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October 29, 2023



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your
heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind."
- Mt 22:37

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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, October 30

7:00 AM† Denise V. Willen & Kristen Willen
5:30 PM† Maria Daniela

Tuesday, October 31

7:00 AM† Betty Murphy
5:30 PM NO MASS

All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1

7:00 AM† Evena, Guy, Fritz, & Rachel Dessances
12:10 PM† Brittany Marie Reith
7:00 PM† Anna Horne

All Souls Day, Thursday, November 2

7:00 AM† Robert Flynn
5:30 PM† Filippo Mastroianni

Friday, November 3

7:00 AM† Annmary Charles
5:30 PM† Mass of Remembrance

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, November 4

5:15 PM† All Deceased

Sunday, November 5

7:30 AM† Patricia & Robert Graf (1st Anniversaries)
9:00 AM† Elinor Stapleton
11:30 AM† All Our Parishioners Who Have Died
in the Past Year
5:00 PM† Rose Colacurcio

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
October 22		
Collection	\$3,146.00	\$3,772.50
On-Line	\$2,566.00	\$2,450.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,206.00</u>	<u>\$4,655.50</u>
Votives	\$ 95.60	\$ 194.23
World Mission		
Collection	\$1,055.00	\$1,117.00
On-Line	<u>\$ 300.00</u>	<u>\$ 307.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,355.00</u>	<u>\$1,424.00</u>

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 Cathedralricum 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.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

ALL SAINTS DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

MASS TIMES

7:00AM

12:10PM

7:00PM



The Sanctuary Candle burns
October 29th through November 4th in memory
of Alfred Palumbo, Sr.

The 2024 MASS BOOK is now open without
restrictions. Phone or email requests are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

November 4th
7:30am to 5:00pm



SPECIAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ~ NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, AT 11:30 A.M.

For all members of St. Thomas the Apostle who have died in the past year.

Come participate in this opportunity as a community to remember all our loved ones, especially those who have died in the past year. We remember them in a special way by using the very symbol that Christ used to proclaim his presence among us. And so, we will honor our loved ones in a "Ceremony of Light." Please join us at this most memorable occasion. If you would like more information about the Mass or the Bereavement Ministry, call Jane Eichwald at (203) 838-4590.

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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

Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

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—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

There will be a special mass for all deceased parishioners on **Friday, November 3rd**, 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.

**Volunteer Coordinator Position Available
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Stamford, CT**

New Covenant Center (NCC) is hiring a full-time Volunteer Coordinator. NCC, a program of Catholic Charities, is the largest soup kitchen, food pantry, and day shelter in Stamford. The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for recruiting, training and scheduling volunteer groups to prepare and serve meals, and to stock the shelves of the food pantry working with many local parish, youth and corporate groups.

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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 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.

SOME ADVICE ON PRAYER FROM ST. AUGUSTINE

Why in our fear of not praying as we should, do we turn to so many things, to find what we should pray for? Why do we not say instead, in the words of the psalm: *I have asked one thing from the Lord, this is what I will seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life, to see the graciousness of the Lord, and to visit his temple.* There, the days do not come and go in succession, and the beginning of one day does not mean the end of another; all days are one, simultaneously and without end, and the life lived out in these days has itself no end.

So that we might obtain this life of happiness, he who is true life itself taught us to pray, not in many words as though speaking longer could gain us a hearing. After all, we pray to one who, as the Lord himself tells us, knows what we need before we ask for it.

Why he should ask us to pray, when he knows what we need before we ask him, may perplex us if we do not realize that our Lord and God does not want to know what we want (for he cannot fail to know it) but wants us rather to exercise our desire through our prayers, so that we may be able to receive what he is preparing to give us. His gift is very great indeed, but our capacity is too small and limited to receive it. That is why we are told: *Enlarge your desires, do not bear the yoke with unbelievers.*

The deeper our faith, the stronger our hope, the greater our desire, the larger will be our capacity to receive that gift, which is very great indeed. *No eye has seen it; it has no color. No ear has heard it; it has no sound. It has not entered man's heart; man's heart must enter into it.*

In this faith, hope, and love we pray always with unwearied desire. However, at set times and seasons we also pray to God in words, so that by these signs we may instruct ourselves and mark the progress we have made in our desire and spur ourselves on to deepen it. The more fervent the desire, the more worthy will be its fruit. When the Apostle tells us: *Pray without ceasing*, he means this: Desire unceasingly that life of happiness which is nothing if not eternal and ask it of him who alone is able to give it.

The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. IV, Ordinary Time, Weeks 18-34, From a Letter to Proba by Saint Augustine, Bishop, Catholic Book Publishing Co, NY, 1975, pp. 407-409.



ALL SOULS DAY
Thursday, November 2nd
St. Thomas Mass Schedule
7:00am & 5:30pm

11:00am Mass will also be celebrated at
St. John Cemetery (Rain or Shine)
223 Richards Avenue
by Fr. Frank Hoffman, Pastor,
St. Matthew Parish

Tents will be provided. Lourdes Holy Water will
be distributed after Mass


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SEPT 27 - NOV 5, 2023

Join the Fall 2023 Campaign by visiting the location nearest to sign up.

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Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
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Sfc. Ramil Penserga, US Army
LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy
Tech Sgt. Daniel Scofield, US Air Force
UT2 PO2 Edward Skeen, US Navy
SSG Sgt. Jesse Skeen, US Army
Spc. Daniel Gonzales, US Army
MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
PFC Matthew Montanez, US Army
PFC Larry Joyce, US Marine Corps



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

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:

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