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October 8, 2023



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The stone that the
builders rejected has
become the cornerstone."
- Mt 21:42ab

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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, October 9

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM† Intentions of Fr. Richard Murphy

Tuesday, October 10

7:00 AM† The Family of Giuseppe A. Boccanfuso, Sr.
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, October 11

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

Thursday, October 12

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

Friday, October 13

7:00 AM† Intentions of the Michael Sweeney Family
5:30 PM† NO MASS - The Rite of Confirmation

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, October 14

5:15 PM† Albert & Robert Deluca

Sunday, October 15

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† Giovanni Ferraro
11:30 AM† Clement McLaughlin
5:00 PM† Henry Simon



The Sanctuary Candle burns
October 8th through October 14th in memory
of the Montana, Silva, Lauder, &
Gilmore Families.



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

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

Henry Burr Walter Burr
Raymond Flawzllgn, Jr.

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
October 1		
Collection	\$3,893.00	\$4,129.00
On-Line	\$3,448.00	\$2,674.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$5,835.00</u>	<u>\$5,236.00</u>
Votives	\$ 118.83	\$ 133.11
Monthly Maintenance		
Collection	\$1,128.00	\$1,502.00
On-Line	<u>\$1,936.00</u>	<u>\$1,460.00</u>
Total	<u>\$3,064.00</u>	<u>\$2,962.00</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.

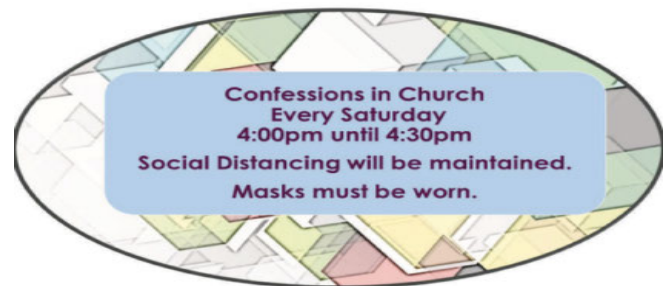
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Total tag sale profit - \$27, 185
Again - a **big** thank you to all
who contributed in any way.



ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM

The 2024 MASS BOOK is now open without
restrictions. Phone or email requests are welcome.



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

**JOIN THE FALL BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM!
EVERY OTHER FRIDAY 7:00pm**

The facilitator, Kevin Knight, will lead us with a discussion of Leviticus. We meet in the Small Meeting Room of the Parish Center for about 1 1/2 hours. Kevin may be reached at (203) 722-7713 for more information. Come join us as we read scripture and explore how it applies to our lives. Please consider this opportunity to share scripture with each other and to build community through our shared belief.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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*We have raised 153 gifts worth \$63,910 bringing our parish to 101.77% of its \$62,800 goal.
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Join the Fall 2023 Campaign by visiting the location nearest to sign up.

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**THOSE WHO SING,
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If you like to sing, please consider joining our Parish Choir. We have our regular rehearsals on Sunday at 11:00am & 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.

FROM A LETTER WRITTEN TO ALL THE FAITHFUL BY SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

It was through his archangel, Saint Gabriel, that the Father above made known to the holy and glorious Virgin Mary that the worthy, holy and glorious Word of the Father would come from heaven and take from her womb the real flesh of our human frailty. Though he was wealthy beyond reckoning, he still willingly chose to be poor with his blessed mother. And shortly before his passion he celebrated the Passover with his disciples. Then he prayed to his Father saying: *Father, if it be possible, let this cup be taken from me.*

Nevertheless, he reposed his will in the will of his Father. The Father willed that his blessed and glorious Son, whom he gave to us and who was born for us, should through his own blood offer himself as a sacrificial victim on the altar of the cross. This was to be done not for himself through whom all things were made, but for our sins. It was intended to leave us an example of how to follow in his footsteps. And he desires all of us to be saved through him, and to receive him with pure heart and chaste body.

O how happy and blessed are those who love the Lord and do as the Lord himself said in the gospel: *You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart and your whole soul; and your neighbor as yourself.* Therefore, let us love God and adore him with pure heart and mind. This is his particular desire when he says: *True worshippers adore the Father in spirit and truth.* For all who adore him must do so in the spirit of truth. Let us also direct to him our praises and prayers saying: *Our Father, who art in heaven, since we must always pray and never grow slack.*

Furthermore, let us produce worthy fruits of penance. Let us also love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve. We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be servants who are submissive to every human being for God's sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end. He will permanently dwell in them. They will be the Father's children who do his work. They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Liturgy of The Hours, Vol. IV, Ordinary Time, Weeks 18-34, *From a letter written to all the faithful by Saint Francis of Assisi*, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1975, pp. 1465-1467



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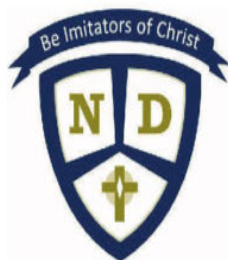
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NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL – FAIRFIELD OPEN HOUSE AND ENTRANCE EXAM

On **Sunday, October 15** at 1:00 pm. Notre Dame High School in Fairfield will host an Open House for prospective students and their families. The Open House will give students a comprehensive look at the academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs as well as ND's partnership with Sacred Heart University.

The Entrance Exam will be offered on **October 28 and November 11** at 8:00 a.m. All eighth-grade applicants must take an entrance exam at one of the four Diocesan high schools. All applicants must complete an online application. Complete information can be found on the school's website, www.notredame.org

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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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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.

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
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					

**The Food Pantry is open
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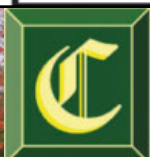
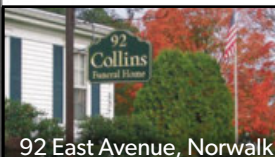
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