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March 16, 2025



2nd Sunday

O F L E N T

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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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, March 17

7:00 AM† Betty O'Boy & the O'Boy Family
5:30 PM † Mary Fandel

Tuesday, March 18

7:00 AM† Ellen Morrone
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, March 19

7:00 AM† Albert Bruno

Thursday, March 20

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 AM† Louis & Linda Caruso

Friday, March 21

7:00 AM In Celebration of Jonathan Maher's Birthday
5:30 PM† Richard Horne
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, March 22

5:15 PM† Clare Beggan & Family

Sunday, March 23

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† Daniel & Elizabeth Squicciarino
11:30 AM† John Mozgala
5:00 PM † Toni Ann Pedersen



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
March 16th through March 22nd
in memory of Tony Montana.*



The 2026 MASS BOOK is open
with restrictions until April 30th.
Only 2 Saturday Vigil or Sunday
weekend masses may be booked
and no more than 4 Sanctuary
Candles. **Please come to the
Rectorry, call, or email your
requests.**

Since we don't have enough space to include all that is happening in our diocese, please go to our website and click on the **"Events in Our Diocese"** page for a list of what is available.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2025	2024
March 9		
Collection	\$4,382.00	\$4,611.00
On-Line	\$2,108.00	\$2,377.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,943.00</u>	<u>\$5,482.00</u>
Votives	\$ 248.33	\$ 109.00

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 2025 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralium Assessment is \$80,448. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,547. This represents an annual increase of \$2,124.00 from the prior year.



Confession in Church

**Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm
Or by Appointment**



**ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHTS
6PM - 8PM**

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Youth Singers and Instrument Players wanted! Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, 9:00 AM Family Mass

Rehearsals will begin soon for Youth Choir and Instruments to prepare to sing and play for Easter Sunday Mass. All rehearsals will take place in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

YOUTH INSTRUMENT REHEARSALS: for students in Grades 6-12 will be scheduled individually with Music Director, Marge Kelley. Students should have at least 3 years of experience on their instrument and be taking lessons with a music teacher privately or in school.

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: for singers Grades 1-12: choose one rehearsal each week.

WEEK 1: 4:30-5:15 PM: Wednesday March 26 OR Thursday, March 27

WEEK 2: 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday, April 2 OR Thursday, April 3

WEEK 3: 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday, April 9 OR Thursday, April 10

WEEK 4: Dress Rehearsal: 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday, April 16. *(I cannot offer a Thursday rehearsal option on the final week because it is Holy Thursday.)*

To sign up to sing or play: see Music Director, Marge Kelley for a paper sign-up form after the 5:15, 9:00 or 11:30 AM weekend Masses OR click below to complete the fillable pdf form and send it to Marge Kelley's email address, margaretkelley24@gmail.com.



40 Days for Life Spring 2025 Campaign – March 5 – April 13, 2025 - Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign for an end to abortion! Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has saved thousands of lives and inspired millions of volunteers! Your help is needed in being a peaceful presence. Consider signing up for one hour with a friend, church group or Knights of Columbus Council this Lent. Hours are available at the Bridgeport or Stamford prayer vigil locations. To find out more information or to sign up for vigil hours at these locations visit: www.40daysforlife.com.

Keep Marching

MARCH FOR LIFE Connecticut March For Life March 19th

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Aloysius
10:00 a.m. Bus leaves from church to Hartford
12:00 p.m. Rally at the State Capitol
1:00 p.m. March for Life
4:00 p.m. Bus returns to St. Aloysius

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Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!

**FROM A SERMON BY SAINT LEO THE GREAT, POPE
(SERMO 51, 3-4. 8: PL 54, 310-311. 313)**

The Lord reveals his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses. His body is like that of the rest of mankind, but he makes it shine with such splendor that his face becomes like the sun in glory, and his garments as white as snow.

The great reason for this transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of his disciples, and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed.

With no less forethought he was also providing a firm foundation for the hope of holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as his gift. The members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head.

The Lord had himself spoken of this when he foretold the splendor of his coming: *Then the just will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.* Saint Paul the apostle bore witness to this same truth when he said: *I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not to be compared with the future glory that is to be revealed in us.* In another place he says: *You are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.*

This marvel of the transfiguration contains another lesson for the apostles, to strengthen them and lead them into the fullness of knowledge. Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets, appeared with the Lord in conversation with him. This was in order to fulfill exactly, through the presence of these five men, the text which says: *Before two or three witnesses every word is ratified.* What word could be more firmly established, more securely based, than the word which is proclaimed by the trumpets of both old and new testaments, sounding in harmony, and by the utterances of ancient prophecy and the teaching of the Gospel, in full agreement with each other?

The writings of the two testaments support each other. The radiance of the transfiguration reveals clearly and unmistakably the one who had been promised by signs foretelling him under the veils of mystery. As Saint John says: *The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.* In him the promise made through the shadows of prophecy stands revealed, along with the full meaning of the precepts of the law. He is the one who teaches the truth of prophecy through his presence, and makes obedience to the commandments possible through grace.

In the preaching of the holy Gospel all should receive a strengthening of their faith. No one should be ashamed of the cross of Christ, through which the world has been redeemed.

No one should fear to suffer for the sake of justice; no one should lose confidence in the reward that has been promised. The way to rest is through toil, the way to life is through death. Christ has taken on himself the whole weakness of our lowly human nature. If then we are steadfast in our faith in him and in our love for him, we win the victory that he has won, we receive what he has promised.

When it comes to obeying the commandments or enduring adversity, the words uttered by the Father should always echo in our ears: *This is my Son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

From a Sermon by St. Leo the Great, Pope, The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. II, Lenten Season-Easter Season, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1975, pp. 149-151.

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PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

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-Diocesan Choir-

SPRING 2025

New and Returning Members Welcome!



- ❖ Do you enjoy a love of singing?
- ❖ Are you looking to enrich your involvement in the Church?
- ❖ Would you like to represent your parish community in a special way at Diocesan events?
- ❖ Would you like to be part of a new community of faith, friendship, and music? If so,

Come sing with us!

The **DIOCESAN CHOIR** sings regularly for special liturgical events of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Rehearsals are held on select Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport beginning March 3. Events for the spring season include the Rite of Election, A Lenten Concert, Diaconate Ordination and Diocesan Confirmation.

For further information, contact the Diocesan Director of Music Ministry:
Dr. Bill Atwood | Email: William.atwood@diobpt.org | Phone: 203.368.6777 X 22

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PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY PERISHABLES IN THE DROP BOX.

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**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE
ANSWERED OUR REQUESTS! YOU HAVE REALLY
HELPED OUR COMMUNITY NEEDY.**

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our next meeting is this **Thursday, March 27th, 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.

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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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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

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.

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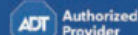
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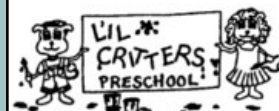
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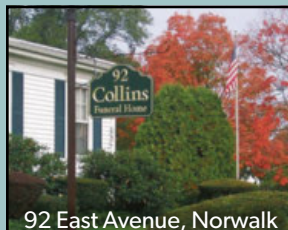




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