

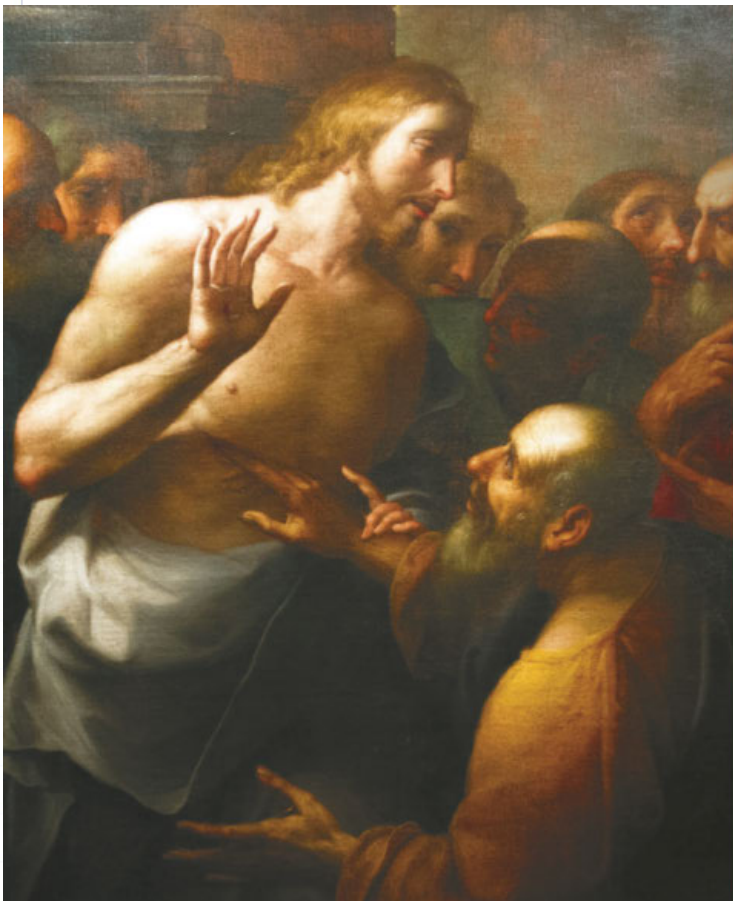


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**Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 7, 2024**



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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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, April 8

7:00 AM† Joseph Bucciarelli
5:30 PM † Andrew Caruso

Tuesday, April 9

7:00 AM† Katherine Ferrari
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, April 10

NO MASS

Thursday, April 11

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Mark Fallo

Friday, April 12

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon,
Terry Cain & Luis Cardenas

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, April 13

5:15 PM Marge & Jim Plascyk

Sunday, April 14

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† Robert LeBlanc
11:30 AM† Kathleen Jewel
5:00 PM† Attilio Migues

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Due to early transmission to the printer for the Easter Holiday, we do not have the collection figures in time for publication of the bulletin. We will report the collection in next week's issue.

Confession in Church Every Saturday

4:00pm until 4:30pm or
by Appointment



The 2025 MASS BOOK is open. Only 2 Saturday Vigil or Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until May 12th. You may also call or email requests to the office..



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.



The Sanctuary Candle burns
April 7th through April 13th in memory of
Gorgonio Ong.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord,
and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Please remember in your prayers:

Jerome Denner

We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our next meeting is this Thursday, April 25th, 7:00pm, in the Small Meeting Room.

If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196,
or the Parish Office.



ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM

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

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We have raised 77 gifts worth \$21,915 bringing our parish to 34.90% 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 2024BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.



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.

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ANSWERED OUR REQUESTS! YOU HAVE REALLY HELPED THE NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FREQUENTLY

We update our website as things change in our parish & diocese. There are many useful links on our "Senior Info", "Events in Our Diocese", & "Useful Links" pages. We have an interactive Google Calendar where you can add to your personal calendar with a simple click on the item. Most questions can be answered by visiting the website. **If you know of any organization that may be useful to our community, please contact the office so we may add it to our website upon approval.**



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Foundations in Education invites you to join in celebration of Catholic education on Thursday, April 25, 2024. Join Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano and celebrate our honorees – Michael Shea and M&T Bank. Proceeds support Foundations in Education's mission to strengthen and transform the mission of Catholic education in the Diocese of Bridgeport by providing tuition assistance to families in need, supporting innovation in academic programs, and fostering opportunities for the professional development of school leaders. To purchase tables, tickets and sponsorships or for more information, please call 203-416-1671 or visit

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FROM A SERMON BY SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP (SERMO 8 IN OCTAVA PASCHAE 1, 4: PL 46, 838. 841)

I speak to you who have just been reborn in baptism, my little children in Christ, you who are the new offspring of the Church, gift of the Father, proof of Mother Church's fruitfulness. All of you who stand fast in the Lord are a holy seed, a new colony of bees, the very flower of our ministry and fruit of our toil, my joy and my crown. It is the words of the Apostle that I address to you: *Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh and its desires*, so that you may be clothed with the life of him whom you have put on in this sacrament. *You have all been clothed with Christ by your baptism in him. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor freeman; there is neither male nor female; you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Such is the power of this sacrament: it is a sacrament of new life which begins here and now with the forgiveness of all past sins, and will be brought to completion in the resurrection of the dead. *You have been buried with Christ by baptism into death in order that, as Christ has risen from the dead, you also may walk in newness of life.*

You are walking now by faith, still on pilgrimage in a mortal body away from the Lord; but he to whom your steps are directed is himself the sure and certain way for you: Jesus Christ, who for our sake became man. For all who fear him he has stored up abundant happiness, which he will reveal to those who hope in him, bringing it to completion when we have attained the reality which even now we possess in hope.

This is the octave day of your new birth. Today is fulfilled in you the sign of faith that was prefigured in the Old Testament by the circumcision of the flesh on the eighth day after birth. When the Lord rose from the dead, he put off the mortality of the flesh; his risen body was still the same body, but it was no longer subject to death. By his resurrection he consecrated Sunday, or the Lord's day. Though the third after his passion, this day is the eighth after the Sabbath, and thus also the first day of the week.

And so your own hope of resurrection, though not yet realized, is sure and certain, because you have received the sacrament or sign of this reality, and have been given the pledge of the Spirit. *If, then, you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your hearts on heavenly things, not the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.*

Jesus, I Trust In You!



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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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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.

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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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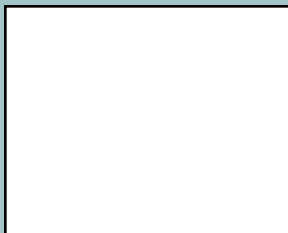


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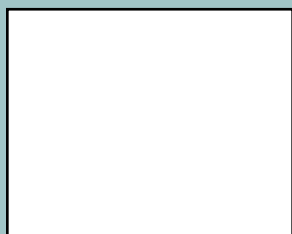
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