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MATTHEW 5:9

# **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 29, 2023**

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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, January 30

7:00 AM † Msgr. John F. Cavanaugh  
5:30 PM † Francisco Pena

#### Tuesday, January 31

7:00 AM † William Teinert  
5:30 PM † Grace Gillespie

#### Wednesday, February 1

7:00 AM † William Teinert  
5:30 PM † Billy Farman

#### Thursday, February 2

7:00 AM Intentions of Pat & Linda O'Shaughnessy  
5:30 PM In Thanksgiving

#### Friday, February 3

7:00 AM † Michael Joseph O'Dwyer  
5:30 PM † Mass of Remembrance

#### Saturday Vigil, February 4

5:15 PM † Bridget & Michael O'Gara

#### Sunday, February 5

7:30 AM †	Francesco Cenatiempo	Celebrant
9:00 AM †	Robert LeBlanc, Sr.	Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM	Intentions of Jennifer Conditto	Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM †	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Mirek



*The Sanctuary Candle burns  
January 29<sup>th</sup> through February 4<sup>th</sup>  
for Anne Porco.*

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

Angelina Stitt Rory O'Dwyer  
Grace Smith Rosemary Caggiano

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.



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

**Rectory:**  
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## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
<b>January 22</b>		
Collection	\$3,987.00	\$3,735.00
On-Line	\$2,413.00	\$2,515.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,567.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,636.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$4,833.00</u>	<u>\$4,614.00</u>
Votives	\$ 107.50	\$ 157.00

### ***The Church in Latin America***

Collection	\$ 991.00	\$ 628.00
On-Line	<u>\$ 195.00</u>	<u>\$ 175.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,186.00</u>	<u>\$ 803.00</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 2023 fiscal year, the annual Cathedratum Assessment is \$81,472. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,567. This represents an annual decrease of \$3,600.00 from the prior year.

### **—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—**

The following parishioner died in the month of January: Richard Dunn. There will be a special mass for him and for all deceased parishioners on **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30pm 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.



**FIRST FRIDAY  
ADORATION**  
**February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**7:30am to 5:00pm**

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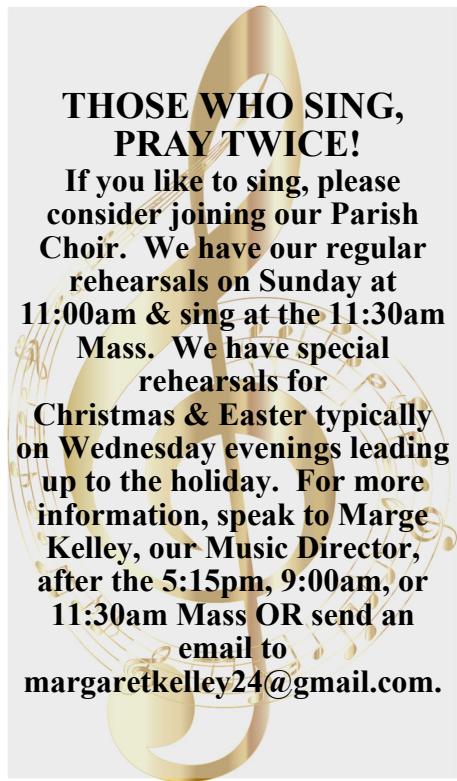
(203) 866-3141

(203) 866-1219 Fax

Are you in high school? Then come, join the fun!!

Our newly formed Youth Group will be meeting in the Parish Center Loft on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30pm - 6:00pm. The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month will be an organizational meeting to plan the month's event. 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](mailto:stthomasyg1@gmail.com).  
ALL ARE WELCOME & BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

**Our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in need of volunteers** to assist with food deliveries on Friday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30. The work involves lifting and shelving the cases of food. Please call or email the parish office if you are able to give us any of your time.. A flexible schedule will work for us!



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The Diocese of Bridgeport has a tuition assistance program partially funded through the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Foundations in Education (FIE) has awarded over \$20 million in tuition assistance to thousands of students and families who value Catholic education. They also awarded nearly \$650,000 in Innovation and Leadership Grants to Catholic school educators. Our Catholic schools are thriving and are attracting new families now more than ever. Over the 2 years since the pandemic, close to 450 new students applied for tuition assistance to enroll in our schools. Many of the families did not realize Catholic education was an option for them financially and were blessed to learn of the Bishop's Scholarship Fund. Visit their website for more information: [www.foundationsineducation.org/](http://www.foundationsineducation.org/)



### World Day of Prayer for the Sick

All, especially the sick, the handicapped and the frail are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Mass will be celebrated and the Sacrament of the Sick offered. refreshments will follow. Saturday, February 11, 2023. Welcome will begin at 1:30 pm. Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm. St Aloysius Church, Cherry Street, New Canaan.



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Wednesday, February 8th

Adoration at 6pm | Mass at 7pm  
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## FROM THE INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE, BY SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP

When God the Creator made all things, he commanded the plants to bring forth fruit each according to its own kind; he has likewise commanded Christians, who are the living plants of his Church, to bring forth the fruits of devotion, each one in accord with his character, his station and his calling.

I say that devotion must be practiced in different ways by the nobleman and by the working man, by the servant and by the prince, by the widow, by the unmarried girl and by the married woman. But even this distinction is not sufficient; for the practice of devotion must be adapted to the strength, to the occupation and to the duties of each one in particular.

Tell me, please, my Philothea, whether it is proper for a bishop to want to lead a solitary life like a Carthusian; or for married people to be no more concerned than a Capuchin about increasing their income; or for a working man to spend his whole day in church like a religious; or on the other hand for a religious to be constantly exposed like a bishop to all the events and circumstances that bear on the needs of our neighbor. Is not this sort of devotion ridiculous, unorganized and intolerable? Yet this absurd error occurs very frequently, but in no way does true devotion, my Philothea, destroy anything at all. On the contrary, it perfects and fulfills all things. In fact if it ever works against, or is inimical to, anyone's legitimate station and calling, then it is very definitely false devotion.

The bee collects honey from flowers in such a way as to do the least damage or destruction to them, and he leaves them whole, undamaged and fresh, just as he found them. True devotion does still better. Not only does it not injure any sort of calling or occupation, it even embellishes and enhances it.

Moreover, just as every sort of gem, cast in honey, becomes brighter and more sparkling, each according to its color, so each person becomes more acceptable and fitting in his own vocation when he sets his vocation in the context of devotion. Through devotion your family cares become more peaceful, mutual love between husband and wife becomes more sincere, the service we owe to the prince becomes more faithful, and our work, no matter what it is, becomes more pleasant and agreeable.

It is therefore an error and even a heresy to wish to exclude the exercise of devotion from military divisions, from the artisans' shops, from the courts of princes, from family households. I acknowledge, my dear Philothea, that the type of devotion which is purely contemplative, monastic and religious can certainly not be exercised in these sorts of stations and occupations, but besides this threefold type of devotion, there are many others fit for perfecting those who live in a secular state.

Therefore, in whatever situations we happen to be, we can and we must aspire to the life of perfection.

The liturgy of the Hours, Vol. III, Ordinary Time, Weeks 1-17, *From the Introduction to the Devout Life* by Saint Francis de Sales, bishop, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1975, pp. 1318-1319.



**Catholic Schools  
Week 2023**  
**January 29–February 4**

[www.NCEA.org/csw](http://www.NCEA.org/csw)  
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**Our Altar Society is looking for volunteers.** We have a rotating schedule of people to take the church altar linens home to launder. Pick up is usually Monday morning with the folded & ironed linens returned before the weekend. If you would like to donate your time or would like more information, please call the office, (203) 866-3141, during regular business hours.



**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 the Norwalk Chapter for more information:  
(203) 853-4872.

### 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  
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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](mailto:wegiesj@hotmail.com). If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.



**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.**

### New 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

### 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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Stefanie Sena	Elizabeth Malerba	Jim Bogdany			

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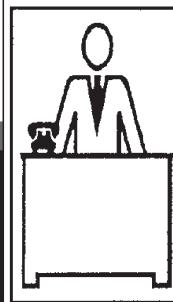


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