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May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

This I command you:



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Words by God ~ John 15:17
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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 10

7:00 AM† Pedro Mendez
5:30 PM † Daniel C. Callahan (1st Anniversary)

Tuesday, May 11

7:00 AM† Ana Fernandez
5:30 PM† All Souls In Purgatory

Wednesday, May 12

7:00 AM† Mirila Rondon
5:30 PM † Noel Richter

Ascension of the Lord, Thursday, May 13

7:00 AM Intentions of St. Thomas Parishioners
5:30 PM † Lucy & Ralph Capece

Friday, May 14

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM Intentions of Mark & Barbara Ballard in Celebration of Their 61st Wedding Anniversary

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, May 15

5:15 PM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, May 16

7:30 AM† Frank M. & Roslyn De Bellis Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Michael & Teresa Testa Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† Giovanni & Maria Manna Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM † Rev. Edward A. Colohan Fr. Mirek

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2021	2020
May 2		
Collection	\$3,311.00	\$
On-Line	\$2,972.17	\$3,048.17
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,414.17</u>	<u>\$1,181.17</u>
752.00		
Votes	\$ 121.00	\$ 71.00
Monthly Maintenance		
Collection	\$ 915.00	\$
On-Line	\$ 859.00	\$ 944.00
Total	<u>\$1,774.00</u>	<u>\$ 944.00</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 2021 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum 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!



The Sanctuary Candle burns
May 9th through May 15th
for Jim Verda.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD
THURSDAY, MAY 13th
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses 7:00am & 5:30pm



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

We welcome the newly Baptized into the Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Evelyn Grace Rinaldi

Congratulations to her parents, family & friends!

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Deleze Cago Lynn Lockwood Irene Brennan

We extend our sympathy to their
families & friends.

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Parochial Vicar

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**The Jesus meets Aristotle Series with Fr. Mirek Presents
The ABC's of Philosophy: An Introduction to Philosophical Ideas
Wednesday, May 19th, 6:30PM in the Gym**

Who hasn't heard the words: **PANTA RHEI**, or **COGITO, ERGO SUM** or the famous sentence, **I KNOW THAT I KNOW NOTHING?** We all have brushed against so many of the ancient and contemporary ideas, schools of thought, branches and disciplines of various sciences, you name it. Many of us might even remember the names of all those famous people the sentences mentioned above are ascribed to. Therefore, I would like to invite all of you to a very special **Mother's/Father's Day Dinner** on Wednesday, **May 19th**, at 6:30PM in the gym of our Parish Center. Together, over a nice *Pasta Aglio e Olio* and a healthy *Vino*, we will discuss possible ways to cope with this ever-changing reality in such a way that we wouldn't need to compromise both; our faith and classic philosophical ideas that still apply (believe it or not) and secondly, to become more confident in expressing such faith in this rapidly evolving society. Come, join us for dinner and a lecture that will be an **INTRODUCTION** to Philosophy and Philosophical Concepts. *Please call or email the office by Friday, May 14th, so we will have the correct food servings and stay within our COVID capacity limit.*

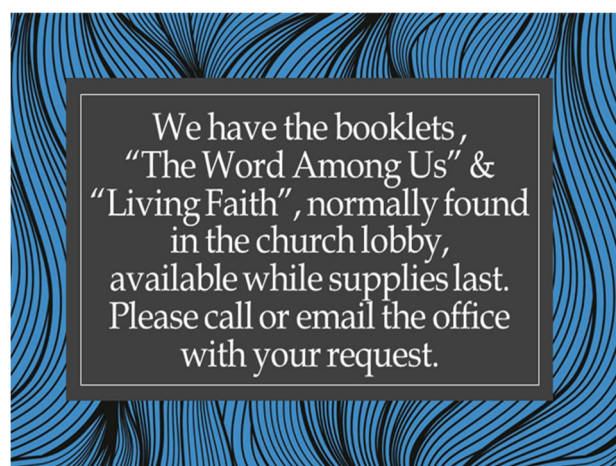
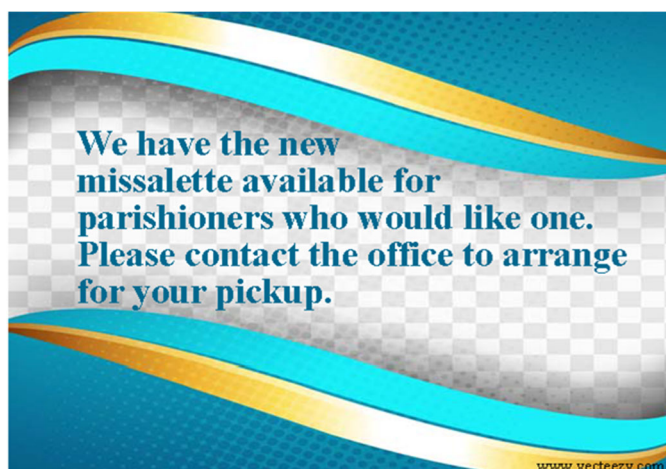
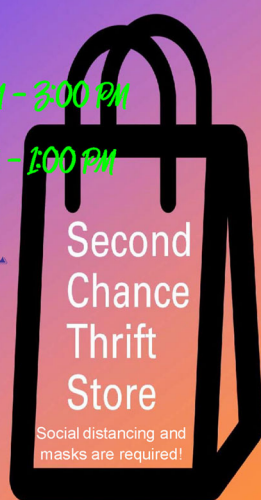
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Planning a wedding? Congratulations!!

Call the office to secure your date. We are having ceremonies with all current COVID guidelines in place. We also live-stream your ceremony for those who can't be with you or don't feel comfortable with participating in person. *You need to contact the office at least 9 months prior to your chosen date.*

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).

Happy Mother's Day!!

An Irish blessing

There is but one and only one,
Whose love will fail you never.
One who lives from sun to sun,
With constant fond endeavor.

There is but one and only one
On earth there is no other.
In heaven a noble work was done
When God gave us a Mother.

- ♥ **"A mother. When you're a child she walks before you, to set an example. When you're a teenager she walks behind you, to be there should you need her. When you're an adult she walks beside you, so that as two friends you can enjoy life together."**
- ♥ **"I hate when I'm waiting for my mom to cook dinner and then I remember that I am the mom and I have to cook dinner."**
- ♥ **"Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a Mother."**
- ♥ **"Everybody wants to save the Earth; nobody wants to help Mom do the dishes." P.J. O'Rourke**
- ♥ **"There's a reason some people think they can achieve anything. They listened to their mother."**
- ♥ **"Of all the haunting moments of motherhood, few rank with hearing your own words come out of your daughter's mouth." Victoria Secunda**

www.reekiemoms.com/48-mother-daughter-quotes-to-make-you-laugh-cry/

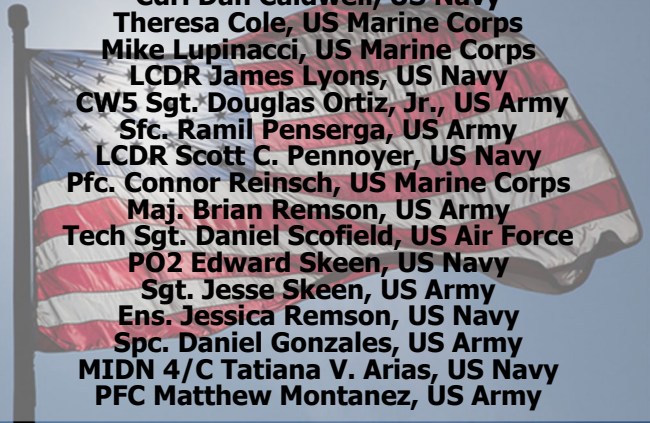
UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

- ♦ 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

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.

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country



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Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
LCDR James Lyons, US Navy
CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army
Sfc. Ramil Penserga, US Army
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PFC Matthew Montanez, US Army

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

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Prayer Requests!

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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:

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Janina Stachurski	John Lima				

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