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September 1, 2024



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:15

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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

Labor Day, Monday, September 2

7:00 AM NO MASS
9:00 AM For God's Blessing on Our Work
5:30 PM NO MASS

Tuesday, September 3

7:00 AM† Antonio Rubbo, Maria Ciambrella, &
Pasquale Rubbo
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, September 4

NO MASS

Thursday, September 5

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Brian Horne

Friday, September 6

7:00 AM† Roger Festa
5:30 PM† Mass of Remembrance

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, September 7

5:15 PM† Raffaele Longo

Sunday, September 8

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† Carmella Pagliano
11:30 AM† Intentions of the Michael Sweeney Family
5:00 PM† James & Shirley Muro, & Dr. Jayme Rolls

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

August 25

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Collection | \$3,613.00 | \$3,235.00 |
| On-Line | \$2,365.00 | \$3,361.00 |
| Diocesan Assessment | (\$1,547.00) | (\$1,506.00) |
| Net Retained | <u>\$4,431.00</u> | <u>\$5,090.00</u> |

Votives \$ 114.00 \$ 130.07

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 Cathedralium 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.

—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioner has died in the month of August: Toni-Anne Pedersen. There will be a special mass for her and for all deceased parishioners on Friday, September 6, at 5:30 p.m. 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.



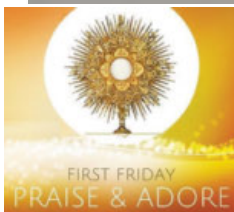
*The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 1st through September 7th in
memory of Genevieve & William Cerutti.*

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

Please remember in your prayers:

**Louis Malachowski Robert Godzono
John Fontaine**

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.



**FIRST FRIDAY
ADORATION
September 6th
7:30am to 5:00pm**

LABOR DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

**All Parish Offices are Closed
One Mass - 9:00am
No Monday Night Adoration
Enjoy the last unofficial day of summer!!**

Rectory:

Rev. Ralph Segura
Pastor (ext.19)

Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder
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(203) 866-1189
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Tito (Jose) Rivera

**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**
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SEPTEMBER 14TH & 15TH

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**EARLY BIRD ENTRY
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~ 8:30AM ~
STILL ONLY \$5.00!!**

Saturday, September 14, 9:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday, September 15, 9:30am - 2:00pm

TAG SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There's still time to join the list of volunteers for our 2024 Giant Tag Sale. This is our biggest fundraiser for our parish.

Any amount of help you can give us is greatly appreciated!

Please email or call the office with your availability & we will add you to our list.

DROP OFF DATES

Monday, September 9, 6-8pm
Tuesday, September 3 & 10, 6-8pm
Saturday, September 7, 9am -12pm
Sunday, September 8, 9am -12pm

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?
JOIN THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We supply all the materials at our meetings and discuss if there have been any special requests made. **The next meeting is Thursday, September 26th, at 7:00pm, in the Small Meeting Room.** Come meet our group and pick up your supplies! Our shawls are free gifts meant to warm, comfort and embrace.

To request a shawl or if you would like more information about our ministry, please call Vicki Remson, (203) 847-8196 or the Rectory, (203) 866-3141.



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. We need at least 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. We follow the school year calendar. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to our web page: troop222.norwalk.scoutlander.com.

ST. ANN'S CLUB MONDAY NIGHT BINGO (except holidays)

16 Hendricks Avenue

Doors open at 5:30pm First game at 6:45pm

Refreshments available to purchase.



DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

Wedding Jubilee Mass

For all those married couples
celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th or 50+ year anniversaries
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on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

at 1:30 pm for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano
Space is limited to four guests

To register, contact Patricia Hansen at phansen@diobpt.org or 203.416.1342

Are you entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade?

Then, now's the time to start your religious education, too. Please contact the Religious Formation Office for more information or go to our website for a link to our registration page. Classes are on Sundays starting in September. Kindergarten is not required but serves as an introduction and is free to all.

Phone: (203) 866-1189

Email: stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

*THE BASIC TEACHING ON LABOR AND WORK
FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CCC 2427-2428*

Human work proceeds directly from persons created in the image of God and called to prolong the work of creation by subduing the earth, both with and for one another. Hence work is a duty: "If any one will not work, let him not eat." Work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from him. It can also be redemptive.

By enduring the hardship of work in union with Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth and the one crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work. He shows himself to be a disciple of Christ by carrying the cross, daily, in the work he is called to accomplish. Work can be a means of sanctification and a way of animating earthly realities with the Spirit of Christ.

In work, the person exercises and fulfills in part the potential inscribed in his nature. the primordial value of labor stems from man himself, its author and its beneficiary. Work is for man, not man for work. Everyone should be able to draw from work the means of providing for his life and that of his family, and of serving the human community.



Holy Hour for Vocations
Second Thursday of every month
7:00-8:00pm, St. Theresa Church

August 8th
September 12th
October 10th
November 14th
December 12th

Please join us. Bring a friend.
All are welcome.



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For more information about the
Lay Dominicans, contact
Mrs. Michelle Rowe, O.P.
Formation Director
orapronobis20@gmail.com
203 218 6882

**THOSE WHO SING,
PRAY TWICE!**

If you like to sing, please consider joining our Parish Choir. We have our regular rehearsals on Sunday from 10:45 to 11:15am & sing at the 11:30am Mass. We have special rehearsals for Christmas & Easter typically on Wednesday evenings leading up to the holiday. For more information, speak to Marge Kelley, our Music Director, after the 5:15pm, 9:00am, or 11:30am Mass OR send an email to margaretkelley24@gmail.com.

Confession in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm
by Appointment



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

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 Fr. Ralph after mass.**

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
LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy
Tech Sgt. Daniel Scofield, US Air Force
UT2 PO2 Edward Skeen, US Navy
SSG Sgt. Jesse Skeen, US Army
SpC. Daniel Gonzales, US Army
MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
Sgt. Matthew Montanez, US Army
CPL Larry Joyce, US Marine Corps



2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We have raised 147 gifts worth \$39,163 bringing our parish to 62.36% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all who have already given or pledged! To make a gift, or for more information, please visit [2024 Bishops Appeal.org](http://2024BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.



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FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Just as there are some items that we are able to get free from different government sources or at a greatly reduced cost, there are some items we need to buy. This is how this list is generated. Of course, you can still give items that are not on the list. Please leave after hours **non-perishable** donations in the bin outside the pantry.
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY PERISHABLES IN THE DROP BOX.

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------|----------------|
| | 14oz to 19oz jelly | |
| | 9oz to 12oz box of cereal | |
| Shampoo | Tooth Paste | Paper Towel |
| Bar Soap | Toilet Paper | Facial Tissues |

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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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|-------------------|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Debbie Reddock | James Amrich | Theresa Buono | Linda Lima | Merina Deluc | George Travers |
| Pearl Futo | Robert Parmalee | Mike Torres | Emily Calabrese | Anne Edwards | Phil Tavella |
| Jack Cade | Constance Williams | Skip Bossone | Marie Silver | Grace DeMilo | Hamilton Family |
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| Michelle Vittorio | Carolyn Hill | Steve C. | Stefanie Sena | MaryAnn P. | Liz Fox |
| Vinnie McMahon | Andy Tao | Heather Ribellino | Susan Swick | Aidan Kane | Mary Anne Lagana |



DID YOU KNOW...you must complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy 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 OCIA (Order of Christians Initiation for Adults) program is for you!! Just call the parish office at (203) 866-3141 for more information.

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!

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.

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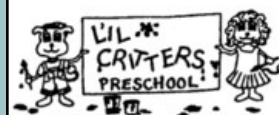
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