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Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

WHY DO YOU SEEK
THE LIVING ONE
AMONG THE DEAD?

HE IS NOT HERE, BUT HE HAS BEEN RAISED.

~ Luke 24:5-6



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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, April 18

9:00 AM† Ellen Morrone

Tuesday, April 19

7:00 AM† William F. Hanlon, Jr.

5:30 PM† Andrew Caruso

Wednesday, April 20

7:00 AM† Peter Baldino, Jr.

5:30 PM† Dorothy Pramer

Thursday, April 21

7:00 AM† Elaine Sheehan

5:30 PM† Joseph Kovacs

Friday, April 22

7:00 AM† Margaret Incerto

5:30 PM† Crescenzo Piro

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, April 23

5:15 PM Giovanna Testa

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24

7:30 AM† Anthony Matusiewicz

9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

11:30 AM† Clary Schwerin

5:00 PM† Rita O'Sullivan



The Sanctuary Candle burns
April 17th through April 23rd
for Rose & Joseph Izzo.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Mary Long

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.



Pray the Rosary in the Church

Monday - Friday: 6:30am

Monday: 7:00pm

Saturday: 4:45pm

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2022	2021
April 3		
Collection	\$3,794.00	\$3,807.00
On-Line	\$2,934.17	\$2,732.17
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,636.00)	(\$1,869.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$5,092.17</u>	<u>\$4,670.17</u>
Votives	\$ 195.00	\$ 162.00
Monthly Maintenance		
Collection	\$1,156.00	\$ 130.00
On-Line	<u>\$1,042.00</u>	<u>\$ 762.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,198.00</u>	<u>\$ 892.00</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 Cathedralium 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.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
NEXT SUNDAY,
APRIL 24th**

**Please join us at 3:00 pm for an hour of
prayer and devotions in Church.**

Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday), is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, this feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina.

Confessions in Church

Every Saturday

4:00pm until 4:30pm

Social Distancing will be maintained.

Masks must be worn.

Rectory:

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Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar

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Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 24TH
AFTER 9:00AM MASS



Continue to celebrate the Easter season on Divine Mercy Sunday for our annual Easter Egg hunt. Followed by refreshments in the Parish Center.

EASTER OFFICE HOURS
Parish & Religious Formation offices are closed
Easter Monday, April 18th.
We return to our regular hours on
Tuesday, April 19th.
The Second Chance Thrift Store will be open
their regular hours.



2022 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL
We have raised 83 gifts worth \$17,550 bringing our parish to 27.95% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. **Thanks to all who gave or pledged!**



ADORATION MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM

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HELP WANTED!!!

We, as the community of St. Thomas Parish, are blessed by the tremendous witness and involvement of our young and old families and individuals in proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom. Why do we do all these remarkable works of charity? Maybe today you can commit one Sunday of your busy schedule to help our parish as a Lector, Minister of the Holy Eucharist, maybe as an Usher or Hospitality Minister? Perhaps we could grow our Parish Ministries, to some scale, back to the so called "before Covid pandemic times" numbers? We do all we do at St. Thomas because we know it is the right thing to do, to help others, to be nice, to be kind, to have high moral standards, to just simply be a decent human being. Whatever the answer might be, I am very proud to be a part of you, of a great community of faith, that shows that faith in practice so well.

fr. Mervin

Would you like to be more involved with our parish family? Please consider joining one of our ministries.

I am interested in assisting the Parish in the following ministries (check all that apply):

Mass Ministries:

Usher Lector Eucharistic Minister Choir

Adult Altar Server (to assist at funerals, no experience necessary, we will train)

Other Ministries (for a brief explanation of each, please click on "Parish Ministries" on our website):

Catechist Catechist Assistant Prayer Shawl

Food Pantry Bereavement Hospitality

Thrift Store Office Volunteer Money Counter (Monday Mornings)

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

On behalf of Fr. Ralph Segura, our Maintenance, Rectory & Religious Formation Office staffs, Music Ministry members, Food Pantry workers, and our wonderful Thrift Shop staff, I wish you and your family the many blessings of Easter and pray that many of you will continue to join us as we celebrate with great joy our Easter Season!

fr. merrill



Join Sister Virginia Joy, a Sister of Life for the first ever Connecticut Feminine Genius Brunch & come discover God's plan for your ultimate flourishing!

This brunch borrows its name after those God-given attributes endowed to you as women! Why?

Because it is our hope that the talks and experience of this brunch will reveal to you your amazing gifts and open your heart to the Holy Spirit who longs to spark these gifts to life! During this brunch, we will explore the topic of Mercy.

Come join the Sisters of Life for a beautiful morning set aside to marvel at the mystery of God and His plan for each of us.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Saturday, April 23rd, 2022

Women's Mass Celebrated by Bishop Caggiano: 8:30 am at St. Cecilia Church, 1184 Newfield Ave., Stamford, CT

Brunch: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Italian Center, 1620 Newfield, Ave., Stamford, CT

Brunch Tickets: \$40 Advanced purchase required via Eventbrite link below
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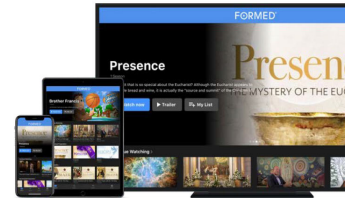


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The guest speaker, *Sister Frances Smalkowski*, will share her testimony and lifelong ministry and devotion to God. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, please call Carol Flynn 203-775-3875 or email magnificatthmi@gmail.com. Invitation is available in the Women's Ministry Section of the Diocese of Bridgeport website. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.

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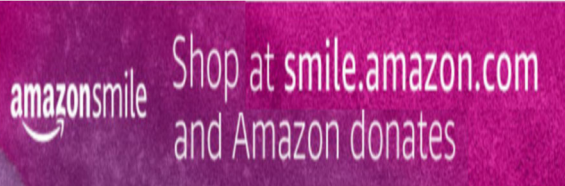


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Prayer Requests!

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.

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



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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
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Jack Cade	Donny Cassavechia	Nancy G.	Vinny Massaro	Alessandro Fornara	Jim Charest
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Questions? Call them at
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