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MATTHEW 5:14A

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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, February 6

7:00 AM† Rev. Edward A. Colohan
5:30 PM† Francisco Pena

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

7:00 AM† Billy Farman
5:30 PM† Adam & Maria Wojtkowski

Thursday, February 9

7:00 AM Natali
5:30 PM In Thanksgiving

Friday, February 10

7:00 AM† Joseph Furnari
5:30 PM† Veda Barrett

Saturday Vigil, February 11

5:15 PM† Dr. John Sacco

Sunday, February 12

7:30 AM†	The Amato's: Arthur, Sr., Mary, Sharon, & Arthur, Jr., & the Rolland Family	Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM†	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM†	The Just & Gold Families	Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM†	Rosario Pugliese	Fr. Mirek

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek



The Sanctuary Candle burns
February 5th through February 11th
for the Festa, Verda, & Izzo Families.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Mary Jane Gardella Immacolata Iacono
Gloria Kennedy James Heber
Bruce Carlson Michael Mattzo

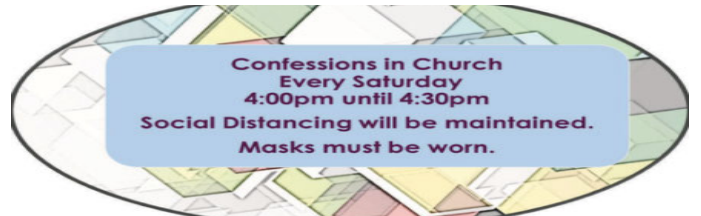
We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
January 29		
Collection	\$3,632.00	\$2,314.00
On-Line	\$2,183.00	\$2,500.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,567.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,636.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$4,248.00</u>	<u>\$3,178.00</u>
Votives	\$ 156.33	\$ 174.00

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 Cathedralium 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.



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

REMINDER: No priest will ever send you an email asking for a purchase of gift cards or anything else. These are scam emails & should be moved to your spam folder. Please do not respond to these emails. If you are ever unsure of anything please do not hesitate to call the office or ask one of the priests after mass.



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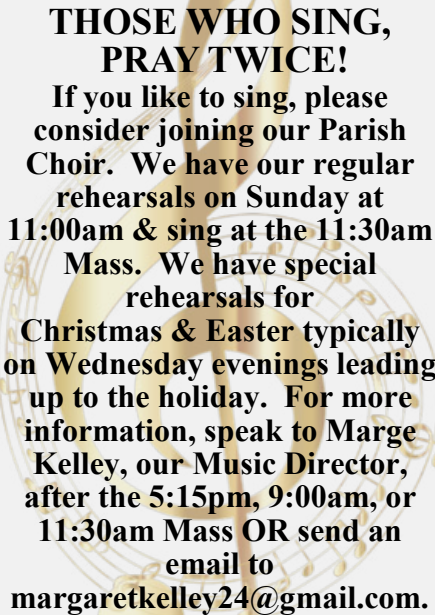
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Are you in high school? Then come, join the fun!!

Our newly formed Youth Group will be meeting in the Parish Center Loft Sunday, February 5th, from 4:30pm - 6:00pm. The 1st 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.
ALL ARE WELCOME & BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to assist with food deliveries on Friday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30. The work involves lifting and shelving the cases of food. Please call or email the parish office if you are able to give us any of your time.. A flexible schedule will work for us!



**THOSE WHO SING,
PRAY TWICE!**
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.



World Day of Prayer for the Sick

All, especially the sick, the handicapped and the frail are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Mass will be celebrated and the Sacrament of the Sick offered. refreshments will follow. Saturday, February 11, 2023. Welcome will begin at 1:30 pm. Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm. St Aloysius Church. Cherry Street, New Canaan.



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Stamford Catholic Young Adults
Mass and Social



Wednesday, February 8th
Adoration at 6pm | Mass at 7pm
St. John's Basilica (279 Atlantic St) | Ages 18-35
StamfordYoungAdultCatholics@Gmail.com

You're Invited!
To a special speaker event

*Supporting Life:
From Pregnancy
Through End of Life*

Guest Speaker
Christina Marie Bennett



Join Us
February 8, 2023
7:30pm - 8:30pm

St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church
Reserve Your Seat Today

Christina Marie Bennett is a leading advocate for the pro-life movement in Connecticut. She currently works as Communications Director for the Family Institute of CT and as a news reporter for Live Action News. Her story is featured in the films Pro-Life Feminist, Still on that Journey, and Hear from Heaven. You can follow her on Instagram and Twitter (@tikprolifewoman).

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Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church, 21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT

FEBRUARY 11: OUR LADY OF LOURDES

In 1858, there lived in the village of Lourdes, a little peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous, 14 years old, uneducated, simple, poor, good. On February 11, she was sent with two more girls to collect wood. They walked to the Rock of Massabielle, where the two companions crossed a mountain stream; while Bernadette was removing her shoes to follow them she became conscious of a ravishing beautiful Lady, standing in the hollow of the rock, looking at her. Bernadette fell involuntarily upon her knees, gazing enraptured at the lovely Lady, who smiled lovingly at Bernadette and then disappeared.

The mysterious Lady from heaven appeared in all, eighteen times to the little girl and among other things told her to drink the water from a mysterious fountain which was not yet observed. Bernadette scratched in the sand at a spot indicated, and water began to trickle through the earth; after a few days there gushed forth every day 27,000 gallons of pure, clear spring water, and this water flows still.

Bernadette was asked by Our Lady of Lourdes, who always showed her a sweet heavenly courtesy, to request the priest to have a church built on the spot, that processions should be made to the grotto, that people should drink of the water. The main emphasis of her message was that the faithful should visit the grotto in order to do penance for their sins and for those of the whole world.

In answer to Bernadette's inquiry, "Who are you?" the Lady answered, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

The apparitions appeared for the last time on July 16, 1858. Bernadette never again had the supreme privilege of seeing and visiting with Our Lady. Later, Bernadette became a nun at Nevers and there spent the rest of her life. Through her "Lourdes was destined to become a focus of faith and mercy; thousands of souls were to flock thither to increase their piety, to borrow new energy and resolution. Suffering and charity were to join hands under the eyes of the Divine Mother. Miracles were to be never-ceasing."

Four years after, the Bishop declared upon an exhaustive and scrupulous investigation, to the faithful, that they are "justified in believing the reality of the apparitions."

In 1873, a basilica was built on top of the rock and in 1883 another church was built below and in front of the rock. From 1867 when records began to be kept till 1908, about 5,000,000 pilgrims had visited the grotto; now about 1,000,000 people visit Lourdes every year. Although Our Lady never at any time promised that pilgrims who visited the grotto would be healed of their physical ills, remarkable cures began at once and have continued ever since. Many of them are of such a character that they can be ascribed only to supernatural power.

<https://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/our-lady-of-lourdes.html>

Our Food Pantry is in search of a new ministry head. If you are interested, stop in the Food Pantry during their hours of operation or contact the parish office for a more complete list of responsibilities.

Our Altar Society is looking for volunteers. We have a rotating schedule of people to take the church altar linens home to launder. Pick up is usually Monday morning with the folded & ironed linens returned before the weekend. If you would like to donate your time or would like more information, please call the office, (203) 866-3141, during regular business hours.

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

Future priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport receive comprehensive formation in theology, pastoral ministry, personal growth, and, most importantly, the spiritual life at seminaries chosen by the Bishop to best suit the needs of the seminarian and of the diocese. Preparation for the Priesthood takes anywhere from six to eight years, depending on the age and educational background of the man when he enters. All of our seminarians receive graduate degrees in theology prior to their ordination. Through your generous gift to the Bishop's Appeal, the Diocese will be better able to support men who are discerning priesthood and may respond generously and courageously to that call.

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To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.



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Wednesdays
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturdays

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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.

New 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	Jim Sweet	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabeese	Anne Edwards	Merina Deluc
Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	George Travers
Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Fratoloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Phil Tavella
Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Rick Azillo	Jeannetta Torres	Hamilton Family
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Richard Berg	Diane Turek	Anthony Bruno
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Vinny Massaro	Josephine Mola Buckley	Alessandro Fornara	Jim Charest	Joe M.	Holly Sanders
Stefanie Sena	Elizabeth Malerba	Jim Bogdany			

**The Food Pantry is open
Tuesdays & Saturdays
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.**

Donations are now being accepted during regular hours or leave **NON-PERISHABLE** items in the bin at the food pantry entrance. Questions? Call them at (203) 866-1644



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.



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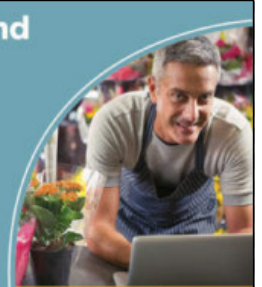
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