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July 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Come to me, all you who labor
and are burdened, and I will
give you rest.”*



Words by God ~ Matthew 11:28 Photo by
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Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor

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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 10

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM† Mass of Remembrance

Tuesday, July 11

7:00 AM† Eugene Wrinn
5:30 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon,
Terry Cain & Luis Cardenas

Wednesday, July 12

7:00 AM† Iola & Joseph Rabbitt
5:30 PM† William G. Cronin, MD

Thursday, July 13

7:00 AM† Joseph Furnari
5:30 PM Intentions of the Michael Sweeney Family

Friday, July 14

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

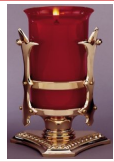
Sunday Vigil, Saturday, July 15

5:15 PM† Grace Yakiwchuk

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

Sunday, July 16

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM† Bartolomeo & Ersilia Cataldo Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM† Fran & John Tierney Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM† Henry Simon Fr. Ralph



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
July 9th through July 15th for
Edward J. Kelley.*

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Please remember in your prayers:

Peggy Barrella **Sivagami Sarathy**

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
June 25		
Collection	\$4,116.00	\$3,776.09
On-Line	\$2,320.00	\$2,332.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	\$4,869.00	\$4,472.00
Votives	\$ 152.00	\$ 144.66

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 2023 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraicum Assessment is \$81,472. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,567. This represents an annual decrease of \$3,600.00 from the prior year.

—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

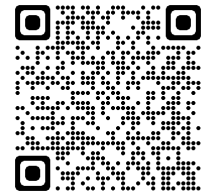
The following parishioners have died in the month of June: **Gale McDonald, William Bassford and Edward Cerulli.** There will be a special mass for them and for all deceased parishioners on **Monday, July 7th at 5:30pm,** in the church. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. If you would like information about the ministry, please contact Jane Eichwald at (203) 838-4590.

VACATION TIME IS HERE!
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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Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext.19)

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Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**
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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**

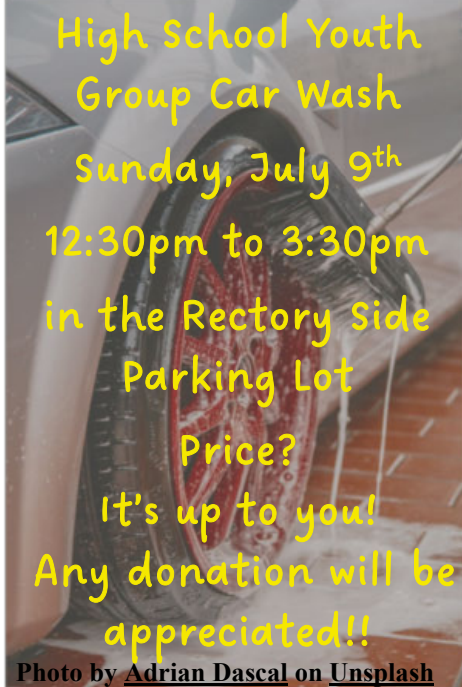
Bishop Caggiano will celebrate the traditional Saint Ann's Mass on Saturday, July 22 at 10 am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk.

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 Malagisi at 203.857.4800.




High School Youth Group Car Wash
 Sunday, July 9th
 12:30pm to 3:30pm
 in the Rectory Side Parking Lot
 Price?
 It's up to you!
 Any donation will be appreciated!!

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High School Youth Group Meeting Day Change


Our Youth Group will be meeting in the Parish Center Loft **Wednesday, July 26th, from 5:30pm - 7:00pm**. 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 stthomasyg1@gmail.com. **ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME & BRING YOUR FRIENDS.**

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.



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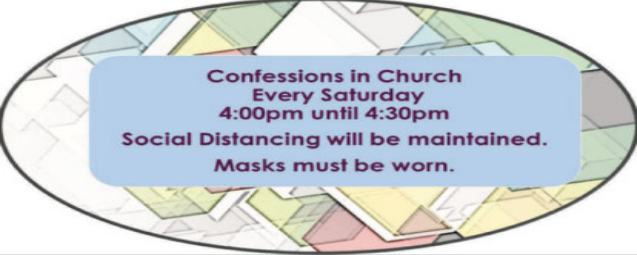
FELLOWSHIP ADORATION CONFESSION & MASS NATIONAL SPEAKERS EXHIBITORS

Kevin Wells Matthew Leonard Archbishop Blair & Bishop Betancourt Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR Fr. Larry Richards

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CO-OP MISSION WEEKEND ~ JULY 15TH & 16TH



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June 27, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are pleased to inform you that this year's Co-op Mission Weekend is scheduled for July 15 and 16, 2023. We are blessed to welcome representatives of various church ministries that serve the developing world, and to hear about the needs of our sisters and brothers in Christ throughout the world they are serving.

The war in Ukraine, the violent attacks and persecution in Nigeria and Sudan, the deforestation of our tropical rain forests, these, and other persecutions, have deprived people of the means to safely practice their faith, and have worsened the availability of basic needs such as water, food, medicine, clothes, and housing. The need for aid to ease their pain has never been greater.

Whether or not your parish is hosting a visiting missionary, we ask you to be as generous as possible with the donation you are offering in the envelope for the second collection for the Mission Cooperative Appeal. Your financial sacrifice will make all the difference to these "front-line" responders who give of themselves to provide spiritual and physical relief to the faithful believers in these struggling communities. Your prayers and your donations are very much needed and are appreciated more than you might realize.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your support and generosity.

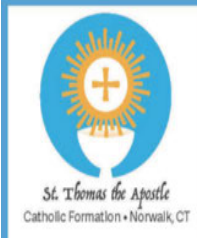
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Deacon David Flynn
Director, Pontifical Mission Societies
Diocese of Bridgeport

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.



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 134 gifts worth \$35,455 bringing our parish to 56.46% of its \$62,800 goal. Thanks to all who have participated! Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

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



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Birthright is in need of gently worn baby & maternity clothing. Please call to arrange for a drop off. They also need volunteers (especially Spanish speaking). Opportunities include friendship counseling, clerical, and clothing work. Training is provided. Please call the Norwalk Chapter for more information: (203) 853-4872.

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.

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

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.

www.stthomasnorwalk.org

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 Principal
 (203) 847-3881
 139 West Rocks Road
 Norwalk

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 Saturdays

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Birthright of Norwalk:
 (203) 853-4872

Catholic Charities:
 (203) 416-1307

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
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 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
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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