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THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 21, 2024



I KNOW MINE
AND MINE
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— JOHN 10:14 —

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Rev. Ralph Segura, Parochial Administrator
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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 22

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

Tuesday, April 23

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

Wednesday, April 24

NO MASS

Thursday, April 25

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Angelina Longo Vescio

Friday, April 26

7:00 AM† Antonio Rubbo, Maria Ciambrella, & Pasquale Rubbo
5:30 PM† Millerdeen Braggiotti

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, April 27

5:15 PM Joseph Adams

Sunday, April 28

7:30 AM† Honorata Draus
9:00 AM† Carmella Pagliano
11:30 AM† Edward & Helen Yackery
5:00 PM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
April 14		
Collection	\$3,550.00	\$4,002.00
On-Line	\$2,316.00	\$2,336.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,360.00</u>	<u>\$4,771.00</u>
Votives	\$ 150.00	\$ 119.76

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 Cathedralicum 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.

Confession in Church

Every Saturday

4:00pm until 4:30pm or

by Appointment



The Sanctuary Candle burns
April 21st through April 27th in memory of
Elaine Sheehan.

Banns of Marriage

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Kelsey Burke & Donovan McIntosh



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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Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

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2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL
 We have raised 86 gifts worth \$24,440 bringing our parish to 33.26% 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.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY PERISHABLES IN THE DROP BOX.

9oz to 12oz box of cereal	14oz to 18oz peanut butter
Shampoo	Tooth Paste
Bar Soap	Toilet Paper
	Paper Towels
	Facial Tissues

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

“The worst part of online shopping is having to get up and get your credit card from your purse.” Anonymous



**SAVE THE DATE:
FRIDAY, MAY 10TH**

Come watch the original Willy Wonka & bring your favorite CHOCOLATE snack/dessert to share.

SOME SUGGESTIONS: candy bars, cake, pudding, custard, ice cream, donuts, brownies, fudge...

No Nuts please!

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Watch the bulletin for more info in the coming weeks.




The Saint Luke Guild invites ALL healthcare workers to

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 ~ begins at 8pm ~

MONDAY, APRIL 22ND

Saint James Church, Stratford

RSVP's not required but encouraged
 (kindly email if you plan to attend...thank you!)

SaintLukeGuild@diobpt.org

ST. ANN'S CLUB MONDAY NIGHT BINGO (except holidays)

16 Hendricks Avenue

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**FROM A HOMILY ON THE GOSPELS BY SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE
(HOM. 14, 3-6: PL 76, 1129-1130)**

I am the good shepherd. I know my own—by which I mean, I love them—and my own know me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that *anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.*

Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: *As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.* Clearly he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father.

Again he says: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life.* Shortly before this he had declared: *If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture.* He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more.

Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveler who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going.

You are cordially invited to a Breakfast

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**Saturday, May 4, 2024
Café on the Green
100 Aunt Hack Road, Danbury, CT 06811**

Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm
(9:00-9:30 Registration/Seating)
Where: Café on the Green
100 Aunt Hack Road, Danbury, CT
06811
Speaker: Monique Moussot
Tickets: \$ 29.95 per person
Reservations are required by
April 27th

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR
LIMITED SEATING, PLEASE REGISTER EARLY**

For more information about the event please contact:
Carol Flynn – Magnificat Coordinator
Phone: 203-775-3875

Your request must be postmarked by April 27th
Please note, since the day is designed to speak to the
hearts of women, free of distractions, it is respectfully
requested that young children not be in attendance.



SCAN ME

Use your phone camera, hover over
QR Code and it will take you directly
to Eventbrite to register for the
Breakfast

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
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 MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
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**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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 (203) 416-1307

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.



1350 AM | 103.9 FM



The Daily Mass Record 2025

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.

MALTA HOUSE ANNUAL GALA
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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:

Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
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Vinnie McMahan	Carolyn Hill	Bob A.	MaryAnn P.	Jeff Mallory	Andy Tao



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.

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

**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

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.



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