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*Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose hope is in the Lord.
He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream.*

Jeremiah 17:7-8



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Daily Mass

Monday, February 14

7:00 AM† Bill & Rosemary Lane
5:30 PM Intentions of Luke Sweeney

Tuesday, February 15

7:00 AM† Norma Gardella
5:30 PM Peace For Our Country

Wednesday, February 16

7:00 AM† Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.
5:30 PM † Living & Deceased Members of the Ball & Calabrese Families

Thursday, February 17

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM † Giovanni, Immacolata, Giannino, & Rodolfo DiMeglio

Friday, February 18

7:00 AM In Celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Jaime & Connie Corder
5:30 PM Intentions of Cheriel Williams

Saturday, February 19

5:15 PM† Elaine Sheehan

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, February 20

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Emilio Cicirello Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† Domenico Cappuccia Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM † Mona Cavanagh Fr. Mirek

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2022	2021
February 6		
Collection	\$3,899.00	\$3,111.00
On-Line	\$2,587.00	\$2,473.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,636.00)	(\$1,869.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,850.00</u>	<u>\$3,715.00</u>
Votives	\$126.00	\$ 108.00
Monthly Maintenance		
Collection	\$1,121.00	\$ 589.00
On-Line	<u>\$1,020.00</u>	<u>\$ 751.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,141.00</u>	<u>\$1,340.00</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 Cathedralricum 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.



Monday, February 21st,
the Parish Offices are Closed.



The Sanctuary Candle burns
February 13th through February 19th
for John Porada.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and
let perpetual light shine upon them.
Please remember in your prayers:

Frank Dragan

We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.



The 2021 Challenge Grant has ended. We are happy to report that thanks to your generosity the challenge was met, garnering a grand total of \$69,212. Our Challenge Grant family will be matching \$60,000 of the money collected.

Thank you to all who were able to participate and to our generous family who made it all possible.

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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The **2022 Bishop's Appeal** provides the funds for the pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Bridgeport. This year's theme, **A Bridge Home**, highlights hope, renewal and evangelization in our Diocese and invests in services that continue to engage those in their faith and build a strong bridge to so many who are struggling. When you receive your Appeal mailing, please take time to read the information thoroughly, how you can help and give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift to the campaign. Thank you.

Your Gift to the 2022 Bishop's Appeal supports future priests...

Future priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport receive their formation at seminaries chosen by the Bishop to best suit the needs of the seminarian and of the diocese. Preparation for the Priesthood takes anywhere from six to eight years, depending on the age and educational background of the man when he enters. All seminarians complete graduate level studies in theology before ordination.

Our seminarians will become the priests who will preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments in your parish, and who will accompany and guide you and your family through the joys and sorrows of this world to Eternal Life. Your prayers and financial support to the Bishop's Appeal help ensure that we have the well-formed priests we need to praise God and to save souls. Thank you for your gift.

Ways to give to "A Bridge Home" campaign:

~ **Online Giving**

Make your gift and pledge payments online at bridgeportdiocese.org/aca/donate/

~ **Credit Card Gifts**

Use your MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express card to make your Appeal gift and take full advantage of your cardmember benefits.


~ **Check**

Make checks payable to the Bishop's Appeal. Please do not send cash.

2022 Annual Bishop's Appeal
 Diocese of Bridgeport
 238 Jewett Avenue
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~ **Text to Give**

To make a gift via text messaging, text the word APPEAL to (475) 241-7849. Message & data rates may apply.



My Dear Friends in Christ,
"A Bridge Home" is the theme of the 2022 Bishop's Appeal, formerly called the Annual Catholic Appeal, and it highlights hope, renewal, and evangelization in our diocese. The Appeal invests in services that continue to engage those in their faith and build a strong bridge to so many who are struggling. Now it is more important than ever to reunite our Church, affirm our faithful and welcome others back.

I am grateful for your support this past year as we continue to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic and we once again gather within our parishes, homes, and communities. This is possible because of your faith and generosity.

The Diocese of Bridgeport has a long tradition of providing programs that serve those in need and prepare for the future of our Catholic faith. This year's Appeal goal is \$8.1 million and remains unchanged from last year.

I personally invite you to join with me in making a gift and building **"A Bridge Home,"** one living stone at a time. We have been through much together as a family in faith, and we have much to look forward to because we are a people of hope. I pray for God's blessings on you and your family.

Faithfully in Christ,
Frank Caggiano
 Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
 Bishop of Bridgeport

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,

Over several weeks now in our homilies during Sunday Masses, we have been trying to answer the question: Why does Jesus and His words often provoke a very hostile reaction; especially from the spiritual and political leadership of the day. Last Sunday, we attempted to see how God's calling never ends, how it is always present in our families, communities, our world. We agree that our response to God's calling is an instrumental factor in the dynamics of the faith, and the vector of our response to God's call is infinite. As the so called subatomic or quantum reality proves for us, only in a relationship (only in movement) everything not only appears, but is, exists. Therefore, our generous response to God's calling is absolutely imperative to even "sync in" our faith with our own actions. Today, Christ is giving us something that in the history of Catholicism we call The Eight Beatitudes. Blessed are you, some translations will render: How Happy are you, are the initial words Jesus uses to stress the reality of every follower and his or her struggles, joys, sorrows, in other words – real life. Our Lord offers an absolute affirmation of a human condition, when He opens the so called "Sermon on the Mount" according to Saint Matthew's Gospel. Those of you who might be fans of Toshiro Mifune or Akira Kurosawa and old Japanese movies about the Samurai, would know right away what the word Bushido means. It stands for a very specific way of life, a code if you wish, to be followed. Here, today, through the Beatitudes, Christ is giving us a code, a Manifest, a blueprint of The Hodos – the Way, the way of life for everyone, who believes that He is the Christ, the Son of God. All we need to do is to listen, apply (in other words – sync in) what we hear with our daily routine, practices, life, and then, we could see what Jesus really means, by saying: Blessed are you...

fr. Michael

Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Luralton Hall

Irish Night

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 • 7:30 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:45PM

Luralton Hall presents Irish Night featuring the Highland Rovers Band, Fairfield Gaelic Pipe Band, and Brennan-Lucey Irish Step Dancers on Saturday, March 5th, at 7:30 pm (doors open at 6:45 pm) at Luralton Hall, 200 High Street, Milford. Coffee, tea, and dessert will be provided. Bring your own beverages, ice, and snacks. \$25 per person, age 21 and over event. Tickets available at www.luraltonhall.org/irishnight.

For more information, email IrishNight@luraltonhall.org.



YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

YCP is excited to announce that the nation's largest Young Professional Catholic Network is establishing a chapter right here in Fairfield County! Please Join us, alongside Bishop Frank Caggiano at Holy Spirit Parish (Stamford, CT), **Saturday March 19th at 7PM** for the Chapter's official Launch Party! RSVP for free at www.tinyurl.com/fairfieldcounty

YCP is a national organization whose mission is to inspire young adults in all professions to Work in Witness for Christ by hosting events that foster Catholic identity, encourage community, and inspire action.

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4:00pm until 4:30pm
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SACRAMENTS

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday: 10:00am to 3:00pm Friday: 10:00am to 12 Noon

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



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	Jim Sweet	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Jill Bowman	Emily Calabeese	Anne Edwards	Linda Lima
Mike	Constance Williams	Mike Torres	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Merina Deluc
Terry Rooney	Peggy McDonald	Skip Bossone	Jeanette Ralston	Tony Cappuccia	Pam Simso
Gary Livia	Marianne Schambeck	Kimberly Fratoloni	Rick Azillo	Jeannetta Torres	George Travers
Julia Cade	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Michael Walsh	Richard Berg	Diane Turek	Phil Tavella
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Vicki	Cathy Sinica	Kathleen Ford	Chuck Scott	John Lima	Anthony Bruno
Kathleen Dominick	Joe M.	Joan Kennedy	Joanna Marvin	Ken Schulman	Angela McCrae
Janina Stachurski	Donny Cassavechia	Nancy G.	Vinny Massaro	Alessandro Fornara	Kathy D
Greg N.	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Debbie Poruban	Denise Cassin	Jack Cade	Jim Charest
Dawn Grover					

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Tuesdays & Saturdays
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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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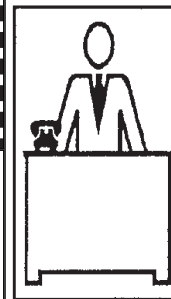


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