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October 23, 2022

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Molly Elizabeth Ann Seton Powers
Kaylee Cecilia Winslow
Anthony Anthony Putetti
Chloe Joan of Arc Ballard
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Ian John the Evangelist Mills

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor

203 East Avenue

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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, October 24

7:00 AM Antonietta Cappello
5:30 PM † Bridget & Michael O’Gara

Tuesday, October 25

7:00 AM † Ellen Morrone
5:30 PM Intention of Fernanda Mangels

Wednesday, October 26

7:00 AM † Joan Gardella
5:30 PM † Jerry Tasco

Thursday, October 27

7:00 AM † John & Bridget Butler
5:30 PM † Andrew Mirolla

Friday, October 28

7:00 AM † For All Our Homebound Parishioners
5:30 PM † Andres Ferrer, Sr.


Sunday Vigil, Saturday, October 29

5:15 PM † Mark Ballard

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

Sunday, October 30

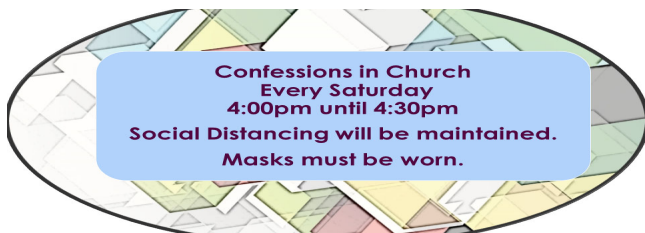
7:30 AM †	Rosemary Alpert	Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM †	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM †	Thomas Calka, Marie Calka, & George Vassallo, Jr.	Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM †	John Dominick	Fr. Ralph



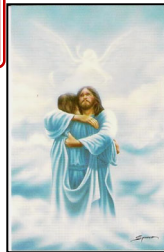
*The Sanctuary Candle burns
October 23rd through October 29th for
Mario Laracca.*



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



**Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm
Social Distancing will be maintained.
Masks must be worn.**



**SPECIAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th AT 11:30 A.M.**
*For all members of St. Thomas the Apostle
who have died in the past year.*

Come participate in this opportunity as a community to remember all our loved ones, especially those who have died in the past year. We remember them in a special way by using the very symbol that Christ used to proclaim his presence among us. And so, we will honor our loved ones in a “Ceremony of Light.” Please join us at this most memorable occasion. If you would like more information about the Mass or the Bereavement Ministry, call Jane Eichwald at (203) 838-4590. Mass can also be viewed on St. Thomas the Apostle website: www.stthomasnorwalk.org and click on the Live Stream YouTube Link.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2022	2021
October 16		
Collection	\$4,254.70	\$3,937.00
On-Line	\$2,247.00	\$2,526.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,934.70</u>	<u>\$4,827.00</u>
Votives	\$ 142.12	\$ 111.00

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 Cathedralium 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.



October is the Month of the Rosary
Come, Pray the Rosary in Church!
Monday - Friday 6:30am
Monday 7:00pm
Saturday 7:30am & 4:45pm

MASS SCHEDULE
ALL SAINTS DAY, TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1st
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
7:00AM 12:05PM 5:30PM

ALL SOULS DAY
NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
7:00AM 5:30PM

Rectory:
Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)
Rev. Ralph Segura
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(203) 866-1189
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40 Days for Life Fall 2022 Campaign Sept. 28th - Nov. 6th - Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign for an end to abortion! Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired more than 1,000,000 volunteers and saved 20,013 lives! Please join us at the public right of way, 35 Sixth Street in Stamford. To sign up for vigil hours visit www.40daysforlife.com/Stamford. For more information contact Monika at stamford40daysforlife@gmail.com.



FIGHT HUNGER WITH US!

We will receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold at our selected Stop & Shop in our selected month.

Benefiting Organization:
St. Thomas St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry

Selected Month: **October** Selected Stop & Shop: 385 Connecticut Ave Norwalk

STOP&SHOP

Scripture Study moderated by Kevin Knight

This session covers Forgiveness (Choosing to Receive and to Give), Mary (Favored by God), Mary Magdalene (Apostle to the Apostles) and the Kingdom of God (The Essential Message of Jesus). Consider joining us in the Parish Center Small Meeting Room as we explore these and related topics that deepen our relationships with the living Lord.

November 4, Forgiveness November 18, Mary
December 2, Mary December 16, Mary



2022 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL
We have raised 180 gifts worth \$46,009 bringing our parish to 73.26% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. **Thanks to all who gave or pledged!**

Birthright is in need of gently worn *baby and maternity clothing*. Please call to arrange for a drop off. They also need volunteers (especially Spanish speaking). Opportunities include friendship counseling, clerical, and clothing work. Training is provided. Please call the Norwalk Chapter for more information: (203) 853-4872.

St. Ann Holiday Fair
16 Hendricks Ave.
Norwalk, CT 06851



November 20, 2022
10:00am – 4:00pm
Crafts * Artisans * 50/50 Raffle * Food
Gift Baskets * Bake Sale

Vendor Tables
St. Ann Member Fee - \$25 per table
Non-Member Fee - \$50 per table
Checks payable to Mother of Mary
Registration must be paid in full by Nov. 5th

Contact
Patty Murphy 203-853-6685
Virginia Tartaglia 203-853-3274

FAITH ON TAP

SPOOKY SEASON SPECTACULAR

Thursday, 27 October
At 7:30 PM
Town Parlor Pizza

Join us for a talk by Fr. Sean Kulacz about ghosts, magic, Ouija boards, exorcisms, and spiritual warfare

Young Adults Ages 18-35

ADORATION

What is Eucharistic Adoration? Catholics believe that during the Mass which we attend each week (for some of us, daily), the priest (during the Consecration) speaks these words as he holds the communion host, " ...He took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you." When the priest says, "this is my body", it is at that instant when, through the miracle of transubstantiation, the bread and wine which we offer as the bloodless sacrifice of our Lord truly become the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. It is His true Presence in the form of bread and wine. It is Christ.

What is Perpetual Adoration? Perpetual Adoration is when the priest takes a consecrated host, such as the one described above, and places it in a monstrance. Monstrance comes from the Latin "monstrare", meaning to show, to expose to view. The monstrance is then placed in front of the tabernacle or on the altar of the church or chapel for adoration.

What do you actually do during Adoration? Adoration means that you can have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers; read the Bible; contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, thanksgiving, and/or reparation; pray a Rosary; or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before Our Lord. You can just sit and say nothing, simply keeping him company, just as you would with a dear friend.

From www.stmarymokena.org/adoration



**CONGRATULATIONS &
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**ONE OF OUR PARISHIONERS RECENTLY
CELEBRATED HIS
100TH BIRTHDAY.**

**October 18th
Charlie Provenzano**

If you have something to celebrate and would like to share it with your parish family contact the office by email or phone. Photo by Adri Goldstein on Unsplash

**NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL
ENTRANCE EXAM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 &
NOVEMBER 12 AT 8:00AM**

All eighth-grade applicants must take an entrance exam at one of the four Diocesan high schools. All applicants must complete an online application prior to the exam. Registration information can be found on the school's website, ww.notredame.org.


All Souls Day Mass

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022
11:00 am, rain or shine; tents and portable facilities will be provided

*This Mass will be offered for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.
Catholics are encouraged that day to pray that all those who have died may rest in the peace of Christ.*

The Masses will be offered at these six Diocesan Cemeteries and Holy Water from Lourdes, France will be distributed after Mass at each location.


<p>GATE OF HEAVEN CEMETERY 1056 Daniels Farm Road, Trumbull Principal Celebrant: Bishop Frank J. Caggiano</p> <p>ST. PETER CEMETERY 71 Lake Avenue Ext., Danbury</p> <p>ST. JOHN CEMETERY 25 Camp Avenue, Darien</p>	<p>ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY 2205 Stratford Avenue, Stratford</p> <p>ST. JOHN CEMETERY 223 Richards Avenue, Norwalk</p> <p>ST. MARY-PUTNAM CEMETERY 399 North Street, Greenwich</p>
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2023

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PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country



Dear Norwalk Middle School Parents,

Welcome to our New Middle School Youth Group. The team has been working throughout the summer planning a new and inspiring program. We are very excited and hope that your children enjoy the sense of community while growing deeper in their faith and understanding. The regional group will meet for our first session on Sunday, October 23, from 4PM – 7PM. Here is how everything will work:

- **The Plan** – please arrive early so that the children can be checked in and ready for Mass beginning at 4 PM. A simple dinner will be provided for the students. The October 23rd date will be a pizza dinner. The program will last until 7 PM.
- **Drop off/Pick Up** – all drop-offs/pick-ups will be at the front door. You may park in the first parking lot in the rear and along the road. Please follow all directions of our parking lot volunteers. Parents must sign their child in/out at the front desk.
- **Cell phones** - We strongly encourage all cellphones to remain home. Students can bring cellphones for an emergency reason. However, if phones are taken out or used, the phone will be taken and given back at the end of the session.
- **Attendance** – attendance will be taken at each session and sent back to the home parish. Home parish will be responsible for maintaining attendance records according to their policy.
- **Illegal Drugs/Alcohol/Smoking/Vaping** – are strictly forbidden. Parents will be called if child found in violation.
- **Diocesan Consent & Release form** – Please complete the attached Diocesan form if you haven't done so already. You may bring it with you. These completed forms will be held on file at your home parish.
- **Best Behavior/Shared Space** – We ask the students to be supportive and encouraging of all present. We must show respect for ourselves, our friends, teachers, and the space we are using. Please review the attached Contract with your student. It should be signed and brought to the first All Saints Session.
- **Volunteers** – we will need volunteers each session. Your home parish will ask for volunteers.
- **Home Parish Contacts:**
 - **St. Matthew** – Liz Reid
 - **St. Philip** – Jennifer Boccanfuso
 - **St. Thomas** – Mary Vladimirov, stthomasreleoffice@gmail.com
 - **St. Jerome** – Daniela O'Callaghan, total@stjeromenorwalk.org

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact your Parish Contact above.

Go to our Website Home Page to obtain the necessary forms to attend.

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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.

New 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 KNOWyou 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	Walter Cortese
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabeese	Anne Edwards	Linda Lima
Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Merina Deluc
Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Fratoloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	George Travers
Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Rick Azillo	Jeannetta Torres	Phil Tavella
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Richard Berg	Diane Turek	Hamilton Family
Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Kathleen Ford	Antonio Vescio	Jackie Hamilton	Anthony Bruno
Kathleen Dominick	Jackie Capobianco	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	John Lima	Angela McCrae
Dawn Grover	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Nancy G.	Joanna Marvin	Ken Schulman	Debbie Poruban
Vinny Massaro	Josephine Mola Buckley	Alessandro Fornara	Jim Charest	Joe M.	Denise Cassin
Holly Sanders	Stefanie Sena	Elizabeth Malerba	Alyssa Collier		

**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



The Connecticut Hospice, Inc., Homecare Volunteers Needed

The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. is accepting applications for new volunteers! Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. If you have an interest in companionship, light housekeeping or making meals, please contact Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers at (203) 315-7510.



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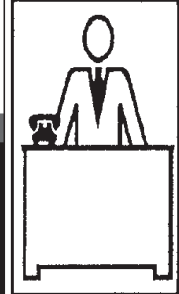


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