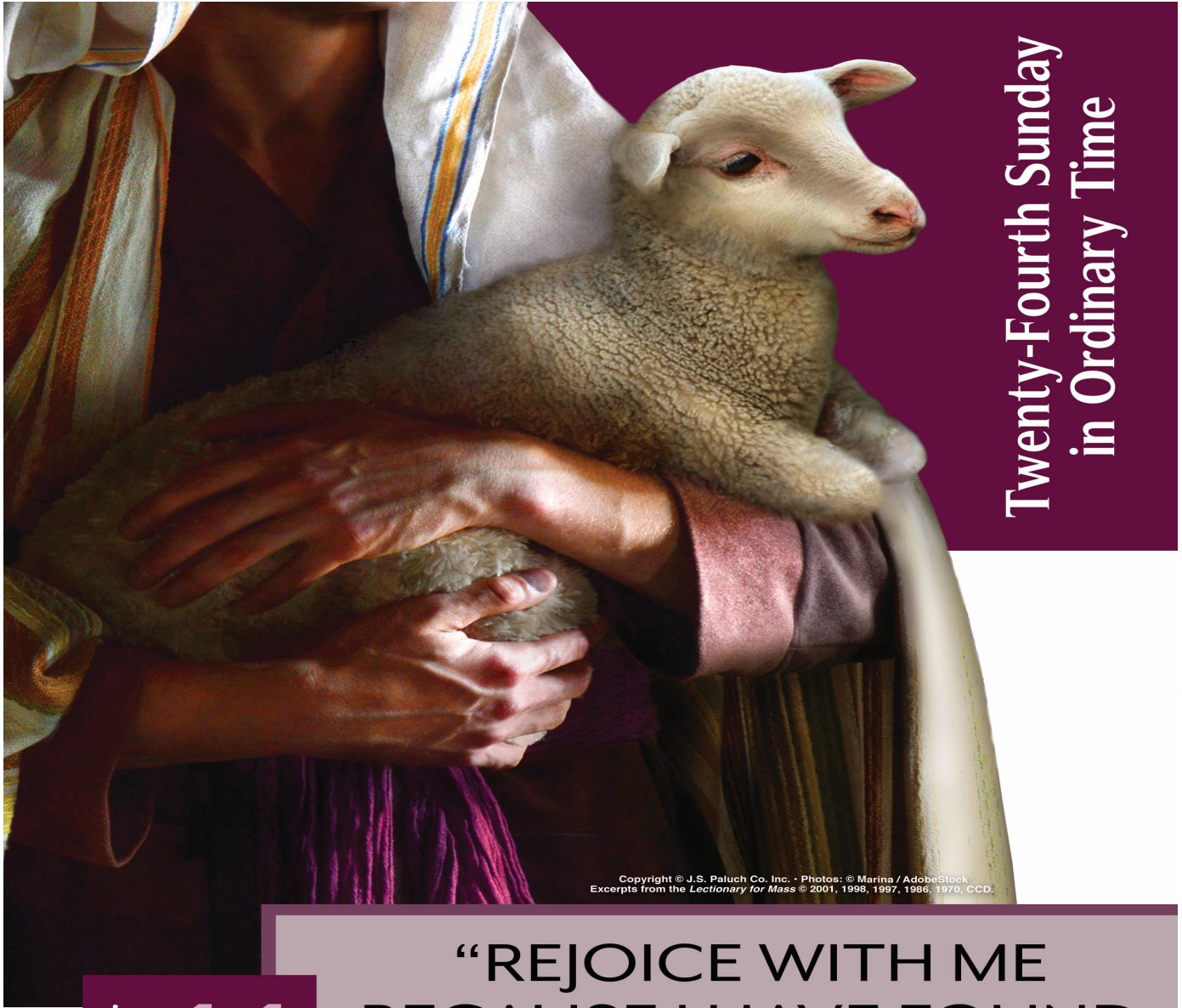




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September **11**
2022

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LUKE 15:6

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, September 12

7:00 AM† Nicholas Annase
5:30 PM† Mary Boldizar & Anne Johnston

Tuesday, September 13

7:00 AM† Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.
5:30 PM† Intentions of Luke Sweeney

Wednesday, September 14

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM† Ralph Cicala

Thursday, September 15

7:00 AM† Peter Baldino, Jr. (1st Anniversary)
5:30 PM† Eric Goldner

Friday, September 16

7:00 AM† Ellen Morrone
5:30 PM† Maria Daniela

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, September 17

5:15 PM† William Cronin, M.D.

Sunday, September 18

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† Christina Steven
11:30 AM† Rosa Matteo Padulo
5:00 PM† Stephen Schlitt

Celebrant

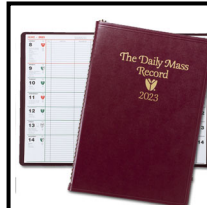
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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

| | 2022 | 2021 |
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| September 4 | | |
| Collection | \$4,003.73 | \$3,234.00 |
| On-Line | \$3,257.00 | \$2,581.00 |
| Diocesan Assessment | (\$1,567.00) | (\$1,636.00) |
| Net Retained | <u>\$5,693.73</u> | <u>\$4,179.00</u> |
| Votives | \$ 156.81 | \$ 191.00 |
| Monthly Maintenance | | |
| Collection | \$1,574.00 | \$1,287.00 |
| On-Line | \$ 626.00 | \$1,511.00 |
| Total | <u>\$2,200.00</u> | <u>\$2,798.00</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 2023 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum 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.



The 2023 MASS BOOK is open. Only 4 Saturday Vigil/Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 6 Sanctuary Candles until November 1st.



The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 11th through September 17th
for *Mattie L. Morton*.

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

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.

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

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.

Volunteers needed!

Please help us with our children's religious formation next year. Any help that you would be able to offer would be greatly appreciated. You must be Virtus trained. We can set you up with the training if you haven't already done so. Please contact Mary Vladimirov at (203) 866-1189 or email stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com.

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Are you between the ages of 21-39? Are you interested in fellowship with other Catholics? Come join us on Wednesday, September 14th for a special Mass sponsored by YCP! Adoration w/music & Confession will be offered before Mass starting at 6:00pm.

What: Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) Mass and Social

Where: Holy Name of Jesus Church (325 Washington Blvd, Stamford)

Date: Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00pm (Adoration w/music + Confessions start at 6pm)

Afterwards, please join us at Sign of the Whale for a rooftop social!

For information on other Catholic Young Adult events, please email info@ycpfairfieldcounty.com

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Lord of healing and compassion,
 May your perpetual light shine
 upon the poor souls lost on 9/11,
 and may your
 Sacred Heart provide
 comfort and peace to the
 family and friends of the
 dearly departed. Amen.

On behalf of the parish staff and Fr. Ralph, I would like to express our sincere continued concern and support for all those affected by the terrible occurrences on September 11th. We will continue to remember all the survivors, the victims, and all the affected families and friends in our prayers. Please know that we are here for you always.

fr. norwalk



Pray the Rosary in the Church
 Monday - Friday: 6:30am
 Monday: 7:00pm
 Saturday: 4:45pm

DIOCESAN CHOIR

- Inaugural Season -

The Diocese of Bridgeport is pleased to launch a new initiative for music by establishing a Diocesan Choir.

- Do you enjoy singing?
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- Would you like to be part of a new community of faith, friendship and music?

If so,

COME SING WITH US!

The Diocesan Choir will sing for all major liturgical events celebrated by Bishop Caggiano. Rehearsals will be held on Monday evenings at St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport beginning in October. The choir is open to singers of High School age and older. Prior musical experience and the ability to read music is helpful, but not required. All adult participants must be in full compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environments Policy, including Virtus Certification.

For further information about the Diocesan Choir, contact the Diocesan Director of Music Ministry:

Dr. Bill Atwood
 Email: William.atwood@diobpt.org
 Phone: 203.368.6777 X 22

NEED TO REGISTER WITH THE PARISH? DO YOU NEED PROOF OF SACRAMENTS? A SPONSOR CERTIFICATE? NEED TO SCHEDULE A BAPTISM, OR A WEDDING? THEN HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE.

All of these items are available by filling in the form on the website and emailing it to the office. Once received, we will let you know we have it and will call or email you when your request is completed.

If you are 18 and out of school, you should be registered by yourself, not with your parents.



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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. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to our web page: troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com.



2022 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We have raised 167 gifts worth \$42,994 bringing our parish to 68.46% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. **Thanks to all who gave or pledged!**

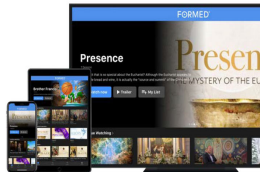
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SACRAMENTS

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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. If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

New 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:

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
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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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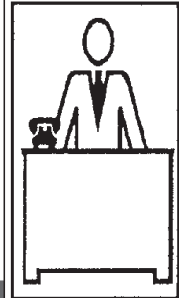


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