



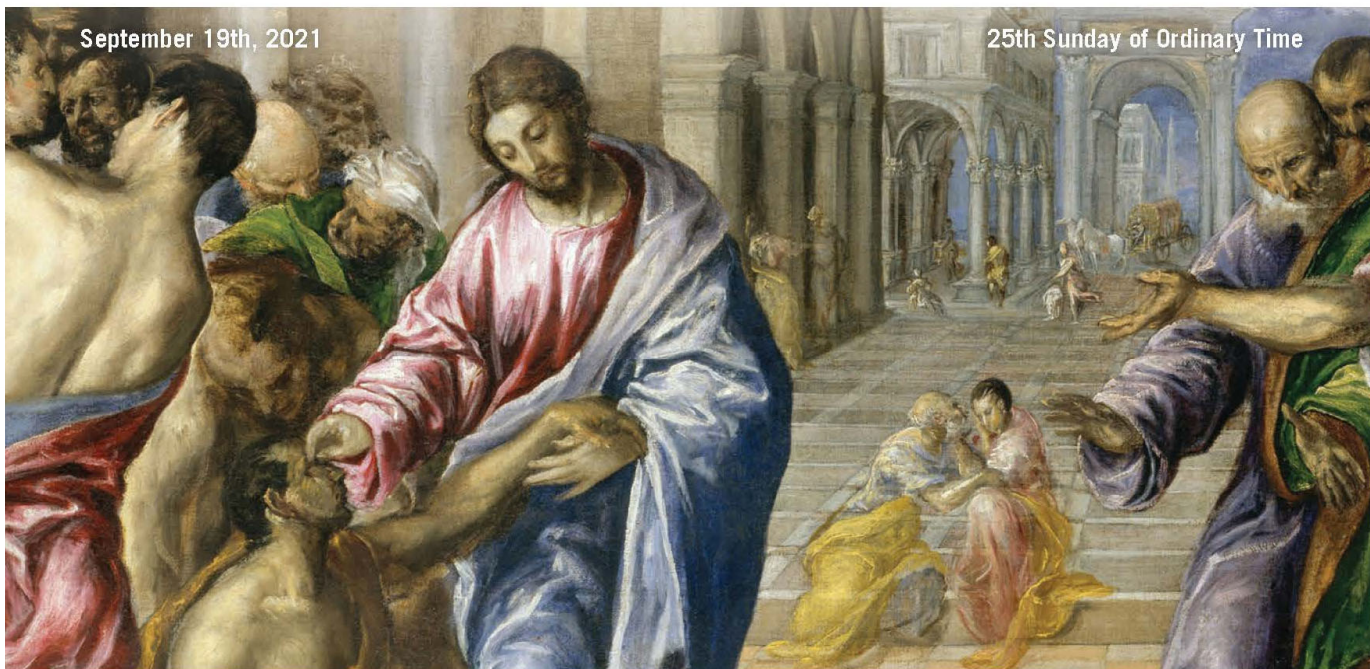
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THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 19th, 2021

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED

Today we formally commission our Catechists for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Please pray for all of our dedicated Catechists and Aides who are supporting the Religious Formation of our children in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and for the leadership of Fr. Mirek Stachurski and Fr. Ralph Segura together with our Director, Michelle O'Mara and her secretary, Mary Vladimirov.

CATECHISTS & AIDES FOR 2021/22

Cindy Ballard
Ed Bocchino
Marlene DeBellis
John Einstman
Jessica Garcia

Kathryn Grieco
Kevin Knight
Chris Mannella
Maggie Mannella
Alejandro Maya
Daniela Norena

Madeleine Pare
Andrea Remlin
Maria Sawicki
Giancarlo Sposato
Anne Marie Walsh

Rev. Mirosław Stachurski, Pastor

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00 am.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, September 20

7:00 AM More Devotion to Our Blessed Mother
5:30 PM † Michael Valiante

Tuesday, September 21

7:00 AM † Souls in Purgatory
5:30 PM † Elizabeth & Garrett O'Gara

Wednesday, September 22

7:00 AM Intentions of John Moranski & Family
5:30 PM † Brian Horne

Thursday, September 23

7:00 AM Intention of Marylyn Vogt & Family
5:30 PM † Paul Douglas Hartzell

Friday, September 24

7:00 AM † Nancy Lenihan
5:30 PM † Jon Marc Krawiecki

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, September 25

5:15 PM Intentions of Francisco Fernandez **Celebrant** Fr. Mirek

Sunday, September 26

7:30 AM † Joe Firth Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM † Aurelio & Elena Damico Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM † Joseph Kovacs Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM † For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Ralph



The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 19th through September 25th
for Carlos Rivera.

Banns of Marriage

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Cheryl Lynn Dass & Dennis Peter



ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM

PRaise & ADore

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2021

2020

September 12

Collection	\$3,016.00	\$3,535.00
On-Line	\$2,701.00	\$2,491.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,636.00)	(\$1,869.00)
Net Retained	\$4,081.00	\$4,157.00

Votives

\$ 152.00 \$ 81.00

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 2022 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum Assessment is \$85,072. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,636. This represents an annual decrease of \$4,633.00 from the prior year.

We welcome the newly Baptized into the
Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Sebastian Wolf Kennedy

Congratulations to his parents, family & friends!



The 2022 MASS BOOK is now open. We still have Masses & Candles available for 2021. Please call or email the office to reserve your masses and candles.

Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm

Social Distancing will be maintained.
Masks must be worn.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Gordon Rogers Frank Santo Peter Baldino

We extend our sympathy to their families
& friends.

Rectory:
Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar

Office Hours:

Appointments 10-3 Monday through
Thursday & Friday 10-12
Closed Saturday & Sunday

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stthomasnorwalkred@gmail.com

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Is your child entering 1st grade this school year? Are you new to the parish with school aged children?

Then it's time to register for our Religious Formation Class. Please contact the Formation Office at (203) 866-1189 or email Michelle & Mary at stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com or go to our parish website homepage to get your form.

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Pray the Rosary Monday, October 4th 7:00 pm
with the Fr. Myron V. Miller Council 5833
Auxiliary Columbiettes
The St. Gabriel Church and Hall,
914 Newfield Avenue, Stamford
Stay for an informational meeting to learn about
the Columbiettes organization.
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Bible Study with Kevin Knight Resumes with a Book Discussion
Friday, September 24th at 7:00pm in the
Monsignor Toomey Room

We will be discussing the book 'Learning to Pray' by Father James Martin. *"A smart, wise, often side-splittingly funny master class in seeking God. Any spiritual seeker - from atheist to professional religious - will cherish this bravura tome from one of our great spiritual guides, in the lineage of C. S. Lewis, Henri Nouwen, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, and Mother Teresa. Hallelujah & amen!"*
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

MEMORIAL MASS OR FUNERAL

We are scheduling Memorial Masses for those who died during the virus period. Anyone who wishes to arrange for a Memorial Mass is asked to call the office in order to plan the mass. If you would like a full funeral mass, please let your funeral home know your wishes so they can contact us to schedule. We will continue to have graveside only service as an option.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

I would like to take this time to thank all of you for your prayers for my parents. I had a wonderful visit with them and my sisters and their families over the past month. My parents are in good spirits and appear to be heading in the right direction health wise.

It's nice to be back and to get back into my routine. I missed you all and am happy to see you again.

fr. Minors

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Danbury40DFL@protonmail.com



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September 22 - October 31

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Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign for an end to abortion! Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired more than 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results of 26 coordinated campaigns:

- **18,855 babies** saved from abortion
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- **112 abortion centers** closed

Take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Sidewalk at entrance to Commerce Park 4697 Main St. Bridgeport (Planned Parenthood is located within Commerce Park.)
- **Vigil hours:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily
- **Local contact:** Barbara Grabowski bgrabows@aol.com
- **Learn more** and sign up for prayer times by visiting the link below.

<https://www.40daysforlife.com>



2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have raised 166 gifts worth \$42,173 bringing our parish to 67.15% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!

During these difficult times, please remember to support our local bulletin advertisers. Make the back 2 pages of this publication your "go to place" for local business help. They can only help us if we continue to help them!



If you would like to arrange a baptism, please call the office at (203) 866-3141. If this is your first baby, you will need to complete the Pre-Baptism class with one of our priests. *Pre-Baptism classes are resuming the schedule of the 3rd Saturday of every month beginning in September.*

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
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
PO2 Edward Skeen, US Navy
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PFC Larry Joyce, US Marine Corps



Pray the Rosary in the Church

Monday - Friday: 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:45pm

Planning a wedding?

Congratulations!!

Call the office to secure your date. We are having ceremonies with all current COVID guidelines in place. We also live-stream your ceremony for those who can't be with you or don't feel comfortable with participating in person. *You need to contact the office at least 9 months prior to your chosen date.*

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

All those celebrating 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, or 50+ anniversary are invited to gather at St. Matthew's parish on Saturday, September 25, at either 10:30 am or 1:00 pm for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano. Space is limited to four guests.

To register, please email the first name of both bride and groom, your email, and your wedding date to weddingjubilee@diobpt.org or call Barbara at (203) 416-1641.

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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.

Baptisms or Weddings

Please call the Rectory during regular weekday business hours for more information or to make arrangements. 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	Walter Cortese
Pearl Futo	Lou Marcario	Jill Bowman	Emily Calabeese	Anne Edwards	Linda Lima
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Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Michael Walsh	Richard Berg	Diane Turek	George Travers
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Kathleen Dominick	Chris Rohleder	Joan Kennedy	Joanna Marvin	Ken Schulman	Chuck Corbo
Janina Stachurski	Donny Cassavechia	Vinny Massaro	Wayne Embry, Jr.	John Lima	
Anthony Bruno	Jack Cade	Joe M.	Greg N.	Nancy G.	

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