

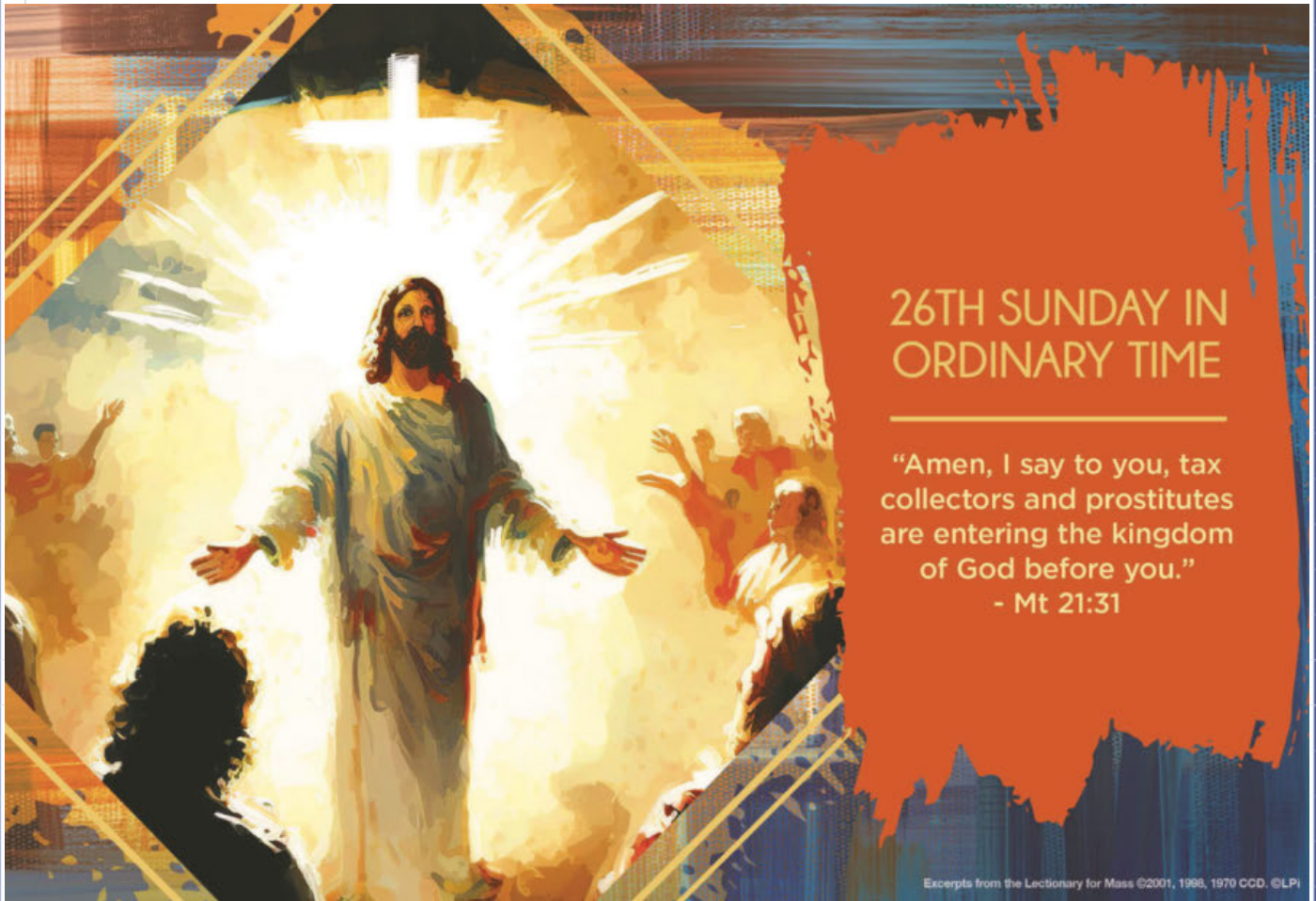


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October 1, 2023



26TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, I say to you, tax
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of God before you.”
- Mt 21:31

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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, October 2

7:00 AM† Mariano David
5:30 PM† Andrea Padulo

Tuesday, October 3

7:00 AM† Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, October 4

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM NO MASS

Thursday, October 5

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Matthew Harbilas

Friday, October 6

7:00 AM† Domimelli Michele
5:30 PM† Mass of Remembrance

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, October 7

5:15 PM† Rudy Aitoro & John Carroll

Sunday, October 8

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† Gabriele DiNoto, Sr.
11:30 AM† Giovanni Russo
5:00 PM† James & Susan Cundari



The Sanctuary Candle burns
October 1st through October 7th in memory of
Jean Montana.

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

Bridget Knudsen Dennis J. Santella

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

October 6th 7:30am to 5:00pm

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**

Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

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	2023	2022
September 24		
Collection	\$3,468.00	\$4,299.50
On-Line	\$2,529.00	\$2,507.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,491.00</u>	<u>\$5,239.50</u>
Votives	\$ 122.76	\$ 133.11

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 Cathedralium 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.

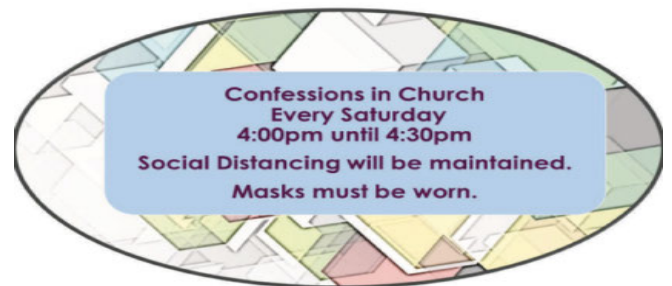
—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioners have died in the month of September: Dennis J. Santella. There will be a special mass for him and for all deceased parishioners on Friday, October 6th, at 5:30 p.m. in the. If you would like information about the ministry, please contact Jane Eichwald at (203) 838-4590.



Pray the Rosary in the Church
Monday - Friday: Before Any
Scheduled Morning Mass at 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm Saturday: 4:45pm

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For more information and to sign up for vigil hours visit
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*We have raised 149 gifts worth \$63,630 bringing our parish to 101.32% of its \$62,800 goal.
Thanks to all who have participated!*

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.

REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

Below is a letter from St. Polycarp to the Philippians. He lived from 69 to 155 AD, and he was a disciple of St. John the Apostle. I thought it would be good for us to keep in mind that what we believe today as Catholics was revealed through Jesus, then through the Apostles, and subsequently through those they personally chose to continue their work in the world. In short, what we believe is a matter of History and the sacred Will of God revealed throughout the ages. Accordingly, we are those who are called to uphold the revelation of God and the teachings of the Church in our time, both personally in our lives, and in the world today, for the salvation of souls, just as those who have gone before us did in the name of Jesus Christ. Enjoy!

John Ralph

From Polycarp and his fellow presbyters to the pilgrim church of God at Philippi: May you have mercy and peace in abundance from Almighty God and Jesus Christ our Savior.

I rejoice with you greatly in the Lord Jesus Christ because you have assumed the pattern of true love and have rightly helped on their way those who were in chains. Such chains are becoming to the faithful; they are the rich crown of the chosen ones of our Lord and God. I am glad, too, that your deep-rooted faith, proclaimed of old, still abides and continues to bear fruit in the life-giving power of our Lord Jesus Christ. He, for our sins, did not refuse to go down to death, and *God raised him up after destroying the pains of hell. With a glorious joy that no words can express you believe in Christ without seeing him.* This is the joy in which many wish to share *knowing that it is by grace that you are saved and not by works*, for so God has willed through Jesus Christ.

So prepare yourselves for the struggle, serve the Lord in fear and truth. Put aside empty talk and popular errors; *your faith must be in him who raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead and gave him a share in his own glory* and a seat at his right hand. To him everything was made subject in heaven and on earth; all things obey him, who will come as judge of the living and the dead. All who refuse to believe must answer to God for the blood of his Son.

He who raised him from the dead will raise us too if we do his will and keep his commandments, loving what he loved, refraining from all wrongdoing, fraud, avarice, malice and slander. We must abstain from false witness, *not returning evil for evil, nor curse for curse, nor blow for blow, nor denunciation for denunciation.* Always remember the words of the Lord, who taught: *Do not judge and you will not be judged; forgive and you will be forgiven; be merciful and you will find mercy; the amount you measure out to others will be the amount measured out to you. Blessed are the poor and those who suffer persecution, for theirs is the kingdom of God.*

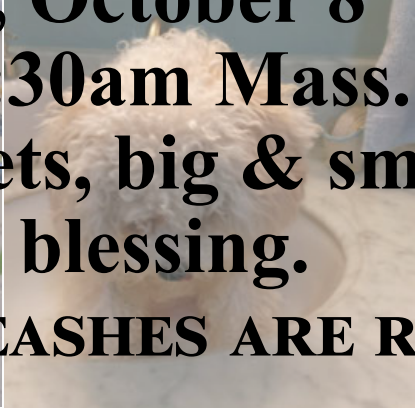
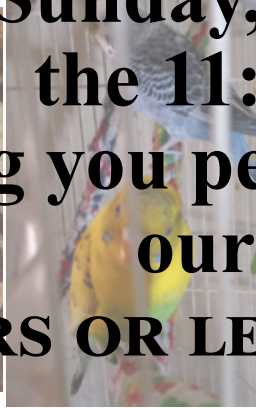
The Liturgy of The Hours, Vol. IV, Ordinary Time, Weeks 18-34, *From the Beginning of the Letter to the Philippians by Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr*, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1975, pp. 315-316.

Blessing of Animals

**Next Sunday, October 8th, after
the 11:30am Mass.**

**Bring you pets, big & small, to
our blessing.**

CARRIERS OR LEASHES ARE REQUIRED.



PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army
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Spc. Daniel Gonzales, US Army
MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
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OUR ANNUAL MASS, CELEBRATED BY BISHOP CAGGIANO

Sunday, October 15th, 10am at the Saint Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport.

Light Refreshments to Follow.

PLEASE JOIN US!

The Saint Luke Guild Prayer

Loving God,

You created us with the capacity to heal, to restore and to offer peace, hope, and love through our role in Catholic healthcare ministry.

Help us to be visible signs of compassion in the world today- honoring every person we meet who is in need of healing.

When our burdens are heavy, renew us, and remind us of the blessings as well as the privilege of our calling.

Reawaken our commitment to the healing ministry of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For more information on the Saint Luke Guild:

Visit our Webpage: <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/stlukeguild/home/>

Email Us: SaintLukeGuild@DioBpt.org

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.**

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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:

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Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabrese	Anne Edwards	George Travers
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Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Fratoloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Hamilton Family
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Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Richard Berg	Diane Turek	Angela McCrae
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Kathleen Dominick	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	John Lima	Denise Cassin
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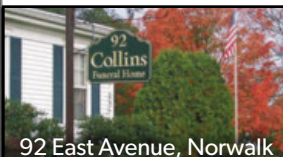
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