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September 10, 2023



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.”
- Mt 18:15

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Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor
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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, September 11

7:00 AM† Roger Festa
5:30 PM† For All Victims of the 9/11 Attacks

Tuesday, September 12

7:00 AM† Ellen Morrone
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, September 13

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

Thursday, September 14

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon,
Terry Cain & Luis Cardenas

Friday, September 15

7:00 AM Intentions of the Michael Sweeney Family
5:30 PM † Ralph Cicala

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, September 16

5:15 PM† Lina Cappello

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, September 17

7:30 AM† Roslyn De Bellis Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Gregoire Dumas Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Fr. Ralph
Deceased
5:00 PM † William G. Cronin, M.D. Fr. Ralph



The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 10th through September 16th in
memory of The Amato's: Arthur, Sr., Mary,
Sharon, & Arthur, Jr., & the Rolland Family.

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

Alessia Mia Bertuch

Congratulations to her parents, family, & friends!

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord,
and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Please remember in your prayers:

Barbara Giancaspro

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.

Rectory:
Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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

Due to early transmission to the printer, we do not have the collection figures in time for publication of the bulletin. We will report the collection in next week's issue.



Our Faith Formation Department would like some Teen Volunteers to assist with the Kindergarten & 1st Grade classes. Classes are from 10:15 to 11:30 every Sunday. Any time you can give us would be GREATLY appreciated. Please contact Faith Formation at (203) 866-8911 or by email: stthomasreleoffice@gmail.com.



2023 - 2024

Religious Education

If you are entering kindergarten through 6th grade in September and have not received an email from Rel. Ed, please go to our website homepage & click the link to the Religious Ed Registration page. Kindergarten is not mandatory and is free for all who attend. Please sign up ASAP so we can plan our class sizes and teacher needs.

If you are entering a Catholic school Second Grade or Sixth Grade, you also need to sign up for First Communion and Confirmation.



Pray the Rosary in the Church
Monday - Friday: Before Any
Scheduled Morning Mass at 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm Saturday: 4:45pm

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.

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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

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.

JOIN BISHOP CAGGIANO FOR THE



ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT

Mass & Social

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

ST. MATTHEW PARISH
216 Scribner Avenue, Norwalk

5:30 PM
Rosary and reflection

6:00 PM
Mass with Bishop Caggiano

A social with refreshments will follow Mass

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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: troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com.

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

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, September 28th, 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.

THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD

From the pastoral constitution on the Church in the modern world of the Second Vatican Council. (Gaudium et spes. n. 39)

We do not know the time when earth and humanity will reach their completion, nor do we know the way in which the universe will be transformed. The world as we see it, disfigured by sin, is passing away. But we are sure that God is preparing a new dwelling place and a new earth. In this new earth righteousness is to make its home, and happiness will satisfy, and more than satisfy, all the yearnings for peace that arise in human hearts. On that day, when death is conquered, the sons of God will be raised up in Christ; what was sown as something weak and perishable will be clothed in incorruption. Love and the fruits of love will remain, and the whole of creation, made by God for man, will be set free from the frustration that enslaves it.

We are warned indeed that a man gains nothing if he wins the whole world at the cost of himself. Yet our hope in a new earth should not weaken, but rather stimulate our concern for developing this earth, for on it there is growing up the body of a new human family, a body even now able to provide some foreshadowing of the new age. Hence, though earthly progress is to be carefully distinguished from the growth of Christ's kingdom, yet in so far as it can help toward the better ordering of human society it is of great importance to the kingdom of God.

The blessings of human dignity, brotherly communion and freedom—all the good fruits on earth of man's co-operation with nature in the Spirit of the Lord and according to his command—will be found again in the world to come, but purified of all stain, resplendent and transfigured, when Christ hands over to the Father an eternal and everlasting kingdom: "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." On this earth the kingdom is already present in sign; when the Lord comes it will reach its completion.



DIocese of BRIDGEPORT

Wedding Jubilee Mass

For all those married couples
celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th or 50+ year anniversaries
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on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023**

at 1:00 pm for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano
Space is limited to four guests

To register, contact Patricia Hansen at phansen@diobpt.org or 203.416.1342

Inter-Parish Youth Group
October 1st from 4 to 6
Meeting at All Saints Catholic School

Open to all 7th and 8th graders. Meetings will be monthly at ASCS. Keep your children active in their faith. Sign up by contacting Faith Formation at (203) 866-8911 or by email: stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com.



SEPTEMBER 16TH & 17TH

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Saturday, September 16, 9:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday, September 17, 9:30am - 2:00pm

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.**

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country



Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
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 CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army
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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.

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	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabrese	Anne Edwards	George Travers
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Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Kathleen Ford	Antonio Vescio	Jackie Hamilton	Debbie Poruban
Kathleen Dominick	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	John Lima	Denise Cassin
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Ginny DeMarco					

**The Food Pantry is open
Tuesdays & Saturdays
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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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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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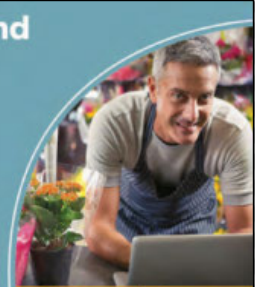
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