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July 30, 2023



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

- Mt 13:44

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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, July 31

7:00 AM† Russell Fallo
5:30 PM† Roger & Susan Cavedon

Tuesday, August 1

7:00 AM† Msgr. John J. Toomey
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, August 2

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

Thursday, August 3

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Palma Sweet

Friday, August 4

7:00 AM† Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.
5:30 PM† Mass of Remembrance

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, August 5

5:15 PM† Craig Sares

Celebrant

Fr. Ralph

Sunday, August 6

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Gregoire Dumas Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† Michael J. Sandomeno Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM† Robert P. Evanchik Fr. Mirek

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
July 16		
Collection	\$4,075.00	\$3,805.00
On-Line	\$2,336.00	\$2,527.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,905.00</u>	<u>\$4,765.00</u>
Votives	\$ 132.41	\$ 133.00
Mission Co-Op Sunday		
Collection	\$ 989.00	\$1,627.00
On-Line	\$ 270.00	\$ 280.00
Total	<u>\$1,259.00</u>	<u>\$1,907.00</u>
July 23		
Collection	\$3,534.00	\$3,081.00
On-Line	\$2,518.00	\$2,637.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,546.00</u>	<u>\$4,151.00</u>
Votives	\$ 167.50	\$ 331.02

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 Cathedralricum 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.



The Sanctuary Candle burns
July 30th through August 5th in memory of
Henry Simon.

—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

There will be a special mass for all deceased parishioners on **Friday, August 4th, at 5:30 p.m., in the church.** Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. If you would like information about the ministry, please contact Jane Eichwald at (203) 838-4590.



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.

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

Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

Finance Chair:

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Religious Ed Office:

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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

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FROM THE CONFESSIONS OF SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP

The true Mediator was he whom you revealed to humble men in your secret mercy, and whom you sent so they might learn that same humility by following his example. This was the *Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus*, who intervened between sinful mortals and the immortal Just One, himself mortal like men, and like God, just. Thus, since life and peace are the compensation for righteousness, he could, by a justice united with God, annul the death of sinners now justified, since he willed to share death with them.

Good Father, how you loved us, *sparing not your only Son but delivering him up for us sinners!* How you loved us, for whose sake he, *thinking it no robbery to be equal with you, was made subject to death on the cross*. He alone, free among the dead, *had the power to lay down his life and the power to take it up again*. For our sake he became in your sight both victor and victim—victor, indeed, because he was victim. For our sake, too, he became before you both priest and sacrifice—priest, indeed, because he was a sacrifice, changing us from slaves to sons by being your Son and serving us.

Rightly then have I firm hope that you will heal all my infirmities through him who sits at your right hand and intercedes for us. Otherwise I should despair. For great and numerous are these infirmities of mine, great indeed and numerous, but your medicine is mightier. We might have thought your Word remote from any union with man, and so have despaired of ourselves, if he had not *become flesh and dwelt among us*.

Crushed by my sins and the weight of my misery, I had taken thought in my heart and contemplated flight into the desert. But you stopped me and gave me comfort with the words: *Christ died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them*.

Behold, Lord, I cast upon you my concern that I may live and *I shall meditate on the wonders of your law*. You know my ignorance and my weakness; teach me and heal me. Your only Son, in whom *are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge*, redeemed me with his blood. (Lib. 10, 43, 68-70: CSEL 33:278-280)



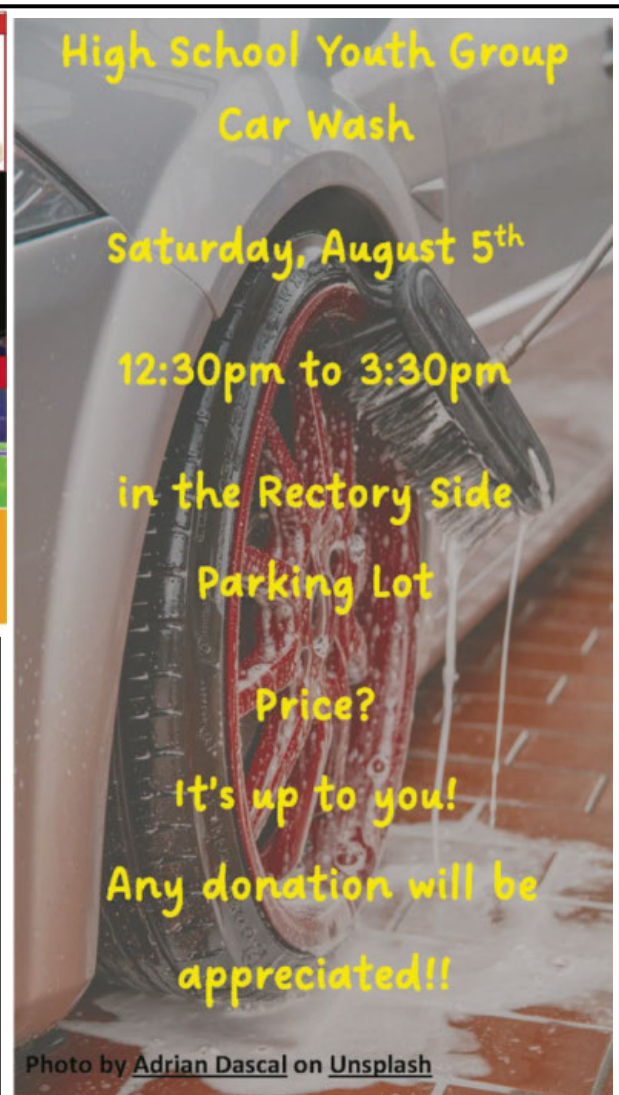
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One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

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 138 gifts worth \$36,905 bringing our parish to 58.77% of its \$62,800 goal. Thanks to all who have participated! Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

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 Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
 CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army
 Sfc. Ramil Penserger, US Army
 LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy
 Tech Sgt. Daniel Scofield, US Air Force
 UT2 PO2 Edward Skeen, US Navy
 SSG Sgt. Jesse Skeen, US Army
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 MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
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 Nancy Cook-Owens,
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SACRAMENTS

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. 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
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Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Fratoloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Hamilton Family
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					

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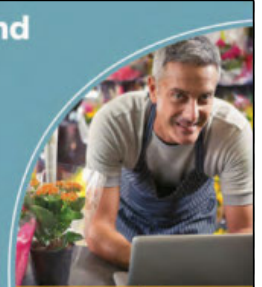
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