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May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Congratulations to our 2024 First Communicants

David Amado
Luca Bruzzese
Wesley Febbraio
Emily Koenig
Leanny Mendoza
Xavier Pacheco
Olivia Ruiz

Isabella Apolinario Giovanni Casolino Althea Gallacher Christian Lazaro Matthew Morales Adam Poljacik Brigid Slattery

Royce Apolinario
Vincent Condito
James Hyland
Henry Madaffari
Thomas Mullarkey
Natalia Rodzik
Carmine Winston

Rev. Ralph Segura, Parochial Administrator
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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, May 6

In Celebration of Brooks Maher's 2nd Birthday 7:00 AM

5:30 PM **†** Theresa & Giuseppe Passerelli

Tuesday, May 7

7:00 AM**+** Victoria Baldino Driver

5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, May 8

NO MASS

Ascension Thursday, May 9

7:00 AM+ For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

12:10 PM**+** Robert Michek 6:00 PM**†** Gorgonio Ong

Friday, May 10

7:00 AM **†** Joan Gardella

5:30 PM Intentions of the Michael Sweeney Family

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, May 11 5:15 PM**+** Marge & Jim Plascyk

Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day

7:30 AM**†** The Amato's: Arthur, Sr., Mary, Sharon, &

Arthur, Jr., & the Rolland Family

9:00 AM**†** For All Mothers of Our Parish,

Living & Deceased

Maria Mastroianni, Giuseppina Mercuri, Maria 11:30 AM**†**

Longo, Anna Bonaddio & Angelina Vescio

5:00 PM **†** For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased



The Sanctuary Candle burns May 5th through May 11th in memory of John Porada.



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

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

Juan Pablo Dioses

We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.

Rectory:

Rev. Ralph Segura Parochial Administrator (ext. 19)

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4 Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

Finance Chair:

Ulrike Schambeck (203) 434-6488

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2024 2023 April 28 \$6,090.00 \$2,258.00 Collection \$3,634.00 On-Line \$2,110.00 Diocesan Assessment (\$1,506.00) (\$1,567.00)Net Retained \$4,238.00 \$6,781.00 Votives \$ 130.10 146.72

Black & Indian Missions

\$1,026.00 901.00 Collection 280.00 296.00 On-Line \$1,181.00 Total

Diocesan Assessment

The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on <u>all</u> 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.



Ascension Thursday May 9th **Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times**

7:00am 12:10pm 6:00pm

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

Religious Ed Office:

(203) 866-1189 Patty Frattaroli, DRE stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

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Many thanks for your generosity. Please remember the following intentions in your prayers. In Memory Of

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In Honor of

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M/M Elias Oyomba Mr. Joseph Macaluso, Jr. M/M Patrick Falco, Sr. Mrs. Rose Sferlazza Ms. Rosann Colosimo Our Brothers and Sisters who are facing War, Famine, and Illness

FROM THE DIALOGUE ON DIVINE PROVIDENCE BY SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN (CAP 167, GRATIARUM ACTIO AD TRINITATEM)

Eternal God, eternal Trinity, you have made the blood of Christ so precious through his sharing in your divine nature. You are a mystery as deep as the sea; the more I search, the more I find, and the more I find the more I search for you. But I can never be satisfied; what I receive will ever leave me desiring more. When you fill my soul I have an even greater hunger, and I grow more famished for your light. I desire above all to see you, the true light, as you really are.

I have tasted and seen the depth of your mystery and the beauty of your creation with the light of my understanding. I have clothed myself with your likeness and have seen what I shall be. Eternal Father, you have given me a share in your power and the wisdom that Christ claims as his own, and your Holy Spirit has given me the desire to love you. You are my Creator, eternal Trinity, and I am your creature. You have made of me a new creation in the blood of your Son, and I know that you are moved with love at the beauty of your creation, for you have enlightened me.

Eternal Trinity, Godhead, mystery deep as the sea, you could give me no greater gift than the gift of yourself. For you are a fire ever burning and never consumed, which itself consumes all the selfish love that fills my being. Yes, you are a fire that takes away the coldness, illuminates the mind with its light and causes me to know your truth. By this light, reflected as it were in a mirror, I recognize that you are the highest good, one we can neither comprehend nor fathom. And I know that you are beauty and wisdom itself. The food of angels, you gave yourself to man in the fire of your love.

You are the garment which covers our nakedness, and in our hunger you are a satisfying food, for you are sweetness and in you there is no taste of bitterness, O triune God!

From the dialogue On Divine Providence by Saint Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor, The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. II, Lenten Season-Easter Season, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1976, pp. 1794-1795.



FRIDAY, MAY 10TH, 6PM to 9PM

Come watch the original Willy

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bring your favorite CHOCOLATE

snack/dessert to share.

SOME SUGGESTIONS: candy bars,
cake, pudding, custard, ice cream,
donuts, brownies, fudge...

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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.

9oz to 12oz box of cereal 14oz to 18oz peanut butter Shampoo Tooth Paste Paper Towels Bar Soap Toilet Paper Facial Tissues

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE

ANSWERED OUR REQUESTS! YOU HAVE REALLY HELPED THE NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We have raised 98 gifts worth \$29,773 bringing our parish to 47.41% 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 BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.





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 Sqt. 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 PFC Matthew Montanez, US Army **CPL Larry Joyce, US Marine Corps**



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norwalk.scoutlander.com.

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(203) 831-8200 Nancy Cook-Owens, Director

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The Daily Mans Teconi W 2025 The 2025 MASS BOOK is open. Only 2 Saturday Vigil or Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until May 12th. You may also call or email requests to the office.





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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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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
Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Frataloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Anthony Bruno
Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Richard Berg	Jeannetta Torres	Angela McCrae
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Antonio Vescio	Diane Turek	Debbie Poruban
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Michelle Vittorio	Elizabeth Malerba	Steve C.	Stefanie Sena	Jim Bogdany	Paul Rohan
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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.

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.

The Food Pantry is open Tuesdays & Saturdays 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Donations are now being accepted during regular hours or leave NON-PERISHABLE items in the bin at the food pantry entrance. Questions? Call them at (203) 866-1644









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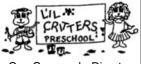
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