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THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Congratulations to our 2023 First Communicants

*James Baker, IV
Daniele D'Angelo
Owen Fogelson
Sofia Piazza-Palotto
Ella Simonetti*

*Scarlet Barash
Cameron Duncan
Gianna Lanasa
Leyla Rodriguez
Boris Vladimirov*

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor
(203) 866-3141

203 East Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06855

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00AM.

Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, May 8

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM Intentions of Santiago Verde

Tuesday, May 9

7:00 AM† Brooks Evan Maher
5:30 PM† James Verda

Wednesday, May 10

7:00 AM† Jennie Annase
5:30 PM† Pamela Reardon

Thursday, May 11

7:00 AM Intentions of Alyssa Labraga
5:30 PM† Joseph Furnari

Friday, May 12

7:00 AM† Betty Murphy
5:30 PM Intentions of the Michael Sweeney Family

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, May 13

5:15 PM† Josephine Mercuri, Maria Longo, & Anna Bonadio **Celebrant**
Fr. Ralph

Mother's Day - Sunday, May 14

7:30 AM† The Amato's: Arthur, Sr., Mary, Sharon, & Arthur, Jr., & the Rolland Family Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† For All Mothers of our Parish, Living & Deceased Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† Maria Mastroianni Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Mirek



The Sanctuary Candle burns
May 7th through May 13th in loving memory
of Mary Shahhein Dyson.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Stew Leonard, Sr. **David Nardello**

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
April 30		
Collection	\$6,090.00	\$4,737.00
On-Line	\$2,258.00	\$2,669.17
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$6,781.00</u>	<u>\$5,770.17</u>

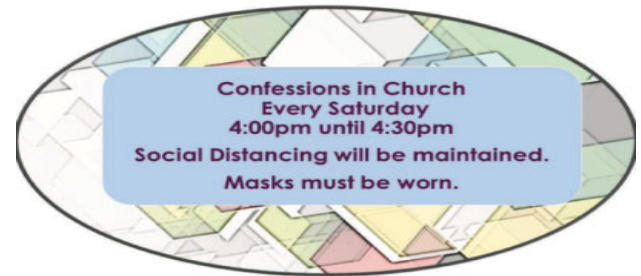
Votives \$ 146.72 \$ 158.00

Catholic Home Mission

Collection	\$ 901.00	\$ 717.00
On-Line	\$ 280.00	\$ 235.00
Total	<u>\$1,181.00</u>	<u>\$ 952.00</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 2023 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum 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.



Crowning of Mary Next
Weekend
9 am Family Mass

May is the month of Mary
Remember to pray
the Rosary

We welcome the newly Baptized into the
Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.
Jack Francis Radtke
Congratulations to her parents, family, & friends!

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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Monday through Friday 9 - 4
Closed Saturday & Sunday

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AN EVENING OF CELTIC MUSIC

at Georgetown Oratory



Friday,
May 12th
7:00 PM
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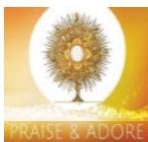


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**ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM**

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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.
- Make a pledge and spread out your payments over 5 or 10 months
- Check if your employer will match your gift through the Corporate Matching Gift Program
- 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 77 gifts worth \$21,826 bringing our parish to 34.75% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who gave or pledged!



*DO YOU LIKE TO
KNIT OR CROCHET?*

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We supply the materials - you supply the Love!! We meet once a month for about an hour to pray over the completed shawls and to pick up supplies. Our next meeting is this **Thursday, May 25th, at 7:00pm**, in the Small Meeting Room. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, or the Parish Office at (203) 866-3141, or go to our website and click on Parish Life, Ministries.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

On behalf of Fr. Ralph, and all the staff of St. Thomas the Apostle parish, I would like to congratulate our First Communicants who received First Communion this weekend. What a joyous occasion for them & their families. At First Holy Communion, and every time you receive the Holy Eucharist, Jesus comes to you. He wants your communion relationship with Him to be holy. I pray and hope every day that your mom and dad teach you that the most important things in life are faith, family, and friends. All the money in the world can't buy faith, family, and friends; these are gifts from God. Make God your first priority, and you will become best friends with God. The saying goes, "If you are too busy for God, you are too busy." Thank you Parents, Grandparents, Godparents, and all family members for bringing your children up to that special day of their First Communion. May God Bless you always!

fr. Minore

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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 16th & 17th

The Catholic Bridge



A Diocesan Mentorship Program

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A DIOCESAN-WIDE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM?

The diocese has launched a mentorship program benefiting young adult Catholics as they look for career and life guidance. The program consists of one monthly meeting with your mentor or mentee for six months. Meetings can be held in person or via Zoom. If you or someone you know is interested in participating as either a mentor or mentee, please sign up by clicking on the link or QR code below:

www.FormationReimagined.org/Bridge



For more information, please contact the Program Coordinator, Cindy Egloff, at CEgloff@diobpt.org

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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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:

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