

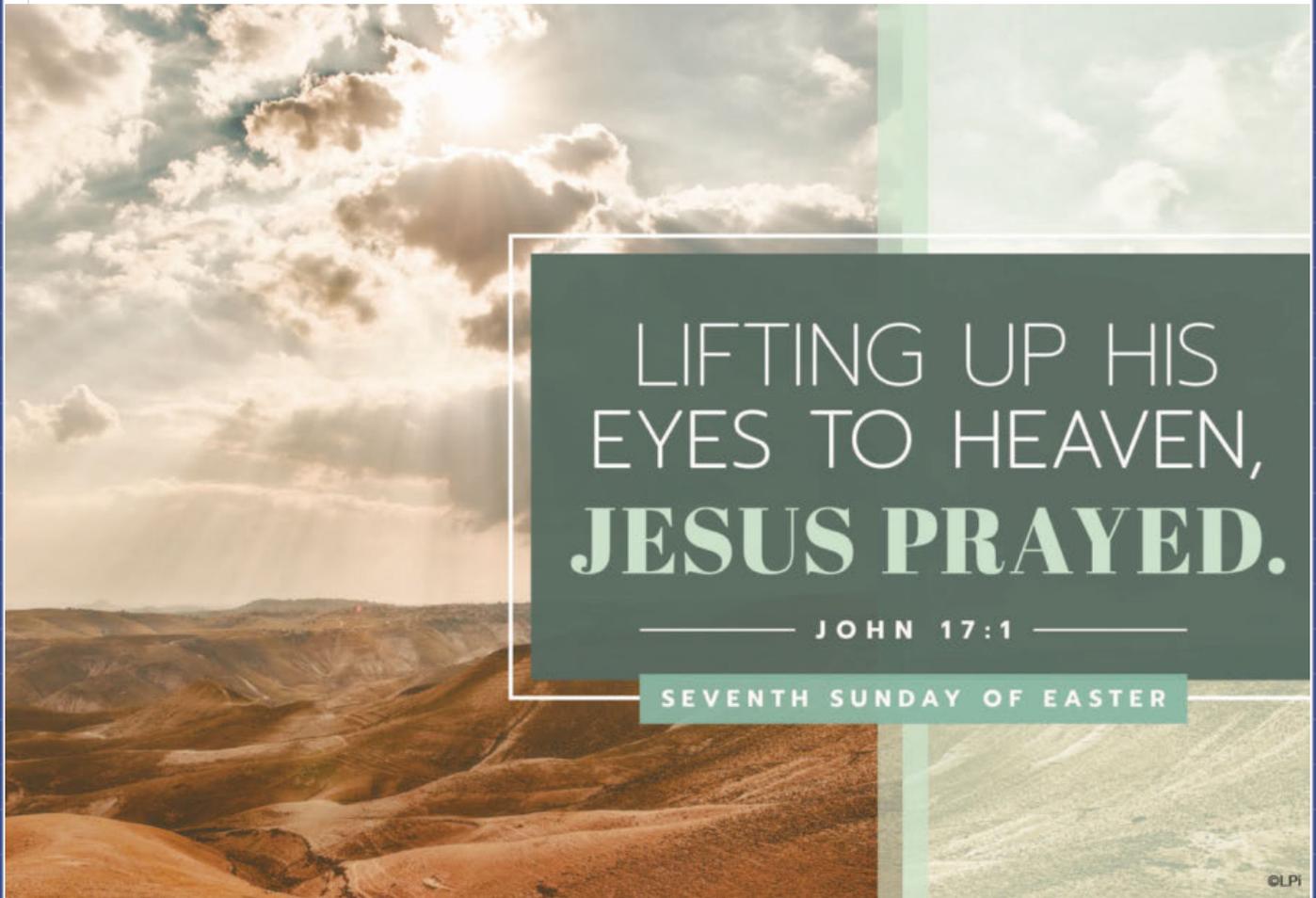


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## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 12, 2024** **Mother's Day**



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EYES TO HEAVEN,  
**JESUS PRAYED.**

— JOHN 17:1 —

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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, May 13**

7:00 AM† All Souls  
5:30 PM† The Kristy Family

**Tuesday, May 14**

7:00 AM† Maria Ciambrella  
5:30 PM NO MASS

**Wednesday, May 15**

NO MASS

**Thursday, May 16**

5:30 PM† Louis Frank DeRosa

**Friday, May 17**

7:00 AM† Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.  
5:30 PM† Silvana Bizzotto

**Sunday Vigil, Saturday, May 18**

5:15 PM† Natale Sposato

**Sunday, May 19**

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased  
9:00 AM† Allyson Agostino  
11:30 AM† Catherine Verda  
5:00 PM† Ann & Jack Diamond

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

	2024	2023
<b>May 5</b>		
Collection	\$3,305.00	\$3,786.00
On-Line	\$2,555.00	\$2,353.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,354.00</u>	<u>\$4,572.00</u>
Votives	\$ 146.79	\$ 181.77
<b>Monthly Maintenance</b>		
Collection	\$1,219.00	\$1,267.00
On-Line	<u>\$1,223.00</u>	<u>\$1,344.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,442.00</u>	<u>\$2,611.00</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 2024 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum 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.



The 2025 MASS BOOK is now open without restrictions. You may call or email requests to the office.



The Sanctuary Candle burns  
May 12<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup> in memory of  
Reinhard Wilhelm.



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

**Confession in Church**

**Every Saturday**

**4:00pm until 4:30pm or**

**by Appointment**

**PLEASE HELP LIGHTEN OUR LOAD!**

Please use your parish offertory envelope or write your envelope # on any loose checks. This will greatly cut down on the entry time of the Parish Offertory every week. *If you don't know your number, please call the office (203) 866-3141.*

**HAVE YOU DROPPED YOUR LANDLINE FOR A CELL PHONE?**

**DID YOU ADD OR CHANGE AN EMAIL ADDRESS?**

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## A MOTHER'S *Love*

There's no love like a mother's,  
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Her Savior's love she'll share.  
A mother's love is endless,  
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When needed by her children,  
A mother's love will shine.  
God bless these special mothers,  
God bless them every one.  
For all their tears and heartaches,  
And special work they've done.  
When days on earth are over,  
A mother's love lives on,  
Through many generations,  
God's blessings on each one.  
Be thankful for our mothers,  
Who love with higher love,  
From power God has given,  
And strength from up above.

*Happy Mother's Day to all moms, step-moms and those acting as mom. We hope you feel loved, appreciated, and pampered!*



### 2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We have raised 102 gifts worth \$31,123 bringing our parish to 49.56% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

**Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!**

**To make a gift, or for more information, please visit [2024BishopsAppeal.org](http://2024BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.**



### ST. ANN'S CLUB MONDAY NIGHT BINGO (except holidays)

**16 Hendricks Avenue  
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### 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.

## *FOOD PANTRY NEEDS*

Just as there are some items that we are able to get free from different government sources or at a greatly reduced cost, there are some items we need to buy. This is how this list is generated. Of course, you can still give items that are not on the list. Please leave after hours **non-perishable** donations in the bin outside the pantry.

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## REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

This past weekend, the young disciples of St. Thomas Parish received their First Communion. This is a great blessing for them, and I am grateful to the parents and the Religious Education Department for their hard work and sacrifice. As these newly blessed souls continue on their Journey of Faith nurtured and strengthened by the body and blood of Jesus Christ in the most Holy Eucharist, may we ourselves continue to set a good example for them through our prayer and our participation in the worship of the Church at Mass on Sundays, and even during the week when we can.

There is much division in our world, as well in our culture; and there is nothing more profound than for us to be united as a people of faith when we receive Jesus Christ in His body and blood from the Altar at Mass. It could be perceived that when we come to Church that we are “doing” the same thing; but as you know, what we believe and what we strive to live is much deeper than any action or idea. Consider the quote below from St. Cyril of Alexandria:

*“All who receive the sacred flesh of Christ are united with him as members of his body. This is the teaching of Saint Paul when he speaks of the mystery of our religion that was hidden from former generations, but has now been revealed to the holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; namely, that the Gentiles are joint-heirs with the Jews, that they are members of the same body, and that they have a share in the promise made by God in Christ Jesus.*

If, in Christ, all of us, both ourselves and he who is within us by his own flesh, are members of the same body, is it not clear that we are one, both with one another and with Christ? He is the bond that unites us, because he is at once both God and man.

With regard to our unity in the Spirit, we may say, following the same line of thought, that all of us who have received one and the same Spirit, the Holy Spirit, are united intimately, both with one another and with God. Taken separately, we are many, and Christ sends the Spirit, who is both the Father’s Spirit and his own, to dwell in each of us. Yet that Spirit, being one and indivisible, gathers together those who are distinct from each other as individuals, and causes them all to be seen as a unity in himself. Just as Christ’s sacred flesh has power to make those in whom it is present into one body, so the one, indivisible Spirit of God, dwelling in all, causes all to become one in spirit.”

Moving forward, the young disciples of our parish will now receive what we have whenever we have come to St. Thomas Church for Mass. There is a unity that we will begin to share with them, as they will with us. May we keep them and their parents in our prayers, and may we continue to support them with our example, confident that we are one in heart, mind, soul, and body, ultimately in and through the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

*John Ralph*

From a commentary on the gospel of John by Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. II, Lenten Season-Easter Season, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1976, pp. 889-890.

### 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”, “Events in Our Diocese”, & “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. **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.**

### 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 Fr. Ralph after mass.**

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We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center gym. We need at least 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. We follow the school year calendar. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to our web page:  
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We supply all the materials at our meetings and discuss if there have been any special requests made. The next meeting is Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00pm, in the Small Meeting Room. Come meet our group and pick up your supplies! Our shawls are free gifts meant to warm, comfort and embrace. *To request a shawl or if you would like more information about our ministry, please call Vicki Remson, (203) 847-8196 or the Rectory, (203) 866-3141 or go to our website & click on Parish Ministries .*

**VACATION TIME IS QUICKLY APPROACHING!  
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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:

Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
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**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.**

***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*

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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](mailto:wegiesj@hotmail.com). If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.



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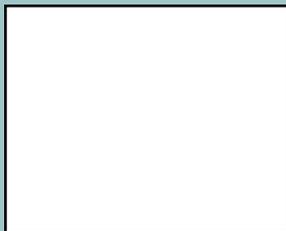
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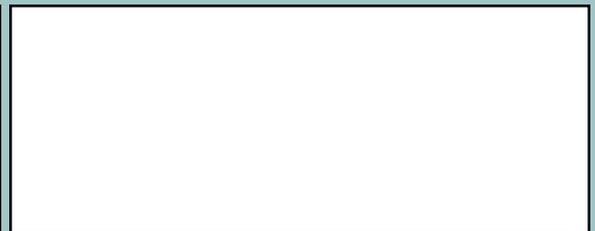
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