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THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 29, 2024



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who
can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:39b

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Rev. Ralph Segura, Pastor
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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, September 30

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

Tuesday, October 1

7:00 AM† Andrea Padula
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, October 2

NO MASS

Thursday, October 3

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Maria Daniela

Friday, October 4

7:00 AM† The Family of G. Boccanfuso, Sr.
5:30 PM† Mass of Remembrance

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, October 5

5:15 PM† Matthew Harbilas (4th Anniversary)

Sunday, October 6

7:30 AM† Mariano David
9:00 AM† Luigi & Francesca D'Acunto
11:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
5:00 PM† James & Shirley Muro & Dr. Jayme Rolls



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 29th through October 5th in memory
of Gorgonio Ong.*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
September 22		
Collection	\$3,934.00	\$3,468.00
On-Line	\$2,423.00	\$2,529.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,810.00</u>	<u>\$4,491.00</u>
Votives	\$ 157.08	\$ 122.76

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 2025 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum Assessment is \$80,448. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,547. This represents an annual increase of \$2,124.00 from the prior year.

—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioners have died in the month of September: Antonio LoGiudice, Beatrice D'Orio, and Barbara Ballard. There will be a special mass for them and for all deceased parishioners on Friday, October 4th, at 5:30 p.m. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. If you would like information about the ministry, please contact Jane Eichwald at (203) 838-4590.

Blessing of Animals
**Next Saturday,
October 5th, at 12 Noon.**

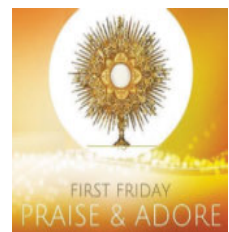
Bring your pets, big & small,
to our blessing.

**CARRIERS OR LEASHES ARE
REQUIRED.**



Due to a meeting with other Parishes and the Bishop, the Parish offices will be closing at 2:00pm on Thursday, October 3rd.

**Confession in
Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm**



**FIRST FRIDAY
ADORATION
October 4th
7:30am to 5:00pm**

Rectory:
Rev. Ralph Segura
Pastor (ext.19)

Rectory Staff:
Cathy Lauder
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

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Patty Frattaroli, DRE
stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

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stthomasyg1@gmail.com
Elizabeth Squicciarino, Coordinator

**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,
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Monika Piascik

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SAINT PIO FOUNDATION



THE RELICS OF SAINT PIO



at St. Matthew Church
Monday, Sept. 30, 2024

Veneration of Relics: 1pm-10pm | Mass: 7pm followed by the Rosary

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Beautiful hand-made olive wood religious articles made by Christian families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on sale **October 5th and 6th** after all masses. Holy Land Bethlehem Artworks provides assistance to over 100 suffering families each week. Handmade rosaries, statues, crosses and nativities will make wonderful presents for family and friends or an opportunity to add a beautiful hand carved religious item for your home to be cherished for generations. The religious articles are made by the Christian families in the Holy Land and are their means of spreading the word of Jesus, a goal that began two thousand years ago. Crafting the religious articles is the primary means for providing for the livelihood of Christian families in the Holy Land.

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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 THE SCOUTS! SCOUT TROOP 222

We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center gym and follow the school year calendar. We need at least 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to our web page:

troop222.norwalk.scoutlander.com.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Second Thursday of every month

7:00-8:00pm, St. Theresa Church

August 8th

September 12th

October 10th

November 14th

December 12th

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*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.



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Wedding Jubilee Mass

For all those married couples
celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th or 50+ year anniversaries
are invited to gather at Saint Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport

on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024**

at 1:30 pm for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano
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Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army
Sfc. Ramil Penserga, 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
Spc. Daniel Gonzales, US Army
MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
Sgt. Matthew Montanez, US Army
CPL Larry Joyce, US Marine Corps

2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We have raised 154 gifts worth \$39,743 bringing our parish to 63.29% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all who have already given or pledged! To make a gift, or for more information, please visit 2024 Bishops Appeal.org, call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.



Go to our website & click on "Events in Our Diocese" for more happenings at our diocesan churches.

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A networking group designed for 18 to 35 year olds, both single and married. Scan below to see what we are all about.



**GRADES 7TH - 12TH STUDENTS
RELIGIOUS FORMATION REGISTRATION**

Registration is now open!

We are now offering Religious Formation/Education for 7th - 12th grade students who desire to join the Catholic faith and a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments.

- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith.
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO ENROLL

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

For Adults 18+(Not attending High School)

Registration is now open for OCIA!

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. OCIA can also be a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments.

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith.
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith.
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

Trustees:

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FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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. This is how this list is generated. 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.
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY PERISHABLES IN THE DROP BOX.

	14oz to 19oz jelly	
	9oz to 12oz box of cereal	
Shampoo	Tooth Paste	Paper Towel
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If you would like to add or removed a name 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:

Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
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Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Antonio Vescio	Diane Turek	Debbie Poruban
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Ginny DeMarco	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Alessandro Fornara	David R.	John Lima	Paul Rohan
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Michelle Vittorio	Carolyn Hill	Steve C.	Stefanie Sena	MaryAnn P.	Liz Fox
Vinnie McMahon	Andy Tao	Heather Ribellino	Susan Swick	Aidan Kane	Mary Anne Lagana



DID YOU KNOW...you must complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy 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 OCIA (Order of Christians Initiation for Adults) program is for you!! Just call the parish office at (203) 866-3141 for more information.

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

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.

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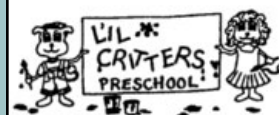
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