



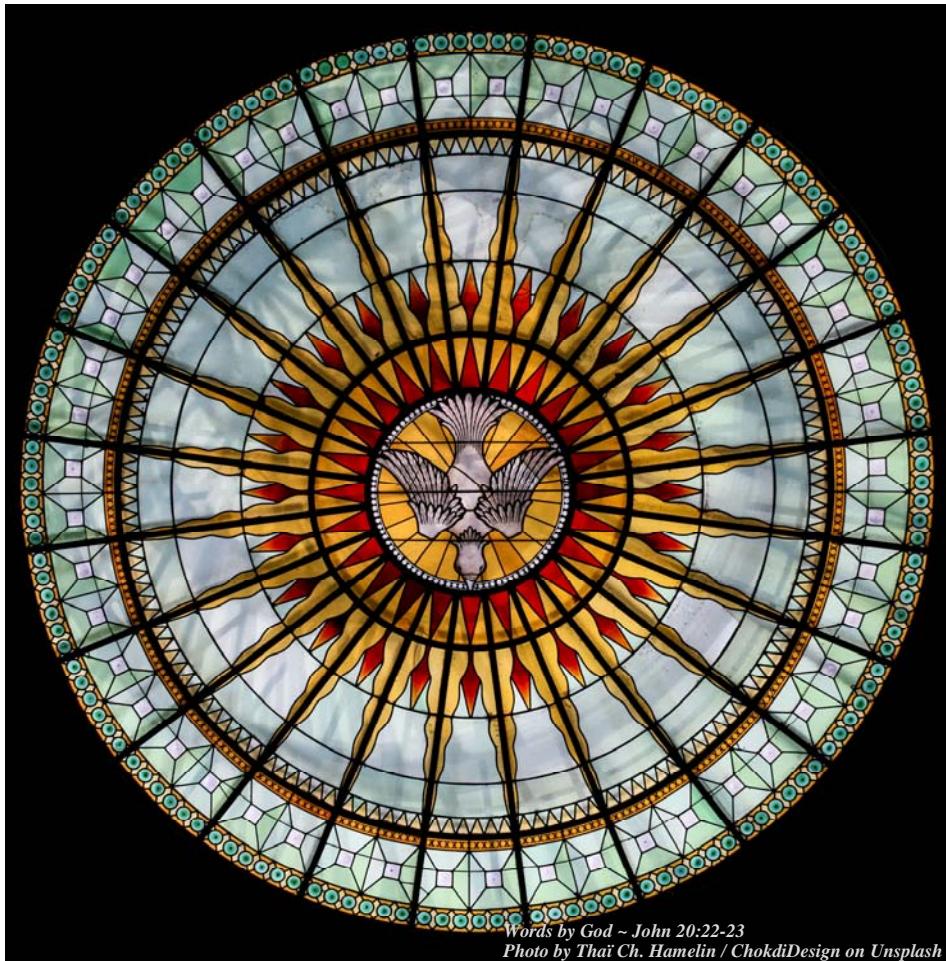
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May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday



He breathed on them and said to them,

“Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained.”

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00 am.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, May 24

7:00 AM † Daniel C. Callahan
5:30 PM † Nicholas Testa (22nd Anniversary)

Tuesday, May 25

7:00 AM † Roger Festa
5:30 PM Intentions of Irene & Jairo Alarcon in
Celebration of Their 30th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, May 26

7:00 AM † Elisabetta Santella Valiante
5:30 PM † Margaret & Harold Trezzino

Thursday, May 27

7:00 AM † Martin Haugh
5:30 PM Respect for Life

Friday, May 28

7:00 AM † Sheila Gail Geoghan
5:30 PM † Joan Gardella

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, May 29

5:15 PM † Cecilia David

Sunday, May 30

7:30 AM †	Special Intention	Celebrant Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM †	Isabelle Dean	Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM †	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM †	In Celebration of the Wedding of Jonathan Maher & Samantha Santos	Fr. Mirek



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
May 23rd through May 29th
for Roger Festa.*

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

Loretta Santo

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.



The 2021 MASS BOOK is open.
Please call or email the office to
reserve your masses and candles.

Rectory:

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Rev. Ralph Segura
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Thursday & Friday 10-12
Closed Saturday & Sunday

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2021 2020

May 16

Collection	\$2,653.00	\$
On-Line	\$2,413.00	\$2,466.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,869.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,867.00)</u>
Net Retained	\$3,197.00	\$ 599.00
752.00		

Votives

\$ 104.00 \$ 65.00

Ascension Thursday

Collection	\$ 306.00	\$ 176.00
On-Line	<u>\$ 397.00</u>	<u>\$ 330.00</u>
Total	\$ 703.00	\$ 506.00

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 2021 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum Assessment is \$89,705. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,869. This represents an annual increase of \$104.00 from the prior year.



MAY IS THE MONTH

OF MARY

PRAY THE ROSARY!

Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm

Social Distancing will be maintained.

Masks must be worn.

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A Special Diocesan Celebration of Mass in Recognition of Our Healthcare Workers

Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Saint Joseph Church, Brookfield

Bishop Frank Caggiano will be celebrating this mass to honor all healthcare worker for their efforts during the pandemic. In-Church capacity is limited to 150 participants, so registration is required. To register, go to www.signupgenius.com/go/healthcare-workers. In order to accommodate everyone, the Mass will also be livestreamed, both on the diocesan website (www.bridgeportdiocese.org) and the parish website of Saint Joseph Church in Brookfield (www.stjosephbrookfield.com).

INTERESTED IN STRENGTHENING YOUR MARRIAGE?

Join the Five-week webinar - True Love That Lasts - beginning Thursday, May 27 - 2pm or 7 pm. Presented by the Bridgeport Diocese Leadership Institute - Register at www.formationreimagined.org.

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Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Norwalk

We Stand With Christ Campaign Redemption

Total Pledged:	\$498,970
Total Collected (As of 5/6/21):	\$254,967 (51%)

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ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM



Pray the Rosary in the Church!
Monday - Friday: 6:30am

Monday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:45pm

MEMORIAL MASS OR FUNERAL

We are scheduling Memorial Masses for those who died during the virus period. Anyone who wishes to arrange for a Memorial Mass is asked to call the office in order to set up an appointment to plan the mass. If you would like a full funeral mass, please let your funeral home know your wishes so they can contact us to schedule. We will continue to have graveside only service as an option. Keep in mind that the current regular mass guidelines concerning capacity and social distancing parameters will be followed at all funerals, memorials, and graveside services as well.

REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

As you know, what we practice as Catholics today has been transmitted to us throughout the ages; at first coming forth from God; revealed in and through the person of Jesus Christ; witnessed in word and deed through the Apostles who personally knew Jesus Himself; and they established the first church communities in the ancient world of which we are now the direct benefactors.

Consider this quote from Tertullian, Priest and Historian, who lived from 155 to 220 a.d.: “*Our Lord Jesus Christ himself declared what he was, what he had been, how he was carrying out his Father’s will, what obligations he demanded of men. This he did during his earthly life, either publicly to the crowds or privately to his disciples. Twelve of these he picked out to be his special companions, appointed to teach the nations. After receiving the power of the Holy Spirit which had been promised to them, so that they could work miracles and proclaim the truth, they first bore witness to their faith in Jesus Christ and established churches throughout Judea. They then went out into the whole world and proclaimed to the nations the same doctrinal faith. They set up churches in every city. Other churches received from them a living transplant of faith and the seed of doctrine, and through this daily process of transplanting they became churches.*” (From a treatise On the Prescription of Heretics by Tertullian, Priest, Feast of Philip and James, Apostles, Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. 2, Catholic Book Publishing, Co., 1976, 1811-1812)

Today, as Catholics, in our time, we enjoy what we have received in our worship, prayer, acts of charity, and a moral and ethical daily practice of what is revealed to us through the Gospels. We have the scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, culminating in the fullness of revelation through the four Gospels, subsequently followed by the Apostolic Letters readily available to us as they are found in the Bible. Now, as St. Irenaeus points out, just as Jesus Christ received the spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge and fear of God referred to in the Book of Isaiah (Is 11:2), so “*the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church.*” (From the treatise Against Heresies by Saint Irenaeus, bishop, Pentecost, Solemnity, Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. 2, Catholic Book Publishing, Co., 1976, 1026) So, it is for us today with the gift of the Holy Spirit that we are to continue the mission that we have received from Our Lord Jesus Christ, witnessing the Catholic Faith and the hope of the Gospel. As we observe the Solemnity of Pentecost this year, may we keep in mind that, just as Jesus in the fullness of the Holy Spirit commissioned the Apostles, just as the Holy Spirit is given to the Church, so did He commission us as well when He said: “*All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.*” (MT 28:18-20)

Fr. Ralph

The Food Pantry is open
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Questions? Call them at
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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

- ◆ Saturday, September 25 - Annual CT Catholic Men's Conference: www.ctcatholicmen.org
- ◆ Saturday, May 29 - Mass in Honor of All Healthcare Workers:
www.signupgenius.com/go/healthcare-workers
- ◆ Five-week webinar - True Love That Lasts - for anyone interested in strengthening their marriage - beginning Thursday, May 27 - 2pm or 7 pm - Presented by the Bridgeport Diocese Leadership Institute - Registration www.formationreimagined.org.
- ◆ Saturday, September 25 -Wedding Jubilee Mass - Save the Date - St. Matthew Parish - 10:30 am and 1:00 pm. Watch the bulletin for registration information

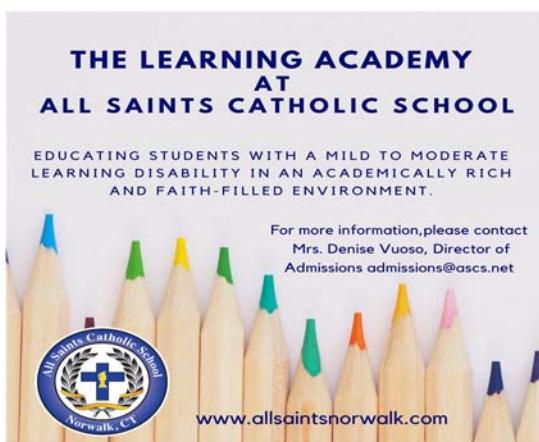
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SACRAMENTS

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday: 10:00am to 3:00pm Friday: 10:00am to 12 Noon

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.

Baptisms or Weddings

Please call the Rectory during regular weekday business hours for more information or to make arrangements. 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	Jim Sweet	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese
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Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Frataloni	Rick Azillo	Jeannetta Torres	Pam Simso
Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Michael Walsh	Richard Berg	Diane Turek	George Travers
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Antonio Vescio	Jackie Hamilton	Phil Tavella, Jr.
Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Cathy Sinica	Kathleen Ford	Chuck Scott	Hamilton Family
Kathleen Dominick	Chris Rohleder	Joan Kennedy	Joanna Marvin	Ken Schulman	Chuck Corbo
Janina Stachurski	John Lima				



The Parish Offices will be closed Monday, May 31st, in honor of Memorial Day.

There will be one mass at 7:00am.
No 5:30pm mass.

**PLEASE SAY A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO DIED IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY!
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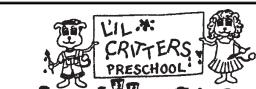
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