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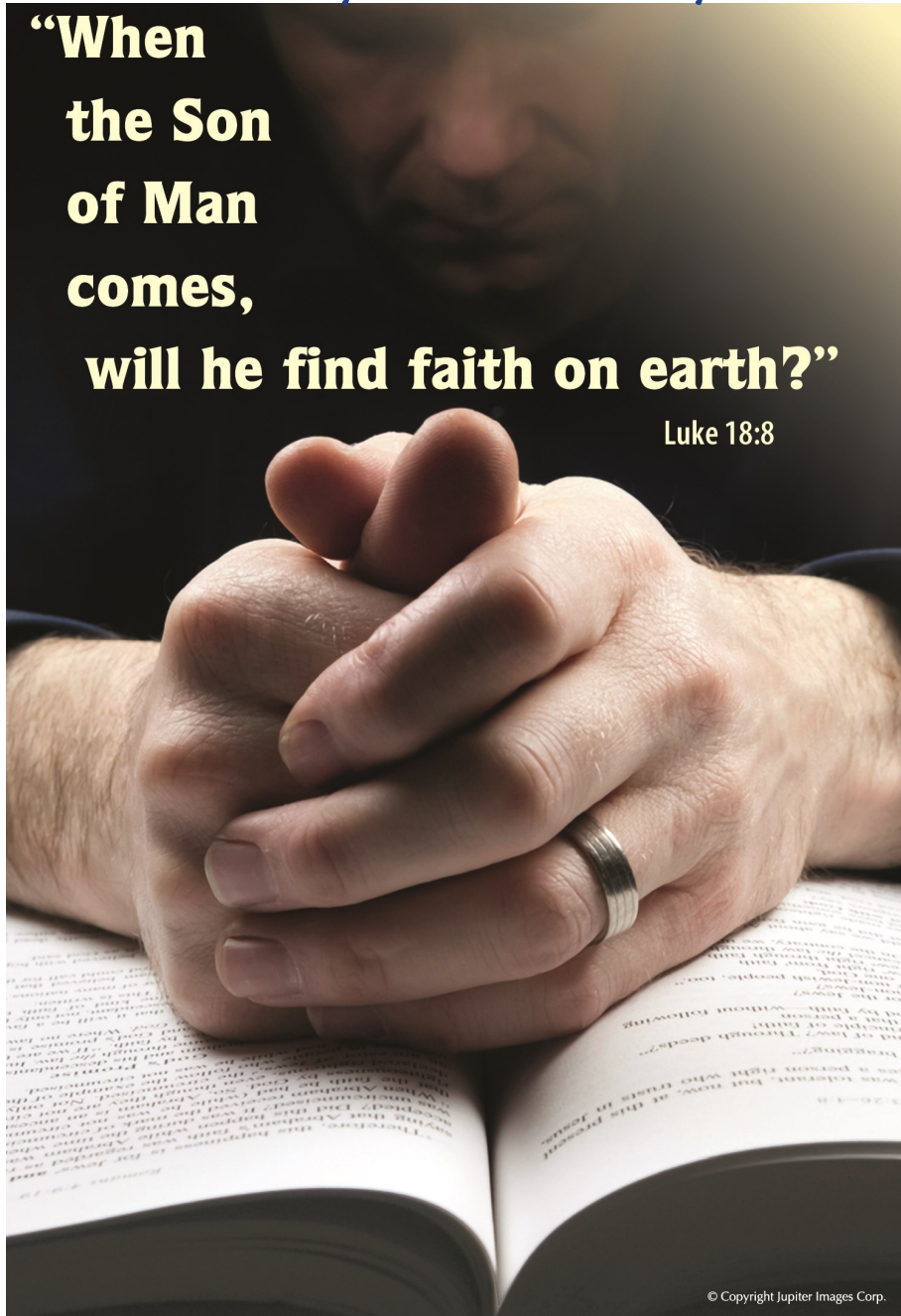
ST. THOMAS

THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 16, 2022 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“When
the Son
of Man
comes,
will he find faith on earth?”**

Luke 18:8



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Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor

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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, October 17

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

Tuesday, October 18

7:00 AM † Denise & Kristen Willen
5:30 PM † John Dominick

Wednesday, October 19

7:00 AM Intentions of Joseph & Mary Remlin &
All Married Couples Who Want to Start a
Family
5:30 PM † Gregoire Dumas

Thursday, October 20

7:00 AM † Wayne Embry, Jr. (1st Anniversary)
5:30 PM † No Mass – Confirmation at St. Philip

Friday, October 21

7:00 AM † Tony Montana
5:30 PM † Mario Laracca (1st Anniversary)

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, October 22

5:15 PM † Claire Beggan & Family

Sunday, October 23

7:30 AM †	John Dominick	Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM †	Ralph Monte	Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM †	Margaret G. & Edward J. Kelley	Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM †	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Mirek

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2022	2021
October 9		
Collection	\$3,443.00	\$2,933.00
On-Line	\$2,317.00	\$2,631.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,193.00</u>	<u>\$3,928.00</u>
Votives	\$ 91.27	\$ 140.00

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 2023 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralicum 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR FLORIDA HURRICANE IAN VICTIMS SECOND COLLECTION OCTOBER 22nd & 23rd



October is the Month of the Rosary
Come, Pray the Rosary in Church!
Monday - Friday 6:30am
Monday 7:00pm
Saturday 7:30am & 4:45pm

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Please remember in your prayers:
Harriet Barnstead
We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.



The Sanctuary Candle burns
October 16th through October 22nd for
Mario Laracca.



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

Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm
Social Distancing will be maintained.
Masks must be worn.

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. The main menu is located by clicking the 3 bars located on the homepage in the upper right-hand corner of the page. We have also added buttons for pages at the top of the homepage. **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

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Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT
Wedding Jubilee Mass

For all those married couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th or 50+ year anniversaries are invited to gather at Saint Mary Parish, 26 Dodgingtown Road, Bethel

on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

*at 11:00 am for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano
 Space is limited to four guests.*

To register, please contact Patricia Hansen at phanen@diobpt.org or 203.416.1342.



2022 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL
 We have raised 178 gifts worth \$45,939 bringing our parish to 73.15% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. **Thanks to all who gave or pledged!**

Birthright is in need of gently worn *baby and maternity clothing*. Please call to arrange for a drop off. They also need volunteers (especially Spanish speaking). Opportunities include friendship counseling, clerical, and clothing work. Training is provided. Please call the Norwalk Chapter for more information: (203) 853-4872.

St. Ann Holiday Fair
 16 Hendricks Ave.
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November 20, 2022
10:00am – 4:00pm
*Crafts * Artisans * 50/50 Raffle * Food
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Vendor Tables
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Registration must be paid in full by Nov. 5th

Contact
 Patty Murphy 203-853-6685
 Virginia Tartaglia 203-853-3274

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT YOUNG ADULT

OKTOBER FEST

MASS W/BISHOP CAGGIANO @ 5PM
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
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\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION TO SUPPORT SEMINARIANS

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FROM A COMMENTARY ON HAGGAI BY SAINT CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP

(Cap. 14: PG 71, 1047-1050)

When our Savior came, he appeared as a divine temple, glorious beyond any comparison, far more splendid and excellent than the older temple. He exceeded the old as much as worship in Christ and the gospels exceeds the cult of the laws, as much as truth exceeds its shadows.

Furthermore, I might point out that originally there was just one temple at Jerusalem, in which one people, the Israelites, offered their sacrifices. Since the only-begotten Son became like us, and as Scripture says, *though he was Lord and God, he has shone upon us*, the rest of the world has been filled with places of worship. Now there are countless worshipers who honor the universal God with spiritual offerings and fragrant sacrifices. This surely, is what Malachi foretold, speaking, as if in the person of God: *I am a great king, says the Lord; my name is honored among the nations, and everywhere there is offered to my name the fragrance of a pure sacrifice.*

With justice, therefore, do we say that the final temple, the Church, will be more glorious. To those who are so solicitous for the Church and labor for its construction, Haggai declares that a gift will be made, a gift from heaven given by the Savior. That gift is Christ himself, the peace of all men: *through him we have access in the one Spirit to the Father.* The prophet goes on to say: *I will give peace to this place and peace of soul to save all who lay the foundation to rebuild the temple.* Christ too says somewhere: *My peace I give you.* Paul will teach how profitable this is for those who love: *The peace of Christ, he says, which surpasses all understanding will keep your minds and hearts.* Isaiah, the seer, made the same prayer: *O Lord our God, give us peace, for you have given us everything.* Once a man has been found worthy of Christ's peace, he can easily save his soul and guide his mind to carry out exactly the demands of virtue.

Haggai, therefore, declares that peace will be given to all who build. One builds the Church either as a teacher of the sacred mysteries, as one set over the house of God, or as one who works for his own good by setting himself forth as a living and spiritual stone *in the holy temple, God's dwelling place in the Spirit.* The results of these efforts will profit such men so that each will be able to gain his own salvation without difficulty.



FAITH ON TAP

SPOOKY SEASON SPECTACULAR

Thursday, 27 October
At 7:30 PM
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Young Adults Ages 18-35



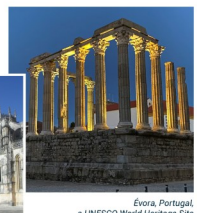
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ENTRANCE EXAM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 & NOVEMBER 12 AT 8:00AM

All eighth-grade applicants must take an entrance exam at one of the four Diocesan high schools. All applicants must complete an online application prior to the exam. Registration information can be found on the school's website, ww.notredame.org.

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

New 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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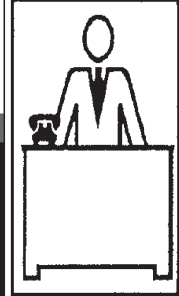


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