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## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 4, 2023

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:17



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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, June 5

7:00 AM† Sean Honohan  
5:30 PM† Angelina Caruso

#### Tuesday, June 6

7:00 AM† Jennifer Batiller  
5:30 PM† NO MASS

#### Wednesday, June 7

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

#### Thursday, June 8

7:00 AM† NO MASS  
5:30 PM† NO MASS

#### Friday, June 9

7:00 AM Betty Murphy  
5:30 PM† NO MASS

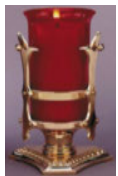
#### Sunday Vigil, Saturday, June 10

5:15 PM† Theresa Tartaglia

Celebrant  
Fr. Mirek

#### Sunday, June 11

7:30 AM†	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM†	Sarah Simso DeMaria & Alison Vertucci	Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM†	Mass of Thanksgiving	Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM†	Frances Rooney	Fr. Mirek



The Sanctuary Candle burns  
June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 10<sup>th</sup> for  
the Amato's: Arthur, Sr., Mary, Sharon, &  
Arthur, Jr., & the Rolland Family.



ADORATION  
MONDAY NIGHT  
6PM - 8PM



Pray the Rosary in the Church  
Monday - Friday: 6:30am  
Monday: 7:00pm Saturday: 4:45pm

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Due to early transmission to the printer, we do not have the collection figures in time for publication of the bulletin. We will report the collection in next week's issue.

# VOLUNTEER

All that's missing is **U!**  
Can you: **Fold a shirt?**  
**Wash a glass?**  
**Unpack a box?**

If yes, then we could use your help with our Annual Tag Sale! Drop-Offs begin mid-August. Drop-off dates will be announced in the coming weeks and we can use your help on any day.

Our Annual Parish Tag Sale is the largest fundraiser of the year. These funds are critical to cover our operating costs.

Please contact the Parish office  
by phone or email if you need more  
information or to volunteer.

**WE CAN'T DO IT  
WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!**



**Our Giant Tag Sale will be the weekend  
of September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

REMINDER: **No** priest will ever send you an email asking for a purchase of gift cards or anything else. These are scam emails & should be moved to your spam folder. Please do not respond to these emails. **If you are ever unsure of anything please do not hesitate to call the office or ask one of the priests after mass.**

**Now that the Mass times going forward have been decided, the 2024 MASS BOOK will be opening soon. Watch the bulletin for more information.**

### Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski  
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Rev. Ralph Segura  
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**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**

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### Rectory Staff:

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### Finance Chair:

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Upon the recommendation of Bishop Caggiano, St. Thomas the Apostle will implement the following changes as of June 1, 2023:

1. The parish office hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9am to 4pm. The office will be closed on Wednesdays.
2. All weekday masses that are already booked will be celebrated accordingly, however, no new masses will be booked for June and July. This will enable our parish to have only one full-time priest beginning in the early part of the new year.
3. Therefore, starting June 1<sup>st</sup> the weekly mass schedule will be posted at the entrances to the church, in the bulletin, and on our website. All these changes are already on our website parish calendar.
4. Beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, the weekday Mass schedule will be as follows:

Monday:	7:00am	5:30pm
Tuesday:	7:00am	NO 5:30pm The church will be closed at 4:00pm
Wednesday:	NO MASSES	The church will be open from 9 to 4 for private prayer
Thursday:	NO 7:00am	5:30pm The church will be opened at 9:00am for private prayer
Friday:	7:00am	5:30pm

If you have a scheduled Mass for a time when Mass will not be celebrated, someone from the office will be calling you to reschedule that Mass.  
Thank you for your patience during this transition.

*DO YOU LIKE TO  
KNIT OR CROCHET?*

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our next meeting is **Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm**, in the Small Meeting Room. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, or the Parish Office, or go to our website and click on Parish Life, Ministries.

**One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop’s Appeal - Your gifts at work**

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 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 [2023BishopsAppeal.org](http://2023BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

*We have raised 110 gifts worth \$30,965 bringing our parish to 49.31% of its \$62,800 goal. Thanks to all who have participated! Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.*



## THE FIRST LETTER TO SERAPION BY SAINT ATHANASIUS, BISHOP

It will not be out of place to consider the ancient tradition, teaching and faith of the Catholic Church, which was revealed by the Lord, proclaimed by the apostles and guarded by the fathers. For upon this faith the Church is built, and if anyone were to lapse from it, he would no longer be a Christian either in fact or in name.

We acknowledge the Trinity, holy and perfect, to consist of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In this Trinity there is no intrusion of any alien element or of anything from outside, nor is the Trinity a blend of creative and created being. It is a wholly creative and energizing reality, self-consistent and undivided in its active power, for the Father makes all things through the Word and in the Holy Spirit, and in this way the unity of the holy Trinity is preserved. Accordingly, in the Church, one God is preached, one God who is above all things and through all things and in all things. God is above all things as Father, for he is principle and source; he is through all things through the Word; and he is in all things in the Holy Spirit.

Writing to the Corinthians about spiritual matters, Paul traces all reality back to one God, the Father, saying: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone.

Even the gifts that the Spirit dispenses to individuals are given by the Father through the Word. For all that belongs to the Father belongs also to the Son, and so the graces given by the Son in the Spirit are true gifts of the Father. Similarly, when the Spirit dwells in us, the Word who bestows the Spirit is in us too, and the Father is present in the Word. This is the meaning of the text: My Father and I will come to him and make our home with him. For where the light is, there also is the radiance; and where the radiance is, there too are its power and its resplendent grace.

This is also Paul's teaching in his second letter to the Corinthians: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. For grace and the gift of the Trinity are given by the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. Just as grace is given from the Father through the Son, so there could be no communication of the gift to us except in the Holy Spirit. But when we share in the Spirit, we possess the love of the Father, the grace of the Son and the fellowship of the Spirit himself. The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. 3, Ordinary Time, Weeks 1-17, From the first Letter to Serapion by Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1975, p. 573.

### 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](mailto:margaretkelley24@gmail.com).

### IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED!

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 and 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.*



*Saint Anthony of Padua*

COME JOIN IN THE  
CELEBRATION OF THE  
FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY  
SATURDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>  
MASS AT 12 NOON

Reception hosted by the Charles Family  
immediately following in the gym.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

**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  
 Sfc. Ramil Penserga, US Army  
 LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy  
 Tech Sgt. Daniel Scofield, US Air Force  
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 MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy  
 PFC Matthew Montanez, US Army  
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**High School Youth Group**  
 Our Youth Group will be meeting in the Parish Center Loft today, Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30pm - 6:00pm. The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month will be an organizational meeting to plan the month's event. If you would like more information or want to be added to the Youth Group email list please contact Elizabeth Squicciarino, our Youth Group Coordinator, at stthomasyl@gmail.com.  
**ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME & BRING YOUR FRIENDS.**

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FREQUENTLY**  
 We update our website as things change in our parish & diocese. There are many useful links on our "Senior Info" & "Useful Links" pages. We have an interactive Google Calendar where you can add to your personal calendar with a simple click on the item. Most questions can be answered by visiting the website. We have also added buttons for pages at the top of the homepage. **If you know of any organization that may be useful to our community, please contact the office so we may add it to our website upon approval.**  
[www.stthomasnorwalk.org](http://www.stthomasnorwalk.org)

**Confessions in Church**  
 Every Saturday  
 4:00pm until 4:30pm  
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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](mailto: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
Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Phil Tavella
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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 <sup>st</sup> 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.	Ann Marie M
Eileen Remlin					

**The Food Pantry is open  
Tuesdays & Saturdays  
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.**

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



### The Connecticut Hospice, Inc., Homecare Volunteers Needed

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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