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April 23, 2023



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"
- Lk 24:33-34

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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, April 24

7:00 AM† Roger Thomas
5:30 PM Intentions of Sonia Usuga

Tuesday, April 25

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM† Joseph Caldarella

Wednesday, April 26

7:00 AM† Millerdeen Braggiotti
5:30 PM† Janina Stachurska

Thursday, April 27

7:00 AM† Ann Ruggiero
5:30 PM† Pasquale & Sandy Tartaglia

Friday, April 28

7:00 AM† Val Jean Hide
5:30 PM† Deceased Members of the Sweeney Family

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, April 29

5:15 PM† Theresa Tartaglia **Celebrant**
Fr. Mirek

Sunday, April 30

7:30 AM Intentions of Jorge Hidalgo Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM† Linda Angotto & Gerry Forde Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM† Felix & Teresa Rodofili Fr. Ralph



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
April 23rd through April 29th
for the Intentions of the Lage Family.*

We welcome the newly Baptized into the
Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Aliyah Mandujano

Congratulations to her parents, family, & friends!

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Henry Simon

We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.

Rectory:

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
April 2 - Palm Sunday		
Collection	\$5,691.00	\$3,794.00
On-Line	\$2,824.00	\$2,934.17
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,567.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,636.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$6,948.00</u>	<u>\$5,092.17</u>

Votives \$ 125.89 \$ 195.00

Monthly Maintenance

Collection	\$1,734.00	\$1,156.00
On-Line	<u>\$1,474.00</u>	<u>\$1,042.00</u>
Total	<u>\$3,208.00</u>	<u>\$2,198.00</u>

Holy Land - Good Friday

Collection	\$1,005.00	\$ 945.00
On-Line	<u>\$ 243.00</u>	<u>\$ 270.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,248.00</u>	<u>\$1,215.00</u>

April 9 - Easter Sunday

Collection	\$5,562.00	\$5,712.00
On-Line	\$2,336.00	\$2,640.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,567.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,636.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$6,331.00</u>	<u>\$6,716.00</u>

Votives \$ 388.17 \$ 160.00

Easter

Collection	\$12,416.00	\$7,503.50
On-Line	<u>\$ 1,856.00</u>	<u>\$1,380.00</u>
Total	<u>\$14,272.00</u>	<u>\$8,883.50</u>

April 16

Collection	\$4,002.00	\$ 9,916.50
On-Line	\$2,336.00	\$ 2,480.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,567.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 1,636.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$4,771.00</u>	<u>\$10,760.50</u>

Votives \$ 119.76 \$ 360.00

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 Cathedralicum 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.

Banns of Marriage

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Catherine McQuade & Rex Favella

St. Ann Spring Craft Fair

16 Hendricks Ave., Norwalk, CT

Sunday, April 30, 2023

10:00am - 4:00pm

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MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM

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One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop’s Appeal Your gifts at work

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 the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach! Please consider the following options when deciding upon the best way to support the Bishop’s Appeal this year:

- Make an automatic monthly recurring gift until you inform the Diocese to adjust or discontinue.
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- Contribute a gift of appreciated stocks or securities

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

We have raised 71 gifts worth \$19,676 bringing our parish to 31.33% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who gave or pledged!



High School Youth Group

Our Youth Group will be meeting in the Parish Center Loft on Sunday, May 7th, from 4:30pm - 6:00pm. The 1st Sunday of each month will be an organizational meeting to plan the month’s event. 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.
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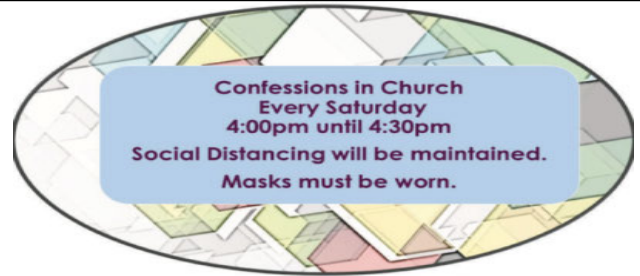
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas Parishioners,

First and foremost, please allow me to thank you all for coming to celebrate Easter with us in such great numbers! I know I can also speak for Fr. Ralph here because we share the same gratitude to the Lord Almighty for the great gift of Holy Week and Easter here at Saint Thomas Parish. All the preparations and behind the scenes arrangements are very important for everything to be presented and received well, but the essence of the greatest annual Catholic Celebration, that is, the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, is realized in our hearts as we pray together and offer the Most Holy Eucharist these days. Therefore, once again, to all of you – a sincere Thank you!

One of the most moving episodes related to Easter Sunday is the story of the disciples of Christ on the way to Emmaus. Many paintings, sculptures, and meditations were done on that Gospel scene. On the road to Emmaus, one can get lost, not because it is somehow a very long or difficult distance because, as the Gospel according to St. Luke tells us, that pair of Disciples were able to cover the round trip in one day. It is easy for one to get lost on the road to Emmaus for the very reasons the Disciples mentioned in today's Gospel got lost and so sad. Even today, maybe more than ever, surrounded by the loud mass confusion, we can get lost navigating through life. That is true especially when we are losing our sight of Jesus. Every time I pray or meditate on this particular excerpt of Luke's Gospel, I am in awe of how our Lord finds me whenever I am lost; almost like that stranger joining the Disciples as they run from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Our Good Lord touches my heart and spirit with total strangers at times to remind me that He is Risen! He does so to always encourage me to see Him even in total strangers; imagine if we could pray today at our own Emmaus here in East Norwalk, at our own Liturgy of the Breaking of Bread, that the Risen Lord strengthens us as He did His Disciples in Emmaus so we too may run to the people we love and even to those we don't know and, overwhelmed with joy, say to them – the Lord has Risen!



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.



The American Legion Post 12 of Norwalk, CT would like to honor all of our Veterans at the Annual Norwalk Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29th. Come ride in the parade with us! If you would like further information, please call Liz at (203) 816-0005.

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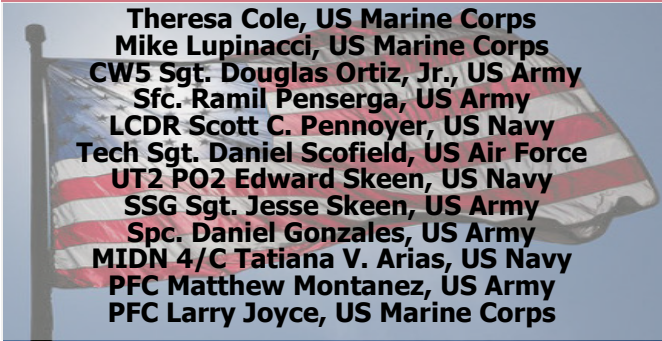
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DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FREQUENTLY
 We update our website as things change in our parish & diocese. There are many useful links on our "Senior Info" & "Useful Links" pages. We have an interactive Google Calendar where you can add to your personal calendar with a simple click on the item. Most questions can be answered by visiting the website. We have also added buttons for pages at the top of the homepage. **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.**
www.stthomasnorwalk.org

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SACRAMENTS

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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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