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May 21, 2023



7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you."

- Jn 17:1

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Rev. Mirosław Stachurski, Pastor
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203 East Avenue
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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 22

7:00 AM† Salvatore Santella
5:30 PM† Margaret & Harold Trezzini

Tuesday, May 23

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM† Roger & Susan Cavedon

Wednesday, May 24

7:00 AM† Ann Ruggiero
5:30 PM† All the Faithfully Departed of the
Stachurski & Grzybowski Families

Thursday, May 25

7:00 AM† Roger Festa
5:30 PM† Roger & Susan Cavedon

Friday, May 26

7:00 AM Special Intention
5:30 PM† Roger & Susan Cavedon

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, May 27

5:15 PM† Theresa Tartaglia

Celebrant

Fr. Mirek

Sunday, May 28


7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM† Lester Platt Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM† Victoria Ann Buono Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM† Lucille Gagne Fr. Ralph

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
May 7		
Collection	\$3,786.00	\$4,439.00
On-Line	\$2,353.00	\$2,365.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,572.00</u>	<u>\$5,168.00</u>
Votives	\$ 181.77	\$ 158.00
Monthly Maintenance		
Collection	\$1,267.00	\$1,656.00
On-Line	\$1,344.00	\$1,297.00
Total	<u>\$2,611.00</u>	<u>\$2,953.00</u>
May 14		
Collection	\$4,717.00	\$2,975.00
On-Line	\$2,180.00	\$2,275.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$5,330.00</u>	<u>\$3,614.00</u>
Votives	\$ 130.69	\$ 111.00

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.



The Sanctuary Candle burns
May 21st through May 27th in loving
memory of Roger Festa.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Karen B.

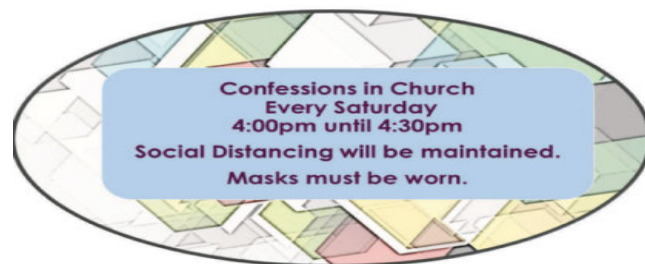
We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.

Are you entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade?

Then, now's the time to start your religious education, too. Please contact the Religious Formation Office for more information or go to our website for a link to our registration page. Classes are on Sundays starting in September. Kindergarten is not required but serves as an introduction and is free to all.

Phone: (203) 866-1189

Email: stthomasreleoffice@gmail.com



May is the Month of Mary!!
Pray the Rosary at home & in the Church
Monday - Friday: 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm Saturday: 4:45pm

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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Monday through Friday 9 - 4
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*DO YOU LIKE TO
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Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We supply the materials - you supply the Love!! We meet once a month for about an hour to pray over the completed shawls and to pick up supplies. Our next meeting is this **Thursday, May 25th, at 7:00pm**, in the Small Meeting Room. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, the Parish Office at (203) 866-3141, or go to our website and click on Parish Life, Ministries.

**MONDAY NIGHT BINGO
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High School Youth Group

Our Youth Group will be meeting in the Parish Center Loft on Sunday, June 4th, 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 stthomasyg1@gmail.com.
ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME & BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

VOLUNTEER

All that's missing is U!

**Can you: Fold a shirt?
Wash a glass?
Unpack a box?**

If yes, then we could use your help with our Annual Tag Sale! Drop-Offs begin mid-August. Drop-off dates will be announced in the coming weeks and we can use your help on any day.

Our Annual Parish Tag Sale is the largest fundraiser of the year. These funds are critical to cover our operating costs.

*Please contact the Parish office
by phone or email if you need more
information or to volunteer.*

**WE CAN'T DO IT
WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!**



**Our Giant Tag Sale will be the weekend
of September 16th & 17th**



The Parish Offices will be closed Monday, May 29th, in honor of Memorial Day. The Thrift Store & Food Pantry will also be closed on Saturday, May 27th.

**PLEASE SAY A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO
DIED IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY!
GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!**

**There will be 1 Mass at 7:00am.
No 5:30pm Mass or Adoration.**



Our parishioner, Rose Marie Albertson, is in need of a person to sit with her mom, Carm Pagliano, a few hours a week to give Rose Marie a little time to do other necessary things. If you can help Rose Marie get a little respite time, please call her at (203) 246-4196.

Saints, Blesseds, and Venerables

The following are the steps to sainthood as outlined by the Catholic Church

Stage I – Examining the Life of a Candidate for Sainthood

Phase 1: Diocesan or Eparchial Level

Five years must pass from the time of a candidate's death before a cause may begin. This is to allow greater balance and objectivity in evaluating the case and to let the emotions of the moment dissipate. The pope can dispense from this waiting period.

The bishop of the diocese or eparchy in which the person died is responsible for beginning the investigation. The petitioner (who for example can be the diocese/eparchy, bishop, religious order or association of the faithful) asks the bishop through a person known as the postulator to open the investigation.

The bishop then begins a series of consultations with the episcopal conference, the faithful of his diocese or eparchy and the Holy See. Once these consultations are done and he has received the 'nihil obstat' of the Holy See, he forms a diocesan or eparchial tribunal. The tribunal will investigate the martyrdom or how the candidate lived a life of heroic virtues, that is, the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity, and the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude, and others specific to his or her state in life. Witnesses will be called, and documents written by and about the candidate must be gathered and examined.

Phase II: Congregation for the Causes of Saints

Once the diocesan or eparchial investigation is finished, the documentation is sent to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. The postulator for this phase, residing in Rome, under the direction of a member of the Congregation's staff called a relator prepares the 'Positio,' or summary of the documentary evidence from the diocesan or eparchial phase in order to prove the heroic exercise of virtue or the martyrdom.

The 'Positio' undergoes an examination by nine theologians who vote on whether or not the candidate lived a heroic life or suffered martyrdom. If the majority of the theologians are in favor, the cause is passed on for examination by cardinals and bishops who are members of the Congregation. If their judgment is favorable, the prefect of the Congregation presents the results of the entire course of the cause to the pope, who gives his approval and authorizes the Congregation to draft a decree declaring one Venerable if they have lived a virtuous life or a Blessed if they have been martyred.

Stage II – Beatification

For the beatification of a Venerable, a miracle attributed to his intercession, verified after his death, is necessary. The required miracle must be proven through the appropriate canonical investigation, following a procedure analogous to that for heroic virtues. This investigation too is concluded with the appropriate decree. Once the decree on the miracle is promulgated the pope grants the beatification, which is the concession of limited public veneration – usually only in the diocese, eparchy, region, or religious community in which the Blessed lived. With beatification, the candidate receives the title of Blessed. For a martyr, no miracle is required. Thus, when the pope approves the positio declaring that the person was martyred for the faith, the title Blessed is granted to the martyr at that time.

Stage III – Canonization

For canonization, another miracle is needed for both Blessed martyrs and Blesseds who lived a virtuous life, attributed to the intercession of the Blessed and having occurred after his or her beatification. The methods for affirming the miracle are the same as those followed for beatification. Canonization allows for the public veneration of the Saint by the Universal Church. With canonization, the Blessed acquires the title of Saint. <https://www.usccb.org/offices/public-affairs/saints>

Help Wanted

Our Food Pantry is in need of volunteers. We especially need Spanish speaking people to assist with our Spanish community. If you are interested, Please call the Food Pantry at (203) 866-1644. If no one answers, please leave a message. We will call you back!

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal - Your gifts at work

If you have not yet responded to the Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of everyone the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach! To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

We have raised 106 gifts worth \$30,550 bringing our parish to 48.65% of its \$62,800 goal. Thanks to all who have participated!



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www.stthomasnorwalk.org

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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	Jim Sweet	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabrese	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
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Patricia M.					

**The Food Pantry is open
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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



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