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January 28, 2024



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His fame spread everywhere
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- Mk 1:28

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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, January 29

7:00 AM† Marie Evelyne Devine
5:30 PM† Deanna D. Hoffmann

Tuesday, January 30

7:00 AM† Msgr. John F. Cavanaugh
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, January 31

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM NO MASS

Thursday, February 1

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Grace Gillespie

Friday, February 2

7:00 AM† Marianna Mattera
5:30 PM† Mass of Remembrance

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, February 3

5:15 PM† Bridget & Michael O'Gara

Sunday, February 4

7:30 AM†	Bridget J. Knudsen	Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM†	Salvatore Treglia	Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM†	For the Festa Sisters: Catherin Verda, Rose Izzo, & Annette Festa	Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Ralph

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
January 21		
Collection	\$4,066.00	\$3,987.00
On-Line	\$2,507.00	\$2,413.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$5,067.00</u>	<u>\$4,833.00</u>
Votives	\$ 94.88	\$ 107.50

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 2024 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralium Assessment is \$78,324. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,506. This represents an annual decrease of \$3,148.00 from the prior year.

—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioners have died in the month of January: James Plascyk, Paul Lerow, and Angelina Vescio. There will be a special mass for them and for all deceased parishioners on **Friday, February 2, at 5:30 p.m.**, in the church. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. If you would like information about the ministry, please contact Jane Eichwald at (203) 838-4590.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

February 2nd 7:30am to 5:00pm

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

James Andrew Gallacher
Althea Sonja Gallacher

*Congratulations to their parents,
family, & friends!*



The Sanctuary Candle burns
January 28th through February 3rd in memory
of Salvatore DiDonna.



ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Ilario DiMasi Judith Patla

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

Confession in Church

Every Saturday

4:00pm until 4:30pm or

by Appointment

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
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Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**

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stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

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Caesar Salad
Lasagne
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Roasted Vegetables
Venetian Dessert Table

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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 now to participate in our Easter Celebration!

Youth Group Meeting Sunday, February 4th
4:30pm - 6:00pm Parish Center Gym Loft
Open to all 6th grade through 12th grade students
For more information email Elizabeth Squicciarino,
Coordinator, at stthomasyg1@gmail.com
Bring your friends.
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*FROM A LETTER TO THE CHURCH OF SMYRNA
BY SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR*

From Ignatius, known as Theophorus, to the Church of God the Father and of Jesus Christ, his beloved, at Smyrna in Asia, wishing you all joy in an immaculate spirit and the Word of God. By his mercy you have won every gift and lack none, filled as you are with faith and love, beloved of God and fruitful in sanctity.

I celebrate the glory of Jesus Christ as God, because he is responsible for your wisdom, well aware as I am of the perfection of your unshakeable faith. You are like men who have been nailed body and soul to the cross of Jesus Christ, confirmed in love by his blood.

In regard to the Lord, you firmly believe that he was of the race of David according to the flesh, but God's son by the will and power of God; truly born of the Virgin and baptized by John, that all justice might be fulfilled; truly nailed to a cross in the flesh for our sake under Pontius Pilate and the Tetrarch Herod, and of his most blessed passion we are the fruit. And thus, by his resurrection he raised up a standard over his saints and faithful ones for all time (both Jews and Gentiles alike) in the one body of his Church. For he endured all this for us, for our salvation; and he really suffered, and just as truly rose from the dead.

As for myself, I am convinced that he was united with his body even after the resurrection. When he visited Peter and his companions, he said to them: Take hold of me, touch me and see that I am not a spirit without a body. Immediately they touched him and believed, clutching at his body and his very spirit. And for this reason they despised death and conquered it. In addition, after his resurrection, the Lord ate and drank with them like a real human being, even though in spirit he was united with his Father.

And so I am giving you serious instruction on these things, dearly beloved, even though I am aware that you believe them to be so.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our Food Pantry is starting a "Needed Items List". 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. That is where this listing will come in. Of course, you can still give items that are not on the list. Leave after hours non-perishable donations in the bin outside the pantry.

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My dear friends, each year I come to you to ask your help to give generously to the various missions of our Diocese and help in my ministry to provide for the needs of the poor and the sick, our young people, our retired priests, and all the very charitable works that makes us who we are as the Catholic community of Fairfield County.

Each year you generously respond for which I am most grateful, but this year I come to you with particular joy because I am going to ask you once again to support those ministries and new initiatives that together are forming this one great invitation to renew the spiritual and pastoral life of our diocese.

Many of you have heard my presentation on "The One"; the one invitation, the one adventure, the one priority we all share to invite every believer to deepen their personal relationship with the Lord and to encounter His love, mercy, forgiveness, charity, and His joy, and to accompany one another individually and in small communities of faith.

We have perennially done much of that through the Bishop's Appeal with opportunities to learn the faith for our young people and our children, to consider the works of beauty as a way to encounter Christ through the Sacred Heart Guild, to protect human life in all its stages and many other activities. We have been dedicated to this work, but now we have the opportunity to bring it to the next level and move forward.

I am deeply encouraged, excited and motivated to ask for your help so that this vision, which we all long for, will become ever more of a reality in our midst. That is why I come to you this year to ask for your help, to give sacrificially and generously so that our works of charity, our aid to the poor, our educational efforts and all initiatives will create that one great opportunity to show the world and one another who we truly are in Jesus Christ.

Together, will have a springtime of renewal in our midst, so that those who share faith with us and the generations to come will look back at this moment, this opportunity and say they have done their work well.

My friends please give generously to the Annual Bishop's Appeal, and may God bless you and your families.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

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
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SPREAD THE WORD! The Diocese of Bridgeport has a tuition assistance program partially funded through the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Visit their website for more information: foundationsineducation.org.



JOIN THE SCOUTS! SCOUT TROOP 222

We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center gym. We need at least 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. We follow the school year calendar. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to our web page: troop222.norwalk.scoutlander.com.

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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:

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Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Kathleen Ford	Antonio Vescio	Jackie Hamilton	Debbie Poruban
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**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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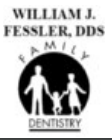
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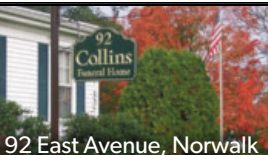
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