

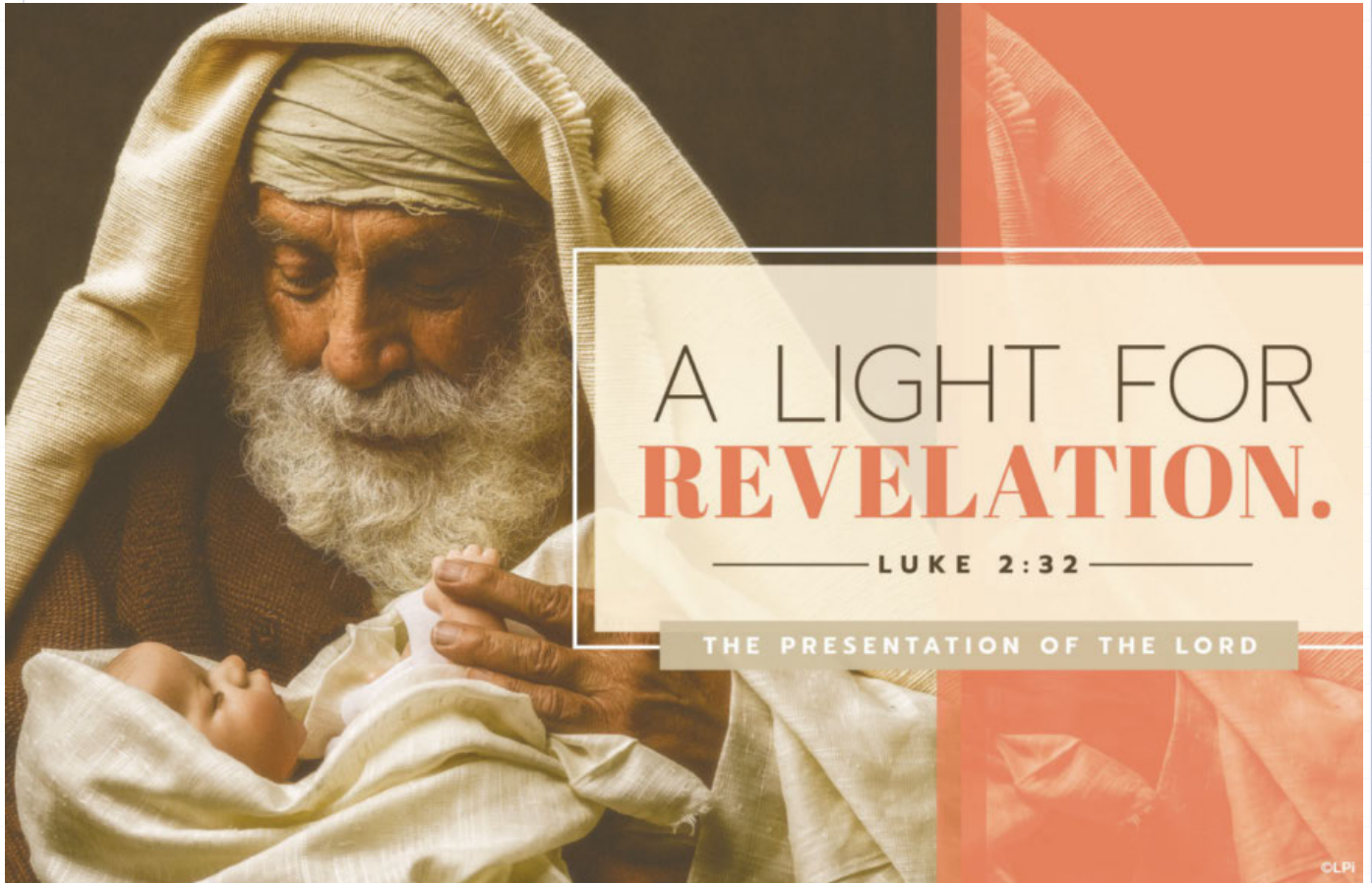


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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Daily Mass

Monday, February 3

7:00 AM† Michael Joseph O'Dwyer
5:30 PM † Marianna Mattera

Tuesday, February 4

7:00 AM† Robert LeBlanc
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, February 5

NO MASS

Thursday, February 6

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 AM† Gorgonio Ong

Friday, February 7

7:00 AM† Carmella Pagliano (1st Anniversary)
5:30 PM† Mass of Remembrance

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, February 8

5:15 PM† Margie & James Plascyk

Sunday, February 9

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† Carmella Pagliano
11:30 AM† Mary & Pasqual Celebrino
5:00 PM † Attilio Miguel



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
February 2nd through February 8th
in memory of the Amato, Baressi, &
Rolland Families.*

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

**Pauline Marra Maragret Amato
Nancy O'Connor Stephanak**

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

Confession in Church

Every Saturday

4:00pm until 4:30pm

Or by Appointment

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	2025	2024
January 26		
Collection	\$3,115.00	\$3,570.00
On-Line	\$2,203.00	\$2,402.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$3,771.00</u>	<u>\$4,466.00</u>
 Votives	 \$ 121.64	 \$ 100.82
Latin America		
Collection	\$ 846.00	\$1,150.00
On-Line	<u>\$ 246.00</u>	<u>\$ 256.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,092.00</u>	<u>\$1,406.00</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 2025 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum Assessment is \$80,448. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,547. This represents an annual increase of \$2,124.00 from the prior year.



**FIRST FRIDAY
ADORATION
February 7th
7:30am to 5:00pm**

—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioners have died in the month of January: Nancy Stephanak, Dr. Anthony Salvato, and Margaret Amato. There will be a special mass for them and for all deceased parishioners on Friday, February 7th, at 5:30 p.m. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. If you would like information about the ministry, please contact Jane Eichwald at (203) 838-4590.



**ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHTS
6PM - 8PM**

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FREQUENTLY

We update our website as things change in our parish & diocese. There are many useful pages such as "Senior Info", "Events in Our Diocese", & "Useful Links". We have an interactive Google Calendar where you can add to your personal calendar with a simple click on the item. All forms are available as fillable PDFs. 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.**

CONSIDER JOINING THE SCOUTS! SCOUT TROOP 222

We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center gym and follow the school year calendar. We need at least 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. For more information about Troop 222, please call the office.

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of Prayer for the Sick

All, especially the sick, the frail, and the handicapped, are invited

This special celebration will include the Rosary, the Mass, the Anointing of the Sick & the Blessing of Care Givers

Saturday, February 8, 2025

St. Aloysius Church

21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT

Welcome begins at 1:30 PM
Mass begins at 2:00 PM

Refreshments to follow at Stapleton Hall

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Bishop's Scholarship Fund Applications Open February 1, 2025

Foundations in Education is pleased to announce that applications to the Bishop's Scholarship Fund open February 1st.

Families who have a child currently enrolled or are new applicants in a Diocesan-sponsored Catholic elementary school are eligible to apply for 2025-2026 tuition assistance for Grades K-8.

Apply online via the FACTS Grant & Aid, www.FACTSmgt.com/aid, and complete all questions relating to Bishop's Scholarship Fund.

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For more information, visit www.foundationsineducation.org.



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**FROM A SERMON BY SAINT SOPHRONIUS, BISHOP
(ORAT. 3 DE HYPAPANTE 6:7: PG 87, 3, 3291-3293)
A REFLECTION ON THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

In honor of the divine mystery that we celebrate today, let us all hasten to meet Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light.

Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ.

The Mother of God, the most pure Virgin, carried the true light in her arms and brought him to those who lay in darkness. We too should carry a light for all to see and reflect the radiance of the true light as we hasten to meet him.

The light has come and has shone upon a world enveloped in shadows; the Dayspring from on high has visited us and given light to those who lived in darkness. This, then, is our feast, and we join in procession with lighted candles to reveal the light that has shone upon us and the glory that is yet to come to us through him. So let us hasten all together to meet our God.

The true light has come, *the light that enlightens every man who is born into this world*. Let all of us, my brethren, be enlightened and made radiant by this light. Let all of us share in its splendor, and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness. Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to give us all a share in his splendor.

Through Simeon's eyes we too have seen the salvation of God which he prepared for all the nations and revealed as the glory of the new Israel, which is ourselves. As Simeon was released from the bonds of this life when he had seen Christ, so we too were at once freed from our old state of sinfulness.

By faith we too embraced Christ, the salvation of God the Father, as he came to us from Bethlehem. Gentiles before, we have now become the people of God. Our eyes have seen God incarnate, and because we have seen him present among us and have mentally received him into our arms, we are called the new Israel. Never shall we forget this presence; every year we keep a feast in his honor.

From a sermon by Saint Sophronius, bishop, The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. III, Ordinary Time, Weeks 1-17, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1975, pp. 1350-1351.

MEN'S RETREAT



2nd Annual Men's Retreat
Hosted by: St. Matthew Knights of Columbus
Date: Saturday, February 8
Time: 9:00am-2:00pm
Speaker: Fr. Miguel Betancur Lenis

St. Matthew Knights of Columbus Council 14360 will be sponsoring its Second Annual Men's Retreat in preparation for Lent.

We will begin with 9:00am Mass at St. Matthew Church followed by a short break with coffee and snacks in the Great Room. This will be followed by talks and prayers with Father Miguel. Lunch will be served between 12:30pm and 1:00pm with the day wrapping up between 1:30pm and 2:00pm.

Please consider bringing a bag of non-perishables (i.e., cereal, canned goods, pasta, pasta sauce) as a donation to the St. Matthew Food Pantry.

Register by Feb. 3, 2025



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Holy Hour for Vocations
Second Thursday of every month
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March 11-13

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ENGLISH RETREAT
Notre Dame of Easton
655 Morehouse Rd, Easton, CT

Join **Fr. Richard Veras** at Notre Dame in Easton for "The Word Made Flesh," a three-day Eucharistic retreat exploring Christ's presence from Old Testament to present day.

Day #1: The Longing of the Heart and the Promise of Israel: Jesus in the Old Testament

Day #2: Emmanuel, the Promise Fulfilled: Jesus in the Gospels

Day #3: The Promise Remains Present: Jesus in the Church

Both retreats will run from **March 11-13, 2025**, featuring morning and evening sessions each day.



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St. Peter Church
104 Main St, Danbury, CT

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PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

If you would like to add or removed a name 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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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

Prayer Requests!

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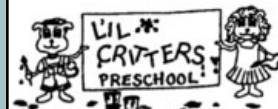
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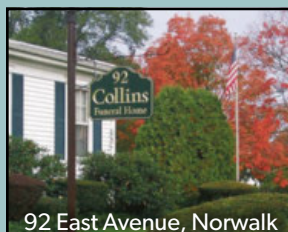
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