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THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Happy Independence Day
God Bless America!*

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor

(203) 866-3141

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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, July 3

7:00 AM For the Well-Being of St. Thomas
the Apostle Parish
5:30 PM † Rory O'Dwyer

Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4

9:00 AM † For Our Country
5:30 PM † NO MASS

Wednesday, July 5

7:00 AM † NO MASS
5:30 PM Living & Deceased Members
of the Sheehan Family

Thursday, July 6

7:00 AM † Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.
5:30 PM † June & Thomas Talarico

Friday, July 7

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

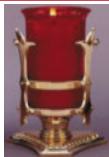
Sunday Vigil, Saturday, July 8

5:15 PM † Jill Vasil-Sell

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, July 9

7:30 AM † Maria & Giovanni Manna Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM † For Our Parishioners, Living &
Deceased Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM † Rose Mary Sandomeno Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM † Dominick L. Drago Fr. Mirek



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
July 2nd through July 8th for
Ray & Mary Ellen O'Hara.*

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Edward J. Czrulli

We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.

Due to difficulties with our Optimum email account
we will be switching to
stthomasnorwalk@gmail.com.
Please update your address book.

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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

Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

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Cathy Lauder
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

Finance Chair:

Ulrike Schambeck
(203) 434-6488

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(203) 866-1189
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stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

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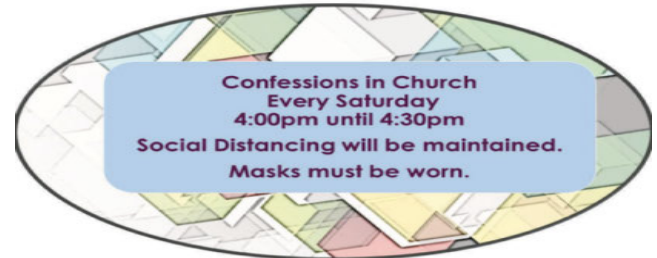
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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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.



**FIRST FRIDAY
ADORATION**
July 7th
7:30am to 5:00pm



**Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm
Social Distancing will be maintained.
Masks must be worn.**



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

**VACATION TIME IS
QUICKLY APPROACHING!**

**HELP US MAINTAIN OUR WEEKLY
LEVELS OF OFFERTORY!!**

Sign up for on-line giving and you don't have to worry about remembering to maintain your financial support of our parish. Our expenses continue every month even when classes are over & families are on the move.

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Tuesday, July 4th, the parish offices are closed. There is one mass at 9am. The Food Pantry & the Thrift Store are also closed for the holiday. Have a fun, safe holiday!



The 2024 MASS BOOK will open on Thursday, July 13th, **from 10am until 1pm**. Only 2 Saturday Vigil or Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until September 12th. No phone or email requests until Friday, July 14th.

High School Youth Group Car Wash
 Sunday, July 9th
 12:30pm to 3:30pm
 in the Rectory Side Parking Lot
 Price?
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Annual Italian-American Saint Ann's Feast

Delicious Italian food with our famous pizza frita. Rides, games, music and fun for all ages!!!

Thursday, 7/20—6-10 pm **Saturday, 7/22—4-10 pm**
Friday, 7/21—6-10 pm **Sunday, 7/23—3-8 pm**

Bishop Caggiano will celebrate the traditional Saint Ann's Mass on Saturday, July 22 at 10 am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk. There will be a procession that leaves the Saint Ann's Club, 16 Hendricks Avenue, Norwalk at 9:30 am. **All are welcome to attend.**

For more information, please call the Saint Ann's Club at 203.853.3603 or Annamaria Malaqisi at 203.857.4800.



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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

On behalf of Fr. Ralph, our office staff, and our Religious Formation personnel, I would like to wish you a Happy Independence Day. Stay safe as you travel this holiday and throughout the summer season.

fr. minnie

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 16th & 17th

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 Doors open at 5:30pm.
 First game at 6:45pm.
 Refreshments available to purchase.

Think before you speak.
 Never say anything that doesn't improve on silence.

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.**



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.

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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SPREAD THE WORD! The Diocese of Bridgeport has a tuition assistance program partially funded through the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Foundations in Education (FIE) has awarded over \$20 million in tuition assistance to thousands of students and families who value Catholic education. They also awarded nearly \$650,000 in Innovation and Leadership Grants to Catholic school educators. Our Catholic schools are thriving and are attracting new families now more than ever. Over the 2 years since the pandemic, close to 450 new students applied for tuition assistance to enroll in our schools. Many of the families did not realize Catholic education was an option for them financially and were blessed to learn of the Bishop's Scholarship Fund. Visit their website for more information: www.foundationsineducation.org/

Room to Grow Preschool
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Room to Grow Preschool is a state licensed and nationally accredited facility that provides high quality care and education for children ages 3 to 5 years old. Registration is open to ALL Norwalk residents. Enrollment spots are available on a sliding fee scale based on family income. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Call (203) 831-8200 now to find out how to enroll your child.



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

We have raised 129 gifts worth \$34,955 bringing our parish to 55.66% of its \$62,800 goal. Thanks to all who have participated! Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

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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. 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
Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Fratoloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Hamilton Family
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Kathleen Dominick	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	John Lima	Denise Cassin
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Stefanie Sena	Jim Bogdany	Paul F.	David R.	Steve C.	George R.
Ginny DeMarco					

**The Food Pantry is open
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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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