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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
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**The bread that I will give is my
flesh for the life of the world.**

John 6:51

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

203 East Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06855

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

*Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00 am.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM*

Daily Mass

Monday, August 9

7:00 AM † All Souls
5:30 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon

Tuesday, August 10

7:00 AM Intentions of Mary & Joseph Remlin
5:30 PM † Amerigo DiRenzo

Wednesday, August 11

7:00 AM † Raymond O'Hara, Jr.
5:30 PM † Enea Tedeschi

Thursday, August 12

7:00 AM † David Steeves
5:30 PM † Hernando Garcia & Carmen Uribe

Friday, August 13

7:00 AM Intentions of Harry & Debrah Alexander
5:30 PM † Jane, Anthony, & Harold Goral

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, August 14

5:15 PM † Josephine Tarzia

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary Sunday, August 15

7:30 AM †	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Trani	Celebrant Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM †	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM †	William McMahon IV	Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM †	Mary Shahhein Dyson	Fr. Ralph



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
August 8th through August 14th
for Raymond O'Hara, Jr.*

Please check the parish website for the latest updates to traffic on East Avenue & the surrounding area. We will post all announcements given to us as they are received.

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

Roger Geronimo Fiorinda Palmieri Felix Peninpede
We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar

Office Hours:

Appointments 10-3 Monday through
Thursday & Friday 10-12
Closed Saturday & Sunday

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2021 2020

August 1

Collection	\$2,723.00	\$3,287.00
On-Line	\$2,632.17	\$2,905.17
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,636.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,869.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$3,719.17</u>	<u>\$4,323.17</u>

Votives

Votives	\$ 166.00	\$ 75.00
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Monthly Maintenance

Collection	\$ 801.00	\$ 625.00
On-Line	<u>\$1,109.00</u>	<u>\$ 834.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,910.00</u>	<u>\$1,459.00</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 2022 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum Assessment is \$85,072. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,636. This represents an annual decrease of \$4,633.00 from the prior year.

Is your child entering 1st grade
this school year?

Are you new to the parish with
school aged children?

Then it's time to register for our Religious Formation Class. Please contact the Formation Office at (203) 866-1189 or email Michelle & Mary at stthomasreleddoffice@gmail.com to get your registration form.



The 2022 MASS BOOK is now open. Only 2 Saturday Vigil/Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until September 1, 2021. Phone or email requests may also be made.



ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM

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Memorial Mass for Our Parishioner

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Saturday, August 14th, at 11:00am

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We still have Masses & Candles available for 2021. Please call or email the office to reserve your masses and candles.



The store will be closed for vacation from August 1st through the 14th. It will re-open Tuesday, August 17th.



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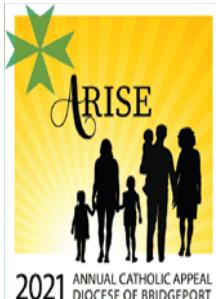
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Planning a wedding? Congratulations!!
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MAKE DEPOSITS

Friendship is like a bank account. You can't continue to draw on it without making deposits. - Anonymous



2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have raised 164 gifts worth \$42,373 bringing our parish to 67.47% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!



If you would like to arrange a baptism, please call the office at (203) 866-3141. If this is your first baby, you will need to complete the Pre-Baptism class with one of our priests. *Pre-Baptism classes are resuming the schedule of the 3rd Saturday of every month beginning in September.*

REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

The Gospel readings for this Sunday and last Sunday involve the Blessed Sacrament, the Eucharist, the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now, we are all familiar with our Lord's words on this subject, the Last Supper, the writings of St. Paul, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass we observe in our time; and, as you also know as well, this sacred mystery has always been held in the highest regard by the Catholic Church. So, I thought it would be helpful that we recall the clear and certain teaching on this precious gift that we enjoy by referring to the writings of some of the great theologians and spiritual masters of the ancient Church.

St. Justin Martyr was born a pagan but converted to Christianity after studying philosophy. He was a prolific writer and many Church scholars consider him the greatest apologist or defender of the faith from the 2nd century. He was beheaded with six of his companions sometime between 163 and 167 A.D.: *"This food we call the Eucharist, of which no one is allowed to partake except one who believes that the things we teach are true, and has received the washing for forgiveness of sins and for rebirth, and who lives as Christ handed down to us. For we do not receive these things as common bread or common drink; but as Jesus Christ our Savior being incarnate by God's Word took flesh and blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food consecrated by the Word of prayer which comes from him, from which our flesh and blood are nourished by transformation, is the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus."*

St. Irenaeus of Lyons succeeded St. Pothinus to become the second bishop of Lyons in 177 A.D. Earlier in his life he studied under St. Polycarp. Considered one of the greatest theologians of the 2nd century, St. Irenaeus is best known for refuting the Gnostic heresies: *"[Christ] has declared the cup, a part of creation, to be his own Blood, from which he causes our blood to flow; and the bread, a part of creation, he has established as his own Body, from which he gives increase to our bodies."*

This is another quote from St. Irenaeus of Lyons, Against Heresies, 180 A.D.: *"So then, if the mixed cup and the manufactured bread receive the Word of God and become the Eucharist, that is to say, the Blood and Body of Christ, which fortify and build up the substance of our flesh, how can these people claim that the flesh is incapable of receiving God's gift of eternal life, when it is nourished by Christ's Blood and Body and is His member? As the blessed apostle says in his letter to the Ephesians, 'For we are members of His Body, of His flesh and of His bones' (Eph. 5:30). He is not talking about some kind of 'spiritual' and 'invisible' man, 'for a spirit does not have flesh and bones' (Lk. 24:39). No, he is talking of the organism possessed by a real human being, composed of flesh and nerves and bones. It is this which is nourished by the cup which is His Blood, and is fortified by the bread which is His Body. The stem of the vine takes root in the earth and eventually bears fruit, and 'the grain of wheat falls into the earth' (Jn. 12:24), dissolves, rises again, multiplied by the all-containing Spirit of God, and finally after skilled processing, is put to human use. These two then receive the Word of God and become the Eucharist, which is the Body and Blood of Christ."*

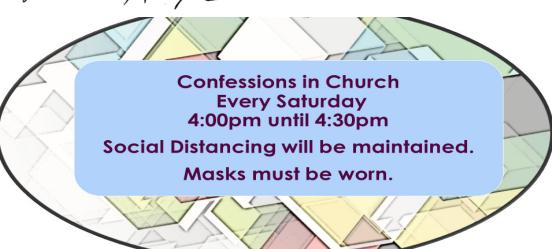
St. Clement of Alexandria studied under Pantaenus. He later succeeded him as the director of the school of catechumens in Alexandria, Egypt around the year 200 A.D.: *"The Blood of the Lord, indeed, is twofold. There is His corporeal Blood, by which we are redeemed from corruption; and His spiritual Blood, that with which we are anointed. That is to say, to drink the Blood of Jesus is to share in His immortality. The strength of the Word is the Spirit just as the blood is the strength of the body. Similarly, as wine is blended with water, so is the Spirit with man. The one, the Watered Wine, nourishes in faith, while the other, the Spirit, leads us on to immortality. The union of both, however, - of the drink and of the Word, - is called the Eucharist, a praiseworthy and excellent gift. Those who partake of it in faith are sanctified in body and in soul. By the will of the Father, the divine mixture, man, is mystically united to the Spirit and to the Word."*

As the above demonstrate, what we receive at Mass is both powerful and profound. So, may we continue to observe the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and defend the faith, that is, the teachings of the Church, just as those who were before us, keeping in mind what St. Paul tells us: *"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (1 Cor 11:26)." Fr. Ralph*



Golfer Registration due by August 28th.

For more information, go to their website at www.assembly2459.org or contact Ric Raffone at (203) 640-6482 or email ricraf@togroup.com.



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Baptisms or Weddings

Please call the Rectory during regular weekday business hours for more information or to make arrangements. 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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Kathleen Dominick	Chris Rohleder	Joan Kennedy	Joanna Marvin	Ken Schulman	Chuck Corbo
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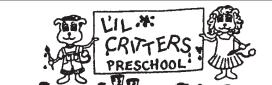
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