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## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 16, 2022

Second  
**SUNDAY**  
IN ORDINARY TIME



[Jesus' mother said to the servers,]  
**“Do whatever he tells you.”**

JOHN 2:5

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00 am.  
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

**Daily Mass**

**Monday, January 17**

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella  
5:30 PM Special Intention

**Tuesday, January 18**

7:00 AM Intention of Dysfunctional Families.  
5:30 PM Special Intention

**Wednesday, January 19**

7:00 AM† Intentions of Joseph & Mary Remlin & All Married Couples Who Want to Start a Family  
5:30 PM † Linda Caruso

**Thursday, January 20**

7:00 AM† Marcia H. Powers  
5:30 PM Intentions of Luke Sweeney

**Friday, January 21**

7:00 AM Intentions to Help and Heal Those in Occults  
5:30 PM† Joseph Kovacs


**Saturday, January 22**

5:15 PM† Frank Migliarese

**Celebrant**  
Fr. Ralph

**Sunday, January 23**

7:30 AM† Andrés Elias Ferrer Fr. Ralph  
9:00 AM† Jeffrey Cutuli (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Fr. Ralph  
11:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Mirek  
5:00 PM † Izaura Alves Rosa Fr. Mirek



The Sanctuary Candle burns  
January 16<sup>th</sup> through January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
for Mario Laracca.



The Parish Offices will be closed on  
Monday,  
January 17<sup>th</sup>, in honor of  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr..



The 2021 Challenge Grant will be ending on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Our benevolent family has agreed to match up to \$60,000 of your contributions. The gift envelopes have been mailed. If you did not receive one and wish to contribute, please call the office. *Please send your gift or pledge as soon as possible.*

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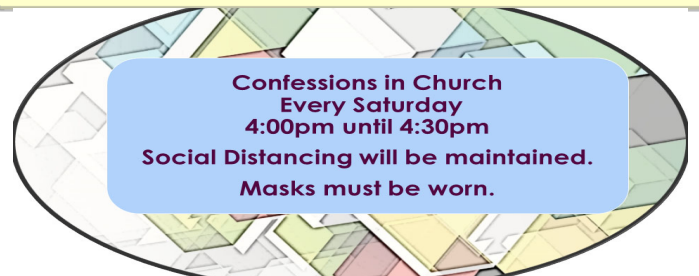
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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

	2022	2021
<b>January 9</b>		
Collection	\$2,937.00	\$2,878.00
On-Line	\$2,552.00	\$2,578.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,636.00)	(\$1,869.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$3,853.00</u>	<u>\$3,587.00</u>
Votives	\$150.00	\$ 126.00

**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 2022 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum Assessment is \$85,072. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,636. This represents an annual decrease of \$4,633.00 from the prior year.



**Confessions in Church**  
Every Saturday  
4:00pm until 4:30pm  
Social Distancing will be maintained.  
Masks must be worn.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and  
let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.  
Please remember in your prayers:  
**Lou Marcario**  
We extend our sympathy to their  
families & friends.



**The 2022 MASS BOOK**  
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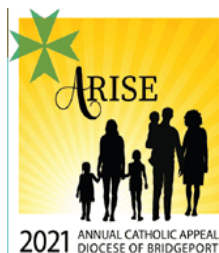
**Join the Scouts!**  
**SCOUT TROOP 22**

We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center gym. We need a minimum of 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to their web page:  
[troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com](http://troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com).

**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. The main menu is located by clicking the 3 bars located on the homepage in the upper right-hand corner of the page. 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.

**Birthright** is in need of gently worn *baby and 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.



**2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

We have raised 191 gifts worth \$46,678 bringing our parish to 74.33% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. **Thanks to all who gave or pledged!**

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,

As I pray and try to conceive this weekend's bulletin reflection, my thermometer outside the window shows a chilling 13 degrees. Finally, in the middle of January we come to some more seasonal weather patterns, and it reminds me so much of all the wonderful white Christmases back in Poland, as well as several here in CT. I hope many of you, My Friends, whether here with us, or elsewhere, had a chance to go to the church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and pray, receive the Most Holy Eucharist and sing along with some of the beautiful Christmas carols. Far beyond the sentimental and often very emotional meaning of Christmas, the solemnity itself reminds us of the most marvelous event in human history; the Word of God becoming one of us. Incarnation and the ways we commemorate it now, two thousand years and counting, challenges us each year to bring back some healthy balance into our lives. Many of you also know very well, that it takes so much work of so many people behind the scenes to set our church up for these celebrations. Each year I am so grateful to all of you who help with such preparation, and even though this particular year our Christmas Season seems to be so short, we have all received many blessings during this Silent Night, Holy Night, Holy Time.

This past week our Christmas Season 2021 has ended, and the Church takes us to the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. For the next two weeks we will be listening to various accounts of the inauguration of Our Lord's public ministry. This week's account of how Christ begins to show off who he really is, is taken from the *Gospel of John*. First of seven SIGNS, as St. John calls miracles on the pages of His Gospel about Jesus, points along, with Mary, Jesus' Mother and our Mother, to the real identity of Christ, as the Son of God. Changing water into wine, Christ Jesus not only helps desperate, and about to be embarrassed wedding hosts, but, in a very spiritual sense, helps you and me to always listen to Him, and as Mary, Mother of Jesus says it herself: "Do whatsoever He tells you".

*fr. Michael*

A very special thank you to our maintenance crew, Tito Rivera and Alex Hamilton, parishioner, Maria Sawicki, as well as Tom and his crew from Springdale Florist, for all their hard work in getting our church and grounds ready for our Christmas celebration. Another job well done!!

### Planning a wedding? Congratulations!!

Call the office to secure your date. We are having ceremonies with all current COVID guidelines in place. We also live-stream your ceremony for those who can't be with you or don't feel comfortable with participating in person. **You need to contact the office at least 9 months prior to your chosen date.**

### PLEASE HELP LIGHTEN OUR LOAD!

Please use your parish offertory envelope or write your envelope # on any loose checks. This will greatly cut down on the entry time of the Parish Offertory every week. **If you don't know your number, please call the office (203) 866-3141.**

### Lauralton Hall Shadow Visits

8th grade girls are invited to spend a day at Lauralton in their Shadow Program. You'll experience a "day in the life" at Lauralton including attending classes, having lunch in the dining hall, studying in the library, and navigating the hallways with a current student.

To schedule your visit, please go to:

[www.lauraltonhall.org/admissions/visit-lauralton](http://www.lauraltonhall.org/admissions/visit-lauralton)

### Prayer Requests!

If you are in need of prayer, for any reason, please contact the St. Thomas Prayer Ministry to pray for you and with you. Please call Sue Wegiel, (203) 838-4088, or email her, [wegiesj@hotmail.com](mailto:wegiesj@hotmail.com). If you cannot reach Sue, please call the Rectory at (203) 866-3141.

If you would like to be added to the bulletin list, please call or email the office:

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Monday - Friday: 6:30am  
Monday: 7:00pm  
Saturday: 4:45pm

If you would like to arrange a baptism, please call the office at (203) 866-3141. If this is your first baby, you will need to complete the Pre-Baptism class with one of our priests.

**Pre-Baptism classes are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. Please call to reserve your space.**



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**MEMORIAL MASS OR FUNERAL**

We are scheduling Memorial Masses for those who died during the virus period. Anyone who wishes to arrange for a Memorial Mass is asked to call the office in order to plan the mass. If you would like a full funeral mass, please let your funeral home know your wishes so they can contact us to schedule. We will continue to have graveside only service as an option.

## SACRAMENTS

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday: 10:00am to 3:00pm Friday: 10:00am to 12 Noon

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### Baptisms or Weddings

Please call the Rectory during regular weekday business hours for more information or to make arrangements. 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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