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THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 24, 2023



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”
- Mt 20:15-16

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(203) 866-3141

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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 25

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM† Angelina Desruisseaux

Tuesday, September 26

7:00 AM† Isabel E. Villar
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, September 27

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

Thursday, September 28

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† For the Living & Deceased Members of
Our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Friday, September 29

7:00 AM† Gregoire Dumas
5:30 PM† Steven Carabuena

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, September 30

5:15 PM† Stephen Baynes

Sunday, October 1

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† Edward Cerulli
11:30 AM† Heriverto Javiere & Divino Nino
5:00 PM† Henry Simon

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
September 17		
Collection	\$4,155.00	\$3,510.15
On-Line	\$2,383.00	\$2,322.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$5,032.00</u>	<u>\$4,265.15</u>
Votives	\$ 219.00	\$ 193.02

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.

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.**

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



The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 14th through September 30th in
memory of Nancy Cannon.



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

We welcome the newly Baptized into the
Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.
David Emanuel Amado
Congratulations to his parents, family, & friends!

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

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

Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

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Ulrike Schambeck
(203) 434-6488

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(203) 866-1189
Carrie Saviano, DRE
stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

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Monika Piascik

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Tito (Jose) Rivera

Youth Ministry:

stthomasyg1@gmail.com
Elizabeth Squicciarino, Coordinator

Website:

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DO YOU LIKE TO
KNIT OR CROCHET?

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. 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, or the Parish Office, or go to our website and click on Parish Life, Ministries.

2023 ST. JEROME NORWALK RAFFLE

Proceeds to offset the cost of replacing the Rectory Roof

Online through Our Sunday Visitor (OSV).
No account is needed. Visit our website at
www.stjeromenorwalk.org and click the top banner
OR
use your smartphone and the QR code below!

St. Jerome R. C. Church Annual Raffle For the benefit of the Church Building Fund.			
A TOTAL OF EIGHT PRIZES TO BE AWARDED			
1st Prize: \$10,000	5th Prize: \$500		
2nd Prize: \$2,000	6th Prize: \$500		
3rd Prize: \$500	7th Prize: \$500		
4th Prize: \$500	8th Prize: \$500		
Drawing: Sunday, October 8, 2023 St. Jerome R. C. Church 23 Half Mile Road, Norwalk, CT 06851			
TICKETS \$50.00			
<small>Ticket holders need not be present to win. Winner responsible for applicable taxes.</small>			

Only 1,200
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will be sold!



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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

RSVP at youngadultmass.eventbrite.com

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.

REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

On behalf of Fr. Mirek and myself, I would like to express our gratitude to all who participated in the return of our Annual Giant Tag Sale. Whether you donated, purchased, or worked, you contributed to our parish and helped to make it a wonderful success. A special thank you to our Co-Chairs Pat Hill, Lauren & John Stoops for organizing and enabling our volunteers to put our best face forward to our community. A HUGE THANK YOU to Tito Rivera for all his hard work leading up to the sale doing furniture pick ups and setting up the gym! A special thank you to our Department Heads:

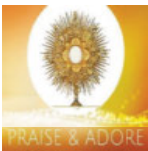
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| Maryann Schmotzer, Domestics | Bob & Kathy Lametta: Holiday | Sue Weigel: Jewelry |
| Jack Gray: Hardware | Linda Gray: Housewares | Anne Marie Walsh: Clothing |
| Chris Jarboe: Furniture & Pictures | John Stoops, Furniture | Pauline Michek: Toys & Children's clothing |

And the many parishioners who helped collect, set up, organize, and run the sale! You made us all look good! And to all our volunteers - we couldn't have done it without you!!!

Fr. Ralph



Birthright is in need of gently worn *baby & maternity clothing*. Please call to arrange for a drop off. They also need volunteers (especially Spanish speaking). Opportunities include friendship counseling, clerical, and clothing work. Training is provided. Please call for more information: (203) 853-4872.



**ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

SEPT 27 - NOV 5, 2023

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

Bridgeport Location

Public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood
4697 Main St. | Bridgeport, CT

For more information and to sign up for vigil hours visit
www.40daysforlife.com/bridgeport

Danbury Location

Public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood
44 Main St. | Danbury, CT

For more information and to sign up for vigil hours visit
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Stamford Location

Public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood
35 Sixth St. | Stamford, CT

For more information and to sign up for vigil hours visit
www.40daysforlife.com/stamford

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DIOCESAN MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- Fall 2023 -

- Do you enjoy singing?
- Have you sung in a choir before?
- Are you looking to enrich your involvement in the Church?
- Would you like to be part of a new community of faith, friendship and music?

If so,

COME SING WITH US!

DIOCESAN JUBILEE CHOIR: The Diocesan Jubilee Choir will sing for the 70th Anniversary Mass of the founding of the Diocese of Bridgeport on Saturday, October 21 at St. Augustine Cathedral. Rehearsals will be held on Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm at the Cathedral starting on September 18.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR: The Cathedral Choir will sing for the weekly 10am Bishop's Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral starting in mid-September. The choir will rehearse from 9-10am each Sunday prior to the Mass, and occasional weeknight evenings as announced.

Both choirs are open to singers of High School age and older. Prior musical experience and the ability to read music is helpful, but not required. All adult participants must be in full compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environments Policy, including Virtus Certification.

For further information, contact the Diocesan Director of Music Ministry, or visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/diocesan-choir/home/
Dr. Bill Atwood | Email: William.atwood@diobpt.org | Phone: 203.368.6777 X 22

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
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



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.

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Tom Donaher
Joe Dudek
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John Stoops

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Nancy Cook-Owens,
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All Saints School:
Mrs. Linda Dunn,
Principal
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139 West Rocks Road
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at All Saints
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Open to all 7th and 8th graders. Meetings will be monthly at ASCS. Keep your children active in their faith. Call or email Faith Formation (203) 866-8911 or stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com.



**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.

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT
Wedding Jubilee Mass
For all those married couples
celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th or 50+ year anniversaries
are invited to gather at Saint Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport

on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023**

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

*You are never as stuck as
you think you are.
Success is not final, and
failure isn't fatal.*

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

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
Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Phil Tavella
Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Fratoloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Hamilton Family
Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Rick Azillo	Jeannetta Torres	Anthony Bruno
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Richard Berg	Diane Turek	Angela McCrae
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
Dawn Grover	Nancy G.	Joanna Marvin	Ken Schulman	Holly Sanders	Vinny Massaro
Mike D.	Elizabeth Malerba	Alessandro Fornara	Jim Charest	Frank Longo	Patricia M.
Stefanie Sena	Jim Bogdany	Paul F.	David R.	Steve C.	Jackson P.
Ginny DeMarco					

**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



The Connecticut Hospice, Inc., Homecare Volunteers Needed

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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While talking about the issue is not easy, pre-need planning makes your wishes clear, reduces costs and helps your family avoid difficult decisions at a time of loss and grief.

Start your plans now by contacting Joe McCurdy our Director of Operations and a St. Thomas the Apostle parishioner at 203-610-3414 or joe.mccurdy@ctcemeteries.org

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