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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

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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, February 5

7:00 AM† Robert LeBlanc
5:30 PM Intentions of Linda Junes

Tuesday, February 6

7:00 AM† Rev. Edward A. Colohan
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, February 7

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

Thursday, February 8

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Victoria Baldino Driver

Friday, February 9

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM† Angelina DiTomaso

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, February 10

5:15 PM† Alice Jean Curley

Sunday, February 11

7:30 AM† Perreault Family, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
11:30 AM† Crescenzo Piro
5:00 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon, Terry Cain & Luis Cardenas

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
January 28		
Collection	\$3,570.00	\$3,632.00
On-Line	\$2,402.00	\$2,183.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,466.00</u>	<u>\$4,248.00</u>
Votives	\$ 100.82	\$ 156.33
Latin America		
Collection	\$1,150.00	\$ 628.00
On-Line	\$ 256.00	\$ 175.00
Total	<u>\$1,406.00</u>	<u>\$ 803.00</u>

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.

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

Josephine Bright

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.



The Sanctuary Candle burns
February 4th through February 10th in memory
of the Amato's: Arthur, Sr., Mary, Sharon, &
Arthur, Jr., & the Rolland Family.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PLEASE JOIN US FRIDAYS DURING LENT

7PM
FEBRUARY 16 & 23
MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29



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Mondays: 7:00PM
OR
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216 Scribner Ave., Norwalk, CT

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our Food Pantry is starting a "Needed Items List". Just as there are some items that we are able to get free from different government sources or at a greatly reduced cost, there are some items we need to buy. That is where this listing will come in. Of course, you can still give items that are not on the list. Please leave after hours non-perishable donations in the bin outside the pantry.

9oz to 12oz box of cereal 14oz to 18oz peanut butter
Shampoo Tooth Paste Paper Towels
Toilet Paper Facial Tissues

NEED TO REGISTER WITH THE PARISH? DO YOU
NEED PROOF OF SACRAMENTS?
A SPONSOR CERTIFICATE?
NEED TO SCHEDULE A BAPTISM,
OR A WEDDING?
THEN HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE.

All of these items are available by filling in the form on the website and emailing it to the office. Once received, we will let you know we have it and will call or email you when your request is completed.

If you are 18 and out of school, you should be registered by yourself, not with your parents.

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Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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12:00 pm – Rally
1:00 pm – March for Life



THOSE WHO SING, PRAY TWICE!

If you like to sing, please consider joining our Parish Choir. We have our regular rehearsals on Sunday from 10:45 to 11:15am & 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.

Consider joining now to participate in our Easter Celebration!

For more information and FAQ visit:
ct.marchforlife.org

REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

Under the direction of the Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, our beloved Pastor, Fr. Mirek, has moved on to a new assignment. Now, we know that the while Our Lord Jesus Christ directly ministered to the Human Family on earth, He moved constantly from place to place to touch the hearts and lives of as many people as He could. Ultimately, as you know, He made His way to the Temple in Jerusalem to accomplish the will of the Father.

We know too, that the same could be said of those who first witnessed the Gospel Message in His name, and there is clear evidence of this especially in the Acts of the Apostles, and the letters of St. Paul. The life of a Catholic priest is one that involves both a Journey of Faith, as well as a pilgrimage to the Kingdom of Heaven; and along with what is spiritual, the journey requires numerous subsequent assignments under the Bishop whom they serve; and this is according to the of the ministry of the Church, for the sake of the People of God, for the salvation of souls, and finally, unto the Glory of God.

It is a challenging thing to change residences, assignments, with new and uncertain expectations; but it is a great blessing to meet, serve, and touch the lives of so many people over the course of many years. Further, what is always similar and consoling at every assignment, is the goodness, faith and love of the people we meet in the Parishes who continue to provide priests with hope and inspiration.

We will miss Fr. Mirek; but we can be grateful from what we learned from him, and be confident that those who Fr. Mirek will serve anew will come to enjoy what we did while he was with us here at St. Thomas Parish. Let us then keep him in our prayers as He begins his new assignment. May God bless him, protect him, and grant him all he needs as he continues to serve the People of God in the name of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Ralph

Confession in Church

Every Saturday

4:00pm until 4:30pm or

by Appointment



Spring 2024 Campaign

February 14 – March 24, 2024

Through peaceful prayer, fasting, and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired more than 1,000,000 volunteers and saved thousands of lives. Please consider signing up for 1 hour with a friend or as a parish group and help change hearts and minds this Lent. See the following for location and sign-up information.

Bridgeport: 4697 Main Street (at the public right of way), Campaign Leader: Barbara Grabowski - bgrabows@aol.com

For more information or to sign up for hours visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/bridgeport>

Danbury: 44 Main Street (at the public right of way) Campaign Leader: Don Mallozzi - don.r.mallozzi@gmail.com

For more information or to sign up for hours visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/danbury>

Stamford: 35 Sixth Street (at the public right of way) Campaign Leader: Monika Twal - stamford40daysforlife@gmail.com

For more information or to sign up for hours visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/stamford>



My dear friends, each year I come to you to ask your help to give generously to the various missions of our Diocese and help in my ministry to provide for the needs of the poor and the sick, our young people, our retired priests, and all the very charitable works that makes us who we are as the Catholic community of Fairfield County.

Each year you generously respond for which I am most grateful, but this year I come to you with particular joy because I am going to ask you once again to support those ministries and new initiatives that together are forming this one great invitation to renew the spiritual and pastoral life of our diocese.

Many of you have heard my presentation on "The One"; the one invitation, the one adventure, the one priority we all share to invite every believer to deepen their personal relationship with the Lord and to encounter His love, mercy, forgiveness, charity, and His joy, and to accompany one another individually and in small communities of faith.

We have perennially done much of that through the Bishop's Appeal with opportunities to learn the faith for our young people and our children, to consider the works of beauty as a way to encounter Christ through the Sacred Heart Guild, to protect human life in all its stages and many other activities. We have been dedicated to this work, but now we have the opportunity to bring it to the next level and move forward.

I am deeply encouraged, excited and motivated to ask for your help so that this vision, which we all long for, will become ever more of a reality in our midst. That is why I come to you this year to ask for your help, to give sacrificially and generously so that our works of charity, our aid to the poor, our educational efforts and all initiatives will create that one great opportunity to show the world and one another who we truly are in Jesus Christ.

Together, will have a springtime of renewal in our midst, so that those who share faith with us and the generations to come will look back at this moment, this opportunity and say they have done their work well.

My friends please give generously to the Annual Bishop's Appeal, and may God bless you and your families.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
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MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
PFC Matthew Montanez, US Army
PFC Larry Joyce, US Marine Corps



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.



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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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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Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Fratoloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Hamilton Family
Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Richard Berg	Jeannetta Torres	Anthony Bruno
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Antonio Vescio	Diane Turek	Angela McCrae
Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	Jackie Hamilton	Debbie Poruban
Kathleen Dominick	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Alessandro Fornara	David R.	John Lima	Denise Cassin
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Mike D.	Elizabeth Malerba	Steve C.	Stefanie Sena	Jim Bogdany	Robert Podlaski
Michelle Vittorio	Vinnie McMahon	Carolyn Hill	Paul Rohan		

**The Food Pantry is open
Tuesdays & Saturdays
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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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