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## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 11, 2023  
Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ



Words By God ~ John 6:53  
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*...unless you eat the flesh of the  
Son of Man and drink his blood,  
you do not have life within you.*

Rev. Mirosław Stachurski, Pastor  
(203) 866-3141

203 East Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 06855

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

### Daily Mass

#### Monday, June 12

7:00 AM† All Souls  
5:30 PM† Ryan Dudek

#### Tuesday, June 13

7:00 AM† Betty O'Boy  
5:30 PM† Intentions of the Michael Sweeney Family

#### Wednesday, June 14

7:00 AM† Roslyn De Bellis  
5:30 PM† NO MASS

#### Thursday, June 15

7:00 AM† NO MASS  
5:30 PM† Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon,  
Terry Cain & Luis Cardenas

#### Friday, June 16

7:00 AM NO MASS  
5:30 PM† Henry Simon

#### Sunday Vigil, Saturday, June 17

5:15 PM† Alfred Palumbo

#### Father's Day, Sunday, June 18

7:30 AM†	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM†	For All Fathers of Our Parish, Living & Deceased	Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM†	Ralph Monte (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)	Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM†	Betty Murphy	Fr. Mirek

**Celebrant**  
Fr. Mirek



The Sanctuary Candle burns  
June 11<sup>th</sup> through June 17<sup>th</sup> for  
the Festa, Verda, & Izzo Families.



ADORATION  
MONDAY NIGHT  
6PM - 8PM

### Banns of Marriage

I  
Lilliana Garcia & Estvan Murillo

**Rectory:**  
Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski  
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura  
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**  
Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

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Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

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Monika Piascik

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## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
<b>May 28</b>		
Collection	\$2,979.00	\$3,664.00
On-Line	\$2,318.00	\$2,318.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$3,730.00</u>	<u>\$4,346.00</u>
Votives	\$ 231.05	\$ 147.00
<b>June 4</b>		
Collection	\$3,936.00	\$3,908.00
On-Line	\$2,425.00	\$2,428.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,794.00</u>	<u>\$4,700.00</u>
Votives	\$ 132.26	\$ 207.00
<b>Monthly Maintenance</b>		
Collection	\$1,185.00	\$1,218.00
On-Line	\$1,275.00	\$1,151.00
Total	<u>\$2,460.00</u>	<u>\$2,369.00</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 Cathedralricum 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.

VACATION TIME IS  
QUICKLY APPROACHING!

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.

Sign up for on-line giving on our website,

[www.stthomasnorwalk.org](http://www.stthomasnorwalk.org)

or  
scan the QR code:





Upon the recommendation of Bishop Caggiano, St. Thomas the Apostle will implement the following changes as of June 1, 2023:

1. The parish office hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9am to 4pm. The office will be closed on Wednesdays.
2. All weekday masses that are already booked will be celebrated accordingly, however, no new masses will be booked for June and July. This will enable our parish to have only one full-time priest beginning in the early part of the new year.
3. Therefore, starting June 1<sup>st</sup> the weekly mass schedule will be posted at the entrances to the church, in the bulletin, and on our website. All these changes are already on our website parish calendar.
4. Beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, the weekday Mass schedule will be as follows:

Monday:	7:00am	5:30pm
Tuesday:	7:00am	NO 5:30pm The church will be closed at 4:00pm
Wednesday:	NO MASSES	The church will be open from 9 to 4 for private prayer
Thursday:	NO 7:00am	5:30pm The church will be opened at 9:00am for private prayer
Friday:	7:00am	5:30pm

If you have a scheduled Mass for a time when Mass will not be celebrated, someone from the office will be calling you to reschedule that Mass.  
Thank you for your patience during this transition.



The 2024 MASS BOOK will open on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, **from 10am until 1pm.** Only 2 Saturday Vigil or Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until September 12<sup>th</sup>. No phone or email requests until Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.



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

#### 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 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](http://2023BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.

***We have raised 118 gifts worth \$33,820 bringing our parish to 53.85% of its \$62,800 goal. Thanks to all who have participated! Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.***



## THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the mid-thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday or, as in the USA, on the Sunday following that feast.

This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist.

At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.

The Feast of Corpus Christi is commonly used as an opportunity for public Eucharistic processions, which serves as a sign of common faith and adoration. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.

[www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/solemnity-of-the-most-holy-body-and-blood-of-christ-270](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/solemnity-of-the-most-holy-body-and-blood-of-christ-270)



*Saint Anthony of Padua*

**COME JOIN IN THE  
CELEBRATION OF THE  
FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY  
NEXT SATURDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**MASS AT 12 NOON**

Reception hosted by the Charles Family  
immediately following in the gym.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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**High School Youth  
Group Car Wash**

**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

**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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**THOSE WHO SING,  
PRAY TWICE!**

If you like to sing, please consider joining our Parish Choir. We have our regular rehearsals on Sunday at 11:00am & sing at the 11:30am Mass. We have special rehearsals for Christmas & Easter typically on Wednesday evenings leading up to the holiday. For more information, speak to Marge Kelley, our Music Director, after the 5:15pm, 9:00am, or 11:30am Mass OR send an email to [margaretkelley24@gmail.com](mailto:margaretkelley24@gmail.com).



St. Thomas for Apostolic  
Catholic Formation - Norwalk, CT

**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.

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**



**Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps**  
**Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps**  
**CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army**  
**Sfc. Ramil Penseraga, US Army**  
**LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy**  
**Tech Sgt. Daniel Scofield, US Air Force**  
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**Details**

Where: St Matthews Rec Center 216 Scribner Ave Norwalk

When: 3 weeks: WK1 July 10-14, WK2 July 17-21, WK3 July 24-28

Who: Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (must have completed K)

Cost : **AM - Share the Ball \$275/week (15 hours)**  
 - registration capped at 50

**PM - Norwalk Junior Lacrosse \$175/week (10 hours)**  
 - registration capped at 30

Joint "Hoops & Lax" inclusive of noon break \$450/week (30 hours)

**Register for either program or both for a full day of fun !**

Rob Wilson, Director & Head Coach  
[RobWilson@ShareTheBall.com](mailto:RobWilson@ShareTheBall.com)

Nick Phillips, NJL President  
[nlaxpresident@gmail.com](mailto:nlaxpresident@gmail.com)

 Check us out and follow us on Instagram   
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**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](http://www.stthomasnorwalk.org)

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 Joe Dudek  
 Glenn Iannaccone  
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 John Stoops

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 Director

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 Principal  
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## 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](mailto: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
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Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Kathleen Ford	Antonio Vescio	Jackie Hamilton	Debbie Poruban
Kathleen Dominick	1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	John Lima	Denise Cassin
Dawn Grover	Nancy G.	Joanna Marvin	Ken Schulman	Holly Sanders	Vinny Massaro
Mike D.	Elizabeth Malerba	Alessandro Fornara	Jim Charest	Frank Longo	Patricia M.
Stefanie Sena	Jim Bogdany	Paul F.	David R.	Steve C.	George R.
Eileen Remlin					

**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



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