness itself wishes you to be righteous, so that the Creator may shine forth in his creature, and the image of God to be reflected in the mirror of the human heart as it imitates his qualities. The faith of those who live their faith is a serene faith. What you long for will be given you; what you love will be yours forever.

Dear friends, great is the happiness of those for whom such a reward is prepared. Who are the clean of heart if not those who strive for those virtues we have mentioned above? What mind can conceive, what words can express the great happiness of seeing God? Yet human nature will achieve this when it has been transformed so that it sees the Godhead no longer in a mirror or obscurely but face to face—the Godhead that no man has been able to see. In the inexpressible joy of this eternal vision, human nature will possess what eye has not seen or ear heard, what man’s heart has never conceived.

From a Sermon in the Beatitudes by Saint Leo the Great, Pope, The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. IV, Ordinary Time, Weeks 18-34, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1975. pp. 221-222.

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



Young Catholic Professionals
Mass and Social



Are you between the ages of 21-39? Are you interested in fellowship with other Catholics? Come join us on Wednesday, September 14th for a special Mass sponsored by YCP! Adoration w/music & Confession will be offered before Mass starting at 6:00pm.

What: Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) Mass and Social

Where: Holy Name of Jesus Church (325 Washington Blvd, Stamford)

Date: Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00pm (Adoration w/music + Confessions start at 6pm)

Afterwards, please join us at Sign of the Whale for a rooftop social!

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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.

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:

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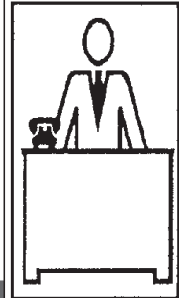


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