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## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Some seed fell  
on rich soil, and  
produced fruit,  
a hundred  
or sixty  
or thirtyfold.*

Words By God ~ Matthew 13:8  
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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, July 17

7:00 AM† Antonio Rubbo, Maria Ciambrella, &  
Pasquale Rubbo  
5:30 PM † John J. Carroll

#### Tuesday, July 18

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella  
5:30 PM Peter Goldner, Jr.

#### Wednesday, July 19

7:00 AM† NO MASS  
5:30 PM † JC Steven

#### Thursday, July 20

7:00 AM NO MASS  
5:30 PM † Elisabetta Valiante

#### Friday, July 21

7:00 AM† Kevin Mashia  
5:30 PM NO MASS

#### Sunday Vigil, Saturday, July 22

5:15 PM† Annette Festa (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Celebrant**  
Fr. Ralph

#### Sunday, July 23

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living &  
Deceased Fr. Ralph  
9:00 AM† Mary Moore Fr. Ralph  
11:30 AM† John Just Fr. Mirek  
5:00 PM † Henry Simon Fr. Mirek



*The Sanctuary Candle burns  
July 16<sup>th</sup> through July 22<sup>nd</sup> for the  
Festa, Verda, & Izzo Families.*

Due to difficulties with our Optimum email account  
we have switched to  
**stthomasnorwalk@gmail.com.**  
Please update your address book.

The 2024 MASS BOOK is open. Only 2 Saturday  
Vigil or Sunday weekend masses may be booked  
and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until  
September 12<sup>th</sup>. No phone or email requests  
until Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
<b>July 2</b>		
Collection	\$4,275.00	\$3,400.00
On-Line	\$2,623.00	\$2,781.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$5,392.00</u>	<u>\$4,614.00</u>
Votives	\$ 115.67	\$ 181.61
<b>Monthly Maintenance</b>		
Collection	\$1,210.00	\$1,337.00
On-Line	<u>\$1,424.00</u>	<u>\$1,135.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,634.00</u>	<u>\$2,472.00</u>
<b>July 9</b>		
Collection	\$4,072.00	\$4,491.00
On-Line	\$2,303.00	\$2,567.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,869.00</u>	<u>\$5,491.00</u>
Votives	\$ 206.80	\$ 181.82

### 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 Cathedraticum 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.

VACATION TIME IS HERE!  
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LEVELS OF OFFERTORY!!

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## Annual Italian-American Saint Ann's Feast

Delicious Italian food with our famous pizza frita. Rides, games, music and fun for all ages!!!

**Thursday, 7/20—6-10 pm**    **Saturday, 7/22—4-10 pm**  
**Friday, 7/21—6-10 pm**    **Sunday, 7/23—3-8 pm**

Bishop Caggiano will celebrate the traditional Saint Ann's Mass on Saturday, July 22 at 10 am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk.

There will be a procession that leaves the Saint Ann's Club, 16 Hendricks Avenue, Norwalk at 9:30 am.  
**All are welcome to attend.**



*For more information, please call the Saint Ann's Club at 203.853.3603 or Annamaria Malaqisi at 203.857.4800.*

## MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

(except holidays)  
**St. Ann's club**  
**16 Hendricks Avenue**  
**Norwalk**  
**Doors open at 5:30pm.**  
**First game at 6:45pm.**  
**Refreshments available to purchase.**




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

# VOLUNTEER

*All that's missing is U!*  
**Can you: Fold a shirt?**  
**Wash a glass?**  
**Unpack a box?**

If yes, then we could use your help with our Annual Tag Sale! Drop-Offs begin mid-August. Drop-off dates will be announced in the coming weeks and we can use your help on any day.

Our Annual Parish Tag Sale is the largest fundraiser of the year. These funds are critical to cover our operating costs.

*Please contact the Parish office by phone or email if you need more information or to volunteer.*

**WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!**

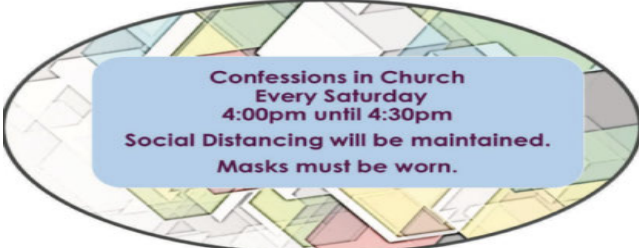


**Our Giant Tag Sale will be the weekend of September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

## High School Youth Group Meeting Day Change

Our Youth Group will be meeting in the Parish Center Loft **Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30pm - 7:00pm.** 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 stthomasyl@gmail.com.  
**ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME & BRING YOUR FRIENDS.**

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.**



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**REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH**

Recently, as you know, I traveled for a few weeks, and during that time one place I visited was New Hartford, CT. There are a few Catholic Churches in the area, but they were bit spread out from one another, and their Mass times varied considerably. Yet, I was fortunate to discover a beautiful Catholic Church in nearby Winsted, CT. The Church was open from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm daily, and I was able to visit to say Morning Prayer, or a rosary, or even just stop in for a few minutes of quiet, as well as celebrate Mass on the weekends.

I must say that I found these experiences to stay close to God while I was away a great, great blessing. Many of you will be traveling for the summer, and I know it can be challenging to get to Mass while away, especially when traveling anywhere for the first time; but it's always very healthy for us to stay connected to God throughout the Summer Break the best we can. So, I offer you below a resource online that provides the information for Mass, confession, and other opportunities in the US and throughout the World.

As a footnote, I enjoyed my time away, but please know that I missed you and prayed for you. Safe travels. Enjoy the Summer!

<https://masstimes.org>

St Joseph's Church  
Winsted, CT

*Fr. Ralph*



**One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop’s Appeal**  
 If you have not yet responded to the Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of everyone in the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach! To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at [2023BishopsAppeal.org](http://2023BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.



*We have raised 135 gifts worth \$35,555 bringing our parish to 56.62% of its \$62,800 goal. Thanks to all who have participated! Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.*



**2023 - 2024**  
**Religious Education**  
 If you are entering kindergarten through 6th grade in September and have not received an email from Rel. Ed, please go to our website homepage & click the link to the Religious Ed Registration page. Kindergarten is not mandatory and is free for all who attend. Please sign up ASAP so we can plan our class sizes and teacher needs.

*If you are entering a Catholic school Second Grade or Sixth Grade, you also need to sign up for First Communion and Confirmation.*



**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](http://foundationsineducation.org).

**PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country**

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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.

### 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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