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September 3, 2023



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”
- Mt 16:24b-25

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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 4

9:00 AM For God's Blessing on Our Work

Tuesday, September 5

7:00 AM† Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.

5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, September 6

7:00 AM NO MASS

5:30 PM NO MASS

Thursday, September 7

7:00 AM NO MASS

5:30 PM† Mennino Family

Friday, September 8

7:00 AM† Betty Murphy

5:30 PM† Patricia Borgeson

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, September 9

5:15 PM† Frank M. De Bellis

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, September 10

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Ralph

9:00 AM† Michael Walsh Fr. Ralph

11:30 AM† Sandra Marie Fales Fr. Ralph

5:00 PM† Cynthia Higgins Fr. Ralph



The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 3rd through September 9th in
memory of Reginald & Rose Festa.

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

Lagla Jane Lantz

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:

Catherine F. Verda

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**

Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

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	2023	2022
August 27		
Collection	\$3,235.00	\$3,450.50
On-Line	\$3,361.00	\$2,288.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,506.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,567.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$5,090.00</u>	<u>\$4,171.50</u>

Votives \$ 130.07 \$ 160.75

Maui Collection

Collection	\$1,284.00
On-Line	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,434.00</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 2024 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralicum 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.

**LABOR DAY
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 4th**
All Parish Offices are Closed
One Mass - 9:00am
No Monday Night Adoration
Enjoy the last unofficial day of
summer!!

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.
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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2023 GIANT TAG SALE

Drop Off Dates

Mondays:	August 14, 21, & 28	
	September 11	6 pm - 8:30 pm
Tuesdays:	August 15, 22, & 29	
	September 5 & 12	6 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturdays:	August 19, & 26	
	September 9	9 am - 12 Noon
Sundays:	August 20 & 27	
	September 10	9 am - 12 Noon

Please don't ask! We can't take it!!!

TV's Computers Cribs Baby Strollers
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 Stuffed Animals Particle Board Furniture
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 Household Appliances Video Game Players
 Large Curio or Display Cases
 Books (we will be taking children's books)

We reserve the right to refuse any donation not in clean, usable, and/or saleable condition.

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

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 in the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach! To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at [2023 BishopsAppeal.org](http://2023BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.



We have raised 147 gifts worth \$63,560 bringing our parish to 101.21% of its \$62,800 goal. Thanks to all who have participated! Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.



2023 - 2024

Religious Education

If you are entering kindergarten through 6th grade in September and have not received an email from Rel. Ed, please go to our website homepage & click the link to the Religious Ed Registration page. Kindergarten is not mandatory and is free for all who attend. Please sign up ASAP so we can plan our class sizes and teacher needs.

If you are entering a Catholic school Second Grade or Sixth Grade, you also need to sign up for First Communion and Confirmation.

THOSE WHO SING, PRAY TWICE!

If you like to sing, please consider joining our Parish Choir. We have our regular rehearsals on Sunday at 11:00am & 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.

JOIN 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: troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com.

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, September 28th, at 7:00pm**, in the Small Meeting Room. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, the Parish Office at (203) 866-3141, or go to our website and click on Parish Life, Ministries.

REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

With us observing Labor Day here in the United States this coming Monday, I thought that we could consider the below excerpts from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

“The development of economic activity and growth in production are meant to provide for the needs of human beings. Economic life is not meant solely to multiply goods produced and increase profit or power; it is ordered first of all to the service of persons, of the whole man, and of the entire human community. Economic activity, conducted according to its own proper methods, is to be exercised within the limits of the moral order, in keeping with social justice so as to correspond to God's plan for man.

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 (CCC 2426-2428)”

So, as we enjoy this Labor Day, let us be grateful that we live in one of the most prosperous and stable countries in the world. May we fulfill our duties and labors with dignity and virtue, always keeping in mind and heart that all we do is for the glory of God. May we always pray for those who, through no fault of their own, have the need for work to sustain themselves and their families; for those who suffer from poverty, and that we will always labor in the name of Jesus Christ for the salvation of souls as well.

John Ralph



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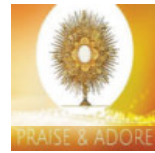


A Mass for Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Medical Service Personnel who serve in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

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For more information, please contact
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Monday: 7:00pm Saturday: 4:45pm

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PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country



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SACRAMENTS

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 4:00pm

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	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabrese	Anne Edwards	George Travers
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Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Rick Azillo	Jeannetta Torres	Anthony Bruno
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Richard Berg	Diane Turek	Angela McCrae
Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Kathleen Ford	Antonio Vescio	Jackie Hamilton	Debbie Poruban
Kathleen Dominick	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	John Lima	Denise Cassin
Dawn Grover	Nancy G.	Joanna Marvin	Ken Schulman	Holly Sanders	Vinny Massaro
Mike D.	Elizabeth Malerba	Alessandro Fornara	Jim Charest	Frank Longo	Patricia M.
Stefanie Sena	Jim Bogdany	Paul F.	David R.	Steve C.	Jackson P.
Ginny DeMarco					

**The Food Pantry is open
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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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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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