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## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 30, 2023



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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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, May 1

7:00 AM Intentions of Jorge Hidalgo  
5:30 PM † Tartaglia & Rauccio Families

#### Tuesday, May 2

7:00 AM Intentions of Jorge Hidalgo  
5:30 PM Intentions of Maria Longo

#### Wednesday, May 3

7:00 AM † Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.  
5:30 PM † James Verda

#### Thursday, May 4

7:00 AM Intentions of Brandon Labraga  
5:30 PM † Cherubina Mirolla

#### Friday, May 5

7:00 AM In Celebration of the 1<sup>st</sup> Mass Celebrated at  
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish  
5:30 PM † Mass of Remembrance

#### Sunday Vigil, Saturday, May 6

5:15 PM † Theresa Tartaglia **Celebrant**  
Fr. Ralph

#### Sunday, May 7

7:30 AM † John Dominick Fr. Ralph  
9:00 AM † Marie Calka, Tom Calka, & Fr. Ralph  
George Vassallo  
11:30 AM † Fran Carey Fr. Mirek  
5:00 PM † For Our Parishioners, Living & Fr. Mirek  
Deceased

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
<b>April 23</b>		
Collection	\$3,958.00	\$3,261.00
On-Line	\$2,426.00	\$2,650.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,567.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,636.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$4,817.00</u>	<u>\$4,275.00</u>

Votives \$ 146.72 \$ 160.00

### 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.

### Catholic Home Missions Appeal Second Collection, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Launched in 1998, the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and Ministry with ethnic groups.

### —MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioner has died in the month of April: Henry Simon. There will be a special mass for him and all deceased parishioners on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.



The Sanctuary Candle burns  
April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup> in loving memory  
of Linda Angotto & Gerry Forde.



# FIRST FRIDAY

## ADORATION

This Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>,  
7:30am to 12:00 Noon

Due to a Friday Afternoon Wedding

## Banns of Marriage

### III

Catherine McQuade & Rex Favella

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Rev. Ralph Segura  
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## High School Youth Group

Our Youth Group will be meeting in the Parish Center Loft on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30pm - 6:00pm. The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month will be an organizational meeting to plan the month's event. If you would like more information or want to be added to the Youth Group email list please contact Elizabeth Squicciarino, our Youth Group Coordinator, at [stthomasyl@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasyl@gmail.com). **ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME & BRING YOUR FRIENDS.**



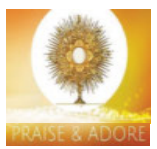
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**ADORATION  
MONDAY NIGHT  
6PM - 8PM**

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***We have raised 75 gifts worth \$21,676 bringing our parish to 34.52% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who gave or pledged!***



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## From a Homily on the Gospels by Saint Gregory the Great, Pope

I am the good shepherd. I know my own— by which I mean, I love them — and my own know me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.

Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. Clearly he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father.

Again he says: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life. Shortly before this he had declared: If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture. He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more.

Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveler who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going. The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. II, Lenten Season-Easter Season, From a homily on the Gospels by Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Catholic Publishing Co., NY, 1976, pp. 752-754.

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*Please contact the Parish Office if you need more information.*

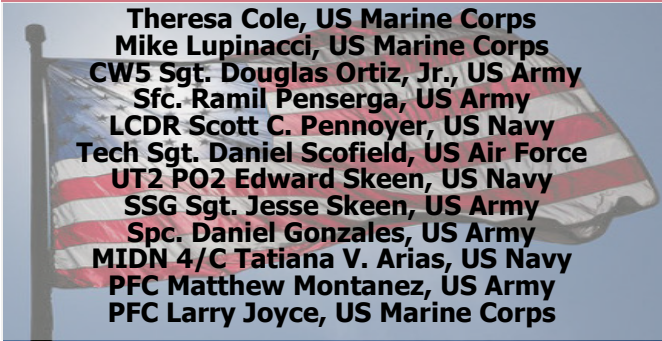
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### Prayer Requests!

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](mailto: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

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## 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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Dawn Grover	Josephine Mola Buckley	Nancy G.	Joanna Marvin	Ken Schulman	Denise Cassin
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