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July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for
burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.*



Words By God ~ Matthew 13:30
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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, July 24

7:00 AM† Living & Deceased Members of the
Ball & Calabrese Families

5:30 PM † Roger & Susan Cavedon

Tuesday, July 25

7:00 AM† Kevin Mashia

5:30 PM † Rev. Edward A. Colohan

Wednesday, July 26

7:00 AM NO MASS

5:30 PM NO MASS

Thursday, July 27

7:00 AM† Ann Ruggiero

5:30 PM † John Dominick, Jr. (1st Anniversary)

Friday, July 28

7:00 AM† Genevieve Cerutti

5:30 PM NO MASS

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, July 29

5:15 PM† Maria English

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

Sunday, July 30

7:30 AM† John Dominick, Jr.

Fr. Mirek

9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living &
Deceased

Fr. Mirek

11:30 AM† Janet Taylor

Fr. Ralph

5:00 PM † Joan Lee (5th Anniversary)

Fr. Ralph



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
July 23rd through July 29th in memory of
John Porada.*

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Christopher Pappas Jeannette Reynolds

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

Due to difficulties with our Optimum email account
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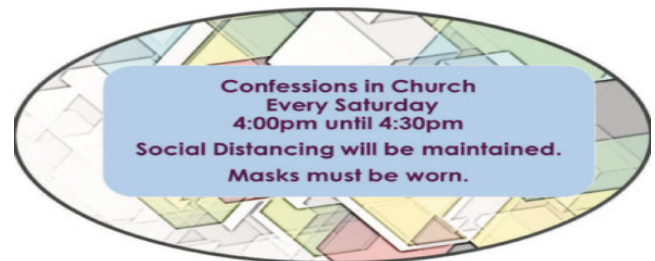
PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FREQUENTLY

We update our website as things change in our parish & diocese. There are many useful links on our "Senior Info" & "Useful Links" pages. We have an interactive Google Calendar where you can add to your personal calendar with a simple click on the item. Most questions can be answered by visiting the website. **If you know of any organization that may be useful to our community, please contact the office so we may add it to our website upon approval.**
www.stthomasnorwalk.org

The 2024 MASS BOOK is open. Only 2 Saturday Vigil or Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until September 12th. Phone or email requests are welcome.



High School Youth Group Meeting Day Change

Our Youth Group will be meeting in the Parish Center Loft **Wednesday, July 26th, from**

5:30pm - 7:00pm. 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.

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Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**

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	September 11	6 pm - 8:30 pm
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	September 5 & 12	6 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturdays:	August 19, & 26	
	September 9	9 am - 12 Noon
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	September 10	9 am - 12 Noon

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FROM THE TREATISE ON THE MYSTERIES BY SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP

The Apostle teaches you that our fathers were all covered by the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea (1 Cor 10:2). Further, Moses in his canticle says: You sent your spirit, and the sea overwhelmed them. You observe that in this crossing by the Hebrews there was already a symbol of holy baptism. The Egyptian perished; the Hebrew escaped. What else is the daily lesson of this sacrament than that guilt is drowned, and error destroyed, while goodness and innocence pass over unharmed?

You are taught that our fathers were covered by the cloud, a cloud of blessing that cooled the fire of bodily passions. A cloud of blessing: it is with a cloud of blessing that the Holy Spirit overshadows those whom he comes to visit. The Holy Spirit came at last upon the Virgin Mary, and the power of the Most High overshadowed her, when she conceived for all mankind him who is redemption. This great miracle was prefigured through Moses. If then the Spirit was prefigured, is he not now present in truth, for Scripture tells you that the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ?

Marah was a spring of bitter water. When Moses threw wood into it, its water became sweet. Water, you see, is of no avail for future salvation without the proclamation of the Lord's cross. But when it has been consecrated through the saving mystery of the cross, it is then ready for use in the laver of the Spirit and in the cup of salvation. Therefore, as Moses in his role of prophet threw wood into the spring of Marah, so also the priest sends out into the fountain of baptism the proclamation of the Lord's cross and the water becomes sweet, ready for the giving of grace.

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

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 in 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 135 gifts worth \$35,555 bringing our parish to 56.62% of its \$62,800 goal. Thanks to all who have participated! Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.



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.

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SACRAMENTS

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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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