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THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 16, 2025



6th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

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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 17

7:00 AM† Carol Crimi
5:30 PM Intentions of Catherine Perez & Jarrod Sheehan

Tuesday, February 18

7:00 AM† Harold Hughes, Jr. (1st Anniversary)
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, February 19

NO MASS

Thursday, February 20

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 AM† Donato Tronbelli

Friday, February 21

7:00 AM† Albert Bruno
5:30 PM† Karen Carson

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, February 22

5:15 PM For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

Sunday, February 23

7:30 AM† Marie Joyce
9:00 AM† Connie Colosimo
11:30 AM† Giuseppe Passarrelli
5:00 PM † Anna Bonaddio



The Sanctuary Candle burns
February 16th through February 22nd
in memory of Paddy Regan.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Please remember in your prayers:

Belbrunz Joseph

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.



**ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHTS
6PM - 8PM**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2025	2024
February 9		
Collection	\$2,376.00	\$3,896.00
On-Line	\$2,401.00	\$2,674.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,547.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,506.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$3,230.00</u>	<u>\$5,064.00</u>
Votives	\$ 136.00	\$ 126.86

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 2025 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralicum Assessment is \$80,448. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,547. This represents an annual increase of \$2,124.00 from the prior year.

Confession in Church

Every Saturday

4:00pm until 4:30pm

Or by Appointment



Holy Hour for Vocations

Second Thursday of every month

7:00-8:00pm, St. Theresa Church

5301 Main Street Trumbull

Sponsored by the Lay Dominicans, Our Lady of Fatima Fraternity. All are welcome to attend. For more information about the Lay Dominicans, please contact Mrs. Michelle Rowe, O.P. Formation Director, by phone, (203) 218-6882, or email, orapronobis20@gmail.com.

Presidents Day

Monday, February 17th,
the Parish Offices are closed.
The Masses are at 7:00am & 5:30pm with
Adoration from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.
The Rosary will be prayed at 7:00pm.

Rectory:

Rev. Ralph Segura
Pastor (ext.19)

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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 pages such as "Senior Info", "Events in Our Diocese", & "Useful Links". We have an interactive Google Calendar where you can add to your personal calendar with a simple click on the item. All forms are available as fillable PDFs. 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.**



CONSIDER JOINING THE SCOUTS! SCOUT TROOP 222

We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center gym and follow the school year calendar. We need at least 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. For more information about Troop 222, please call the office.

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7:15PM - SPEAKER & DIALOGUE

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FR. DAVID ROMAN

RSVP's not required but encouraged
SaintPaulGuild@diobpt.org



2024-2025 RECIPIENTS



\$2,851,855
awarded



1,319
students



\$44,605
avg. family
income

Bishop's Scholarship Fund Applications Open February 1, 2025

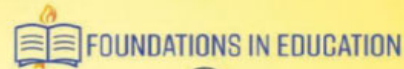
Foundations in Education is pleased to announce that applications to the Bishop's Scholarship Fund open February 1st.

Families who have a child currently enrolled or are new applicants in a Diocesan-sponsored Catholic elementary school are eligible to apply for 2025-2026 tuition assistance for Grades K-8.

Apply online via the FACTS Grant & Aid, www.FACTSmgt.com/aid, and complete all questions relating to Bishop's Scholarship Fund.

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*FROM THE TREATISE AGAINST HERESIES BY SAINT IRENAEUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR
(LIB 3, 19, 1.3-20, 1: SC 34, 332, 336-338)*

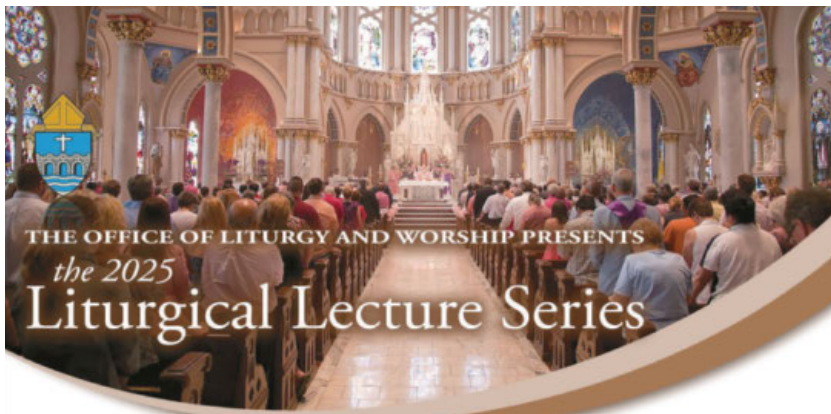
The Word of God became man, the Son of God became the Son of Man, in order to unite man with himself and make him, by adoption, a son of God. Only by being united to one who is himself immune could we be preserved from corruption and death, and how else could this union have been achieved if he had not first become what we are? How else could what is corruptible and mortal in us have been swallowed up in his incorruptibility and immortality, to enable us to receive adoptive sonship? Therefore, the Son of God, our Lord, the Word of the Father, is also the son of man; he became the son of a man by a human birth from Mary, a member of the human race.

The Lord himself has given us a sign here below and in the heights of heaven, a sign that man did not ask for because he never dreamt that such a thing would be possible. A virgin was with a child and she bore a son who is called Emmanuel, which means "God with us." He came down to the earth here below in search of the sheep that was lost, the sheep that was in fact his own creature, and then ascended into the heights of heaven to offer to the Father and entrust to his care the human race that he had found again. The Lord himself became the firstfruits of the resurrection of mankind, and when its time of punishment for disobedience is over, the rest of the body, to which the whole human race belongs, will rise from the grave as the head has done. By God's aid it will grow and be strengthened in all its joints and ligaments, each member having its own proper place in the body. There are many rooms in the Father's house because the body has many members.

God bore with man patiently when he fell because he foresaw the victory that would be his through the Word. Weakness allowed strength its full play, and so revealed God's kindness and great power.

From a treatise Against Heresies by Saint Irenaeus, bishop, The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. III, Ordinary Time, Weeks 1-17, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1975, pp. 150-151.

The Winter Liturgical Lecture Series has been cancelled. *The Active Participation of the Faithful* topic will be covered during the Lenten Series beginning on March 20th at St. Mary in Greenwich.



*The Liturgical Lecture Series is part of the Diocesan Eucharistic Renewal envisioned in "The One."
Showcasing truth, beauty and goodness in ritual practice.
Encouraging a full, active and conscious participation within engaged accompaniment.*

Thursdays from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

presented by Fr. Peter Lenox, SLL, MLM, Vicar for Liturgy and Worship

LENT | The Active Participation of the Faithful

March 20 | St. Mary, Greenwich in the Parish Hall
March 27 | St. Jude, Monroe at the Social Hall
April 3 | St. Pius X, Fairfield in the Community Room

SPRING | The Theology and Ecclesiology of the Mass

May 8 | St. Jude, Monroe at the Social Hall
May 15 | St. Pius X, Fairfield in the Community Room
May 22 | St. Mary, Greenwich in the Parish Hall

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Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
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DIOCESAN Eucharistic Retreat 2025
March 11-13

Join us for a transformative Eucharistic Retreat this March 2025, offered in both English and Spanish at two locations across the Diocese. These three-day retreats will deeply explore our relationship with the Eucharist through inspiring presentations, daily Mass, Adoration, and opportunities for Reconciliation.



ENGLISH RETREAT
Notre Dame of Easton
655 Morehouse Rd, Easton, CT

Join **Fr. Richard Veras** at Notre Dame in Easton for "The Word Made Flesh," a three-day Eucharistic retreat exploring Christ's presence from Old Testament to present day.

Day #1: The Longing of the Heart and the Promise of Israel: Jesus in the Old Testament

Day #2: Emmanuel, the Promise Fulfilled: Jesus in the Gospels

Day #3: The Promise Remains Present: Jesus in the Church

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PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY PERISHABLES IN THE DROP BOX.

Coffee Tea

9oz to 12oz Box of Cereal

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PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

If you would like to add or removed a name 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:

Tim/Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
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DID YOU KNOW... you must complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy 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 OCIA (Order of Christians Initiation for Adults) program is for you!! Just call the parish office at (203) 866-3141 for more information.

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

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.

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