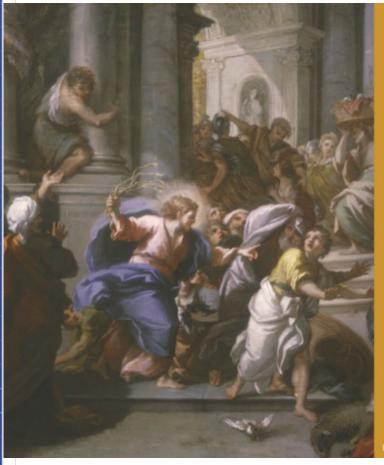


March 3, 2024



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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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 4

7:00 AM**†** Victoria Baldino Driver

5:30 PM **†** Raffaele Mattera

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 AM**†** Maria Daniele

Thursday, March 7

7:00 AM NO MASS

5:30 PM In Celebration of Marina Gallo's 80th Birthday

& Orlando Ocampo's 54th Birthday

Friday, March 8

7:00 AM Special Intention 5:30 PM Catherine Verda

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, March 9

5:15 PM**†** Theresa Passarelli

Sunday, March 10

7:30 AM**†** Leo Karl

9:00 AM† Michael F. Scacco 11:30 AM† Michael Sandomeno

5:00 PM **†** For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased



The Sanctuary Candle burns March 3rd through March 9th in memory of Mario Laracca.



BSTINENCE

Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Catholics over the age of 14 years are required to abstain from meat every Friday during Lent.

Confession in Church Every Saturday 4:00pm until 4:30pm or by Appointment

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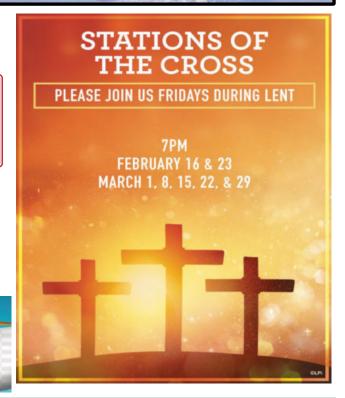
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	2024	2023	
February 25 Collection On-Line Diocesan Assessment Net Retained	\$4,108.00 \$2,532.00 (\$1,506.00) \$5,134.00	\$4,359.00 \$2,248.00 (\$1,567.00) \$5,040.00	
Votives	\$ 136.50	\$ 144.11	

Diocesan Assessment

The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on <u>all</u> gross receipts. For our 2024 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum 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.

Banns of Marriage II Jennifer Karnioch & Spencer Snyderman



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Youth Singers and Instrument Players wanted! For: Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, 9:00 AM Family Mass

PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP OR SPEAK TO MARGE KELLEY BEFORE YOU COME!

Instrument signup is open until March 3rd Choir signup is open until March 10th

Rehearsals are beginning for Youth Choir and Orchestra to prepare to sing and play for Easter Sunday Mass on March 31, 2024! Students in Grades 1-12 are welcome to participate. All rehearsals will take place in St. Thomas the Apostle Church. The Rehearsal Schedule is detailed below and will be available in the parish bulletin and on the parish website. It is only necessary to attend one rehearsal each week.

WEEK 1: Youth Instrument Rehearsal, 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday Feb. 28 OR Thursday, Feb.29

WEEK 2: Youth Choir & Instruments, 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday, March 6 OR Thursday, March 7

WEEK 3: Youth Choir & Instruments, 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday, March 13 OR Thursday, March 14

WEEK 4: Youth Choir & Instruments, 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday, March 20 OR Thursday, March 21.

WEEK 5: Final Rehearsal for all participants, 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday, March 27.

(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 complete the fillable pdf form that is on the parish website homepage and send it to Marge Kelley's email address, margaretkelley24@gmail.com.

STUDENTS NEEDING VOLUNTEER HOURS: please consider joining the Youth Choir or playing an instrument for Easter Sunday! I will be happy to sign forms each week at rehearsal and again on Easter Sunday. You will receive a full hour credit for the 45 minute rehearsal. Students playing an instrument can also log practice time at home and show it to me for additional hours.

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The Diocese of Bridgeport has a tuition assistance program partially funded through the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Visit their website for more information: fundationsineducation.org



2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We have raised 19 gifts worth \$2,320 bringing our parish to 3.69% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!

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WHEN

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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SCHEDULE

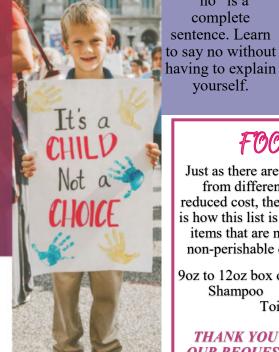
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ct.marchforlife.org







FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Just as there are some items that we are able to get free from different government sources or at a greatly reduced cost, there are some items we need to buy. This is how this list is generated. Of course, you can still give items that are not on the list. Please leave after hours non-perishable donations in the bin outside the pantry.

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FROM A TREATISE ON JOHN BY SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP (TRACT. 15, 10-12. 16-17: CCL 36, 154-156)

A Samaritan Woman Came to Draw Water

A woman came. She is a symbol of the Church not yet made righteous but about to be made righteous. Righteousness follows from the conversation. She came in ignorance, she found Christ, and he enters into conversation with her. Let us see what it is about, let us see why *a Samaritan woman came to draw water*. The Samaritans did not form part of the Jewish people: they were foreigners. The fact that she came from a foreign people is part of the symbolic meaning, for she is a symbol of the Church. The Church was to come from the Gentiles, of a different race from the Jews.

We must then recognize ourselves in her words and in her person, and with her give our own thanks to God. She was a symbol, not the reality; she foreshadowed the reality, and the reality came to be. She found faith in Christ, who was using her as a symbol to teach us what was to come. *She came* then *to draw water*. She had simply come to draw water, in the normal way of man or woman.

Jesus says to her: Give me water to drink. For his disciples had gone to the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman therefore says to him: How is it that you, though a Jew, ask me for water to drink, though I am a Samaritan woman? For Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans.

The Samaritans were foreigners; Jews never used their utensils. The woman was carrying a pail for drawing water. She was astonished that a Jew should ask her for a drink of water, a thing that Jews would not do. But the one who was asking for a drink of water was thirsting for her faith.

Listen now and learn who it is that asks for a drink. Jesus answered her and said: If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," perhaps you might have asked him and he would have given you living water.

He asks for a drink, and he promises a drink. He is in need, as one hoping to receive, yet he is rich, as one about to satisfy the thirst of others. He says: *If you knew the gift of God*. The gift of God is the Holy Spirit. But he is still using veiled language as he speaks to the woman and gradually enters into her heart. Or is he already teaching her? What could be more gentle and kind than the encouragement he gives? *If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," perhaps you might ask and he would give you living water.*

What is this water that he will give if not the water spoken of in Scripture: *With you is the fountain of life?* How can those feel thirst who will drink deeply from the abundance in your house?

He was promising the Holy Spirit in satisfying abundance. She did not yet understand. In her failure to grasp his meaning, what was her reply? The woman says to him, Master, give me this drink, so that I may feel no thirst or come here to draw water. Her need forced her to this labor, her weakness shrank from it. If only she could hear those words: Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you. Jesus was saying this to her, so that her labors might be at an end; but she was not yet able to understand.

CANDY WANTED!



The Rel. Ed Dept. is collecting *individually wrapped small* candies to put in our plastic eggs for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please leave your donation in the bins in the church or in the gym by Sunday, March 17th. Here's a few ideas: chocolate kisses, mini candies, Stickers, temporary tattoos, tiny toys, notes of kindness inspirational sayings/quotes *No nuts or peanut butter food products please.* Photo by freestocks on Unsplash.

The Daily Mass Record W 2025

The 2025 MASS BOOK will open on Thursday, April 4th, *from 10am until 1pm.* Only 2 Saturday Vigil or Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until May 12th. No phone or email requests until Friday, April 5th.

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our next meeting is **Thursday, March 14, 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.

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
Sfc. Ramil Penserga, US Army
LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy
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UT2 PO2 Edward Skeen, US Navy
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- * 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,

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The DIOCESAN CHOIR sings regularly for special liturgical events of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport. Upcoming events include: Ordinations to the Diaconate and Priesthood, and the Mass of Thanksgiving on June 1 at the Fairfield University Arena! For further information, contact the Diocesan Director of Music Ministry, or visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/diocesan-choir/home/

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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:

Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
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Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Richard Berg	Jeannetta Torres	Angela McCrae
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Antonio Vescio	Diane Turek	Debbie Poruban
Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	Jackie Hamilton	Denise Cassin
Ginny DeMarco	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Alessandro Fornara	David R.	John Lima	Patricia M.
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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.

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

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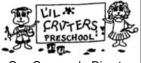
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