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# ST. THOMAS

## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 12, 2023



### 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.”  
- Mt 5:33

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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, February 13

7:00 AM† All Souls  
5:30 PM Intentions of the Michael Sweeney Family

#### Tuesday, February 14

7:00 AM† Gino Restaini  
5:30 PM† Forgotten Souls

#### Wednesday, February 15

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella  
5:30 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon,  
Terry Cain & Luis Cardenas

#### Thursday, February 16

7:00 AM Sharon Fallon  
5:30 PM Anne Porco

#### Friday, February 17

7:00 AM† Rory O'Dwyer  
5:30 PM† Dr. John Sacco

#### Saturday Vigil, February 18

5:15 PM† James Harrison

#### Sunday, February 19

7:30 AM†	Francesco Cenatiempo	Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM†	Michael Walsh	Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM†	Special Intention	Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM†	Pagliano Family	Fr. Mirek

**Celebrant**  
Fr. Mirek



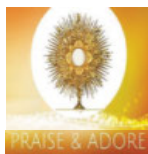
The Sanctuary Candle burns  
February 12<sup>th</sup> through February 18<sup>th</sup>  
for the Intention of the Lage Family.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and  
let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers:

**Ann Ruggiero**

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.



**ADORATION  
MONDAY NIGHT  
6PM - 8PM**

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
<b>February 5</b>		
Collection	\$3,743.00	\$3,899.00
On-Line	\$2,335.00	\$2,587.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,567.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,636.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$4,511.00</u>	<u>\$4,850.00</u>
Votives	\$ 168.02	\$ 126.00
<b>Monthly Maintenance</b>		
Collection	\$1,393.00	\$1,121.00
On-Line	<u>\$1,153.00</u>	<u>\$1,020.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,546.00</u>	<u>\$2,141.00</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 Cathedral 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.

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### Mass Schedule

7:00am 12:05pm 5:30pm 7:00pm

Ashes will be distributed

during mass only

### Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski  
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura  
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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Monday through Friday 9 - 4  
Closed Saturday & Sunday

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Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

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(203) 434-6488

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[stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com)

### Parish Bookkeeper

Monika Piascik

### Facilities:

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**The 2023 MASS BOOK is open. Please call, email, or stop in the office to book your masses & candles.**

**MONDAY NIGHT BINGO**

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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](http://troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com).



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*MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR*

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,

I would like to again thank you all for your continued generosity to our parish family. The Challenge Grant has once again exceeded our expectations. We have received contributions and pledges totaling \$77,800. This money will greatly help us meet our goals throughout the coming year.

Of course, we must never forget our anonymous parish family who so graciously puts us to the challenge. Their continued support of the parish is beyond our words of thanks and gratitude. Please remember them in your prayers as Fr. Ralph and I do.

*fr. minville*



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Future priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport receive comprehensive formation in theology, pastoral ministry, personal growth, and, most importantly, the spiritual life at seminaries chosen by the Bishop to best suit the needs of the seminarian and of the diocese. Preparation for the Priesthood takes anywhere from six to eight years, depending on the age and educational background of the man when he enters. All of our seminarians receive graduate degrees in theology prior to their ordination. Through your generous gift to the Bishop's Appeal, the Diocese will be better able to support men who are discerning priesthood and may respond generously and courageously to that call.

Thank you for your gift.

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.



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- Lessons from the Minivan

## 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:

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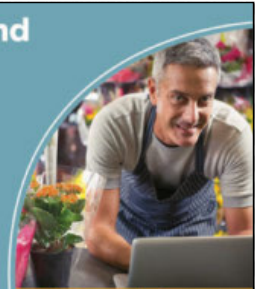
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