

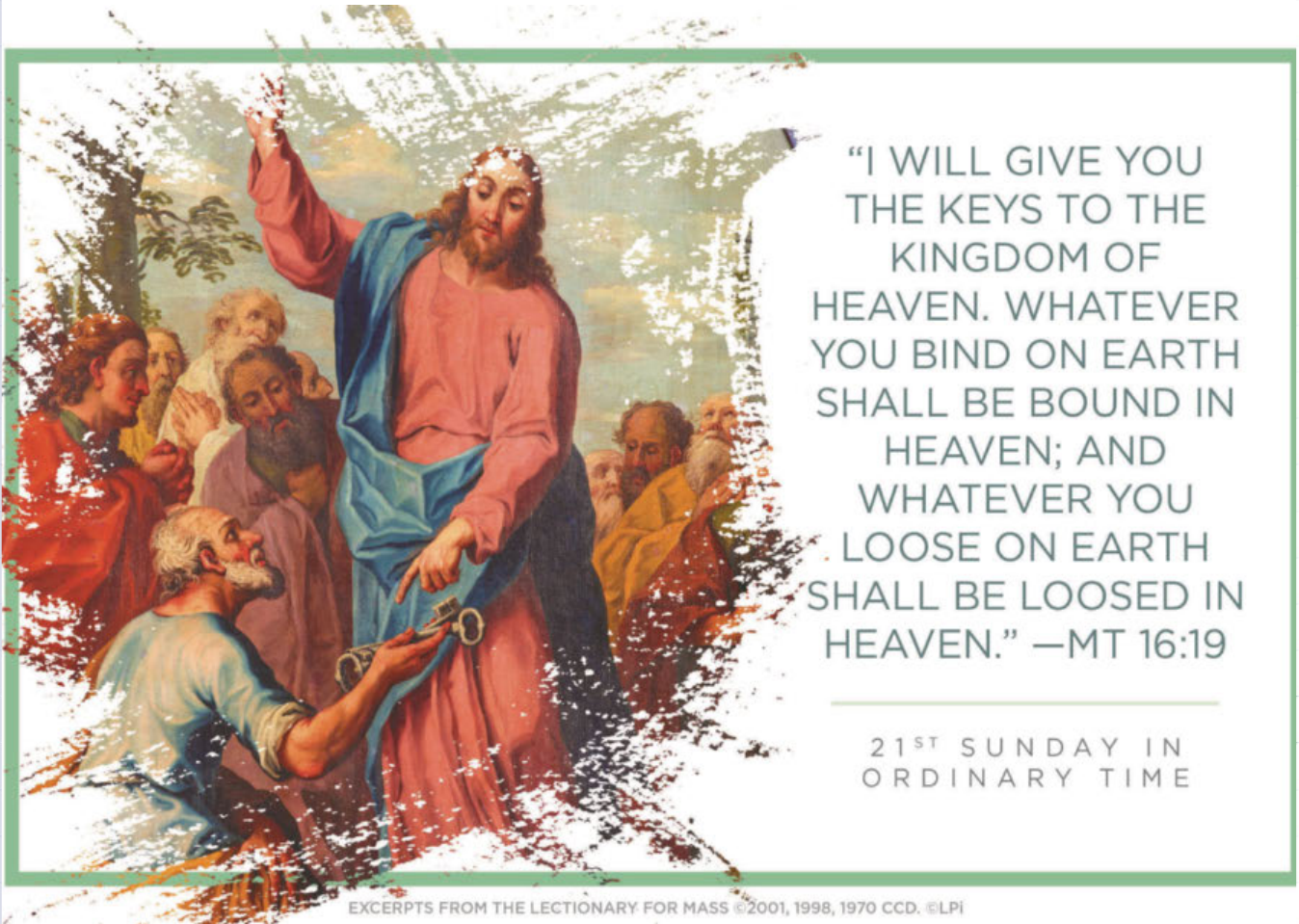


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August 27, 2023



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HEAVEN; AND
WHATEVER YOU
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HEAVEN.” —MT 16:19

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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, August 28

7:00 AM† Antonio Rubbo, Maria Ciambrella, & Pasquale Rubbo
5:30 PM † Victoria Anne Buono

Tuesday, August 29

7:00 AM† Ann Ruggiero
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, August 30

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

Thursday, August 31

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM † Andrew Mirolla

Friday, September 1

7:00 AM In Celebration of Patrick Maher's Birthday
5:30 PM † Mass of Remembrance

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, September 2

5:15 PM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased **Celebrant** Fr. Ralph

Sunday, September 3

7:30 AM† Al Mennino Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Nicolas Pirragoia Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† Palma Sweet Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM † Linda Caruso Fr. Ralph



The Sanctuary Candle burns August 27th through September 2nd in memory of William & Genevieve Cerutti.

We welcome the newly Baptized into the Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Vivienne Sophie O'Marra

Congratulations to her parents, family, & friends!

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Please remember in your prayers:

Rev. Michael C. Palmer **Laura Solemene**

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
August 20		
Collection	\$3,636.00	\$3,836.00
On-Line	\$2,393.00	\$2,440.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,506.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,567.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$4,523.00</u>	<u>\$4,709.00</u>
Votives	\$ 139.47	\$ 181.67
The Assumption of Mary		
Collection	\$ 587.00	\$ 190.00
On-Line	<u>\$ 476.00</u>	<u>\$ 503.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,063.00</u>	<u>\$ 693.00</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 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 died in the month of August: Vincent Massaro and Laura Solemene. There will be a special mass for them and for all deceased parishioners on Friday, September 1st, at 5:30 p.m. in the church. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. If you would like information about the ministry, please contact Jane Eichwald at (203) 838-4590.

**FIRST FRIDAY
ADORATION
September 1st
7:30am to 5:00pm**

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext.19)

**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**

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	September 11	6 pm - 8:30 pm
Tuesdays:	August 15, 22, & 29	
	September 5 & 12	6 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturdays:	August 19, & 26	
	September 9	9 am - 12 Noon
Sundays:	August 20 & 27	
	September 10	9 am - 12 Noon

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We reserve the right to refuse any donation not in clean, usable, and/or saleable condition.

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

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 in 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 2023 BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.



We have raised 145 gifts worth \$63,010 bringing our parish to 100.33% of its \$62,800 goal. Thanks to all who have participated! Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.



2023 - 2024

Religious Education

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 & 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.

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The 2024 MASS BOOK is open. Only 2 Saturday Vigil or Sunday weekend masses may be booked & no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until September 12th.

Phone or email requests are welcome.

PARISH INFORMATION FROM FR. RALPH

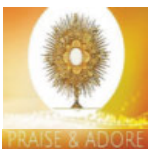
As many of you have heard, our beloved pastor, Fr. Mirek, began a Sabbatical this past Tuesday, August 15th. A priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport may request a Sabbatical after 15 years of service in the Diocese. A sabbatical usually involves the opportunity for a priest to study and pray, as well as enjoy quiet time for reflection; all in order to refresh the commitment to serve the People of God. Fr. Mirek's Sabbatical will take place in Jerusalem, with easy access to the many historically significant sites that we read about in the bible. Please pray for him during this time so that he will be enriched and enlightened, and that he will return to us safely. Fr. Mirek will return to us shortly after Thanksgiving.

In the meantime, we will continue our journey of faith at St. Thomas Parish, just as it was before Fr. Mirek began his Sabbatical. However, there are a few things I bring to your attention of which we will need to give special consideration:

1. Under a direct requirement of the Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, the Most Reverend Frank Caggiano, St. Thomas Parish, along with other parishes in the Diocese, will now be providing the sacrament of Confirmation in the 7th Grade. Accordingly, our Religious Education Program is undergoing a revision, offering Catechesis for grades 1-6, from September to May, with Confirmation taking place the following October.
2. Also under a direct requirement of the Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, the Most Reverend Frank Caggiano, St. Thomas Parish, along with St. Matthew Parish, St. Jerome Parish, and St. Philip Parish, will require all 6th Grade students to participate in a Regional Middle School Inter-Parish Formation Program that will meet once a month at All Saints School. This will include all 6th Grade students of the forementioned parishes to attend classes at their respective parishes as well. Since in total both sessions combined WILL NOT exceed the number of classes required at the parishes as they have been throughout the academic year in the past, all 6th Grade students will be required to attend both sessions held at All Saints School and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.
3. St. Thomas Parish has hired a new part-time DRE Administrator, Carrie Saviano, and we are blessed to have her. She is a woman of great faith with an excellent prayer life, as well as an impressive skill set, who, we have no doubt, will prove to be an excellent asset to the parish, to you, and your sons and daughters.
4. Our previous DRE, Mary Vladimirov, will continue with us for roughly 10 hours a week, to assist us with the current transition, as well as continue to assist with classes on Sunday for the 1st through 4th grades. We are very grateful for her contribution to our parish, as well as her continued support moving forward.
5. We are currently in the process of developing a Youth Ministry here at the parish overseen by Elizabeth Squicciarino. Elizabeth also cantors with Marge Kelly at our Masses. She is doing a great job of providing service opportunities for the goodly, young Catholic souls of the Parish, and in light of what is taking place in our society today, especially in regard to our young people, we are obligated to support our young disciples here at the parish. We are very grateful to Elizabeth for her contribution to this most important ministry.
6. Finally, we are in the process of reinvigorating our First Friday Adoration here at the parish. We will be offering a once-a-month signup for parishioners to take either a half hour or full hour providing quiet-time for prayer and reflection. First Friday Adoration is a commonly long-held tradition in the Catholic Church and is observed by most parishes in the Diocese. I cannot say enough in regard to how important this ministry is for the spiritual life of the parish. In short, as we have heard, "a family that prays together, stays together." Please consider signing up if you can.

Please continue to enjoy the summer. Be safe, and God bless.

Fr. Ralph



ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM



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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our minds make it out
to be. Life is too
short to always be taken
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**JOIN THE SCOUTS!
 SCOUT TROOP 222**

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: troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com.



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.**

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory anytime.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Weekdays: By appointment



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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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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 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	John Lima	Denise Cassin
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