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THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 19, 2023
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Words by God ~ Matthew 5:44-45
Jesus Preaching on the Mount by
Gustave Dore

...I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father ...

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, February 20

7:00 AM Intentions of Mirle Rondon
5:30 PM † David Faulkner

Tuesday, February 21

7:00 AM † Bruce Carlson
5:30 PM † Anne Marie Porco

Ash Wednesday, February 22

7:00 AM Intentions of Catherine Perez
12:05 PM † Robert Sullivan
5:30 PM † Marie Joyce
7:00 PM † Janina Stachurska

Thursday, February 23

7:00 AM † Rory O'Dwyer
5:30 PM † Virginia Sweeney (1st Anniversary)

Friday, February 24

7:00 AM † Luisa Labraga
5:30 PM † Giuseppe Passarelli
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday Vigil, February 25

5:15 PM † Giuseppe Lombardi & Sara Maselli

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, February 26

7:30 AM † Francesco Cenatiempo Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM † The Gallacher Family Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM † Rafael Segura Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM † For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Mirek



The Sanctuary Candle burns
February 19th through February 25th
for Janet Taylor.



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

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Carol Smyth Carmine Siano

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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Monday through Friday 9 - 4
Closed Saturday & Sunday

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	2023	2022
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Collection	\$3,890.50	\$2,674.00
On-Line	\$2,200.00	\$2,560.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,567.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,636.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$4,523.50</u>	<u>\$3,598.00</u>
Votives	\$ 190.23	\$ 143.00

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 2023 fiscal year, the annual Cathedral 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.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Catholics over the age of 14 years are required to abstain from meat every Friday during Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required by Church law to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is permitted to persons in this age group on this day, plus two lighter meals.



Mass Schedule

7:00am 12:05pm 5:30pm 7:00pm

Ashes will be distributed

during mass only



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Wednesday, March 22, 2023
Rally – 12:00pm
March – 1:00pm

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www.FormationReimagined.org/Bridge



For more information, please contact the Program Coordinator, Cindy Egloff, at CEgloff@diobpt.org



Help your most vulnerable neighbors struggling to feed their families due to the rising cost of food, gas and housing. Catholic Charities is the leading provider of food resources throughout the county, serving over 1.5 million meals each year to individuals, families and the homebound elderly!

YOU can transform lives with your Lenten offering!



Catholic Charities' food service programs continue to provide critically needed assistance via our soup kitchens, food pantries, and meal deliveries to the elderly. Your donation will make a difference in the lives of a hungry family!



The following programs are a lifeline to the most vulnerable populations:

- Morning Glory Breakfast Program - Danbury
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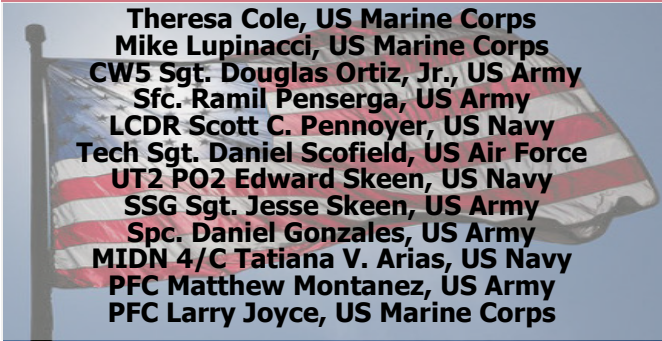
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SACRAMENTS

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. 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	Jim Sweet	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima
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Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	George Travers
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Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Rick Azillo	Jeannetta Torres	Hamilton Family
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Richard Berg	Diane Turek	Anthony Bruno
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Vinny Massaro	Josephine Mola Buckley	Alessandro Fornara	Jim Charest	Joe M.	Holly Sanders
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**The Food Pantry is open
Tuesdays & Saturdays
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