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## *The bread of God*

*is that which comes  
down from heaven and  
gives life to the world.*

*John 6:33*

August 1, 2021

EIGHTEENTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME



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Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor  
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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, August 2

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 7:00 AM † | William & Carmela O'Boy                               |
| 5:30 PM   | Intentions of Sarah & Lincoln<br>Berjorkmann & Family |

#### Tuesday, August 3

- |           |                         |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| 7:00 AM † | Christopher & Rosa Piro |
| 5:30 PM † | Palma Sweet             |

#### Wednesday, August 4

- |           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| 7:00 AM † | Souls in Purgatory |
| 5:30 PM † | Anna Horne         |

#### Thursday, August 5

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 7:00 AM † | Rev. Edward A. Colohan                    |
| 5:30 PM   | Intentions of David & Livia Feig & Family |

#### Friday, August 6

- |           |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| 7:00 AM † | Joseph & Jennie Festa |
| 5:30 PM † | Mass of Remembrance   |

### Sunday Masses

#### Saturday Vigil, August 7

- |         |                                 |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| 5:15 PM | Intentions of Janina Stachurski |
|---------|---------------------------------|

#### Sunday, August 8

- |            |   |                        |
|------------|---|------------------------|
| 7:30 AM †  | Angelo Liquori                          | Celebrant<br>Fr. Ralph |
| 9:00 AM †  | Jeffrey Cutuli                          | Fr. Ralph              |
| 11:30 AM † | Gene McElwain                           | Fr. Ralph              |
| 5:00 PM †  | For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased | Fr. Ralph              |



*The Sanctuary Candle burns  
August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>  
for Amerigo DiRenzo*

Please check the parish website for the latest updates to traffic on East Avenue & the surrounding area. We will post all announcements given to us as they are received.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

**Catherine DeFlorio   Joseph Tavella, Sr.**

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.

### Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski  
Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura  
Parochial Vicar

### Office Hours:

**Appointments 10-3 Monday through Thursday & Friday 10-12**  
Closed Saturday & Sunday

### Rectory Staff:

Catherine Mulvehill  
Business Manager

Cathy Lauder  
Parish Secretary

### Finance Chair:

Ulrike Schambeck  
(203) 434-6488

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**2021                    2020**

### July 25

Collection	\$3,297.00	\$2,662.00
On-Line	\$2,973.00	\$2,491.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,636.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,869.00)</u>
<b>Net Retained</b>	<b><u>\$4,634.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,284.00</u></b>
<b>Votives</b>	<b>\$ 176.00</b>	<b>\$ 88.00</b>

### 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 2022 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum Assessment is \$85,072. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,636. This represents an annual decrease of \$4,633.00 from the prior year.



**The 2022 MASS BOOK** is now open. Only 2 Saturday Vigil/Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until September 1, 2021. Phone or email requests may also be made.

### —MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioner has died in the month of July: Antonietta DiMeglio. There will be a special mass for her and all deceased parishioners on **Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.** in the church. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. If you would like information about the ministry, please contact Jane Eichwald at 203-838-4590.



### Religious Ed Office:

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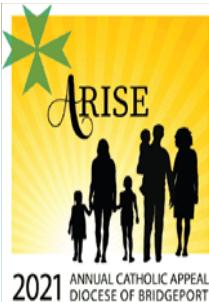
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The store will be closed for vacation from August 1<sup>st</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. It will re-open Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.



### 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have raised 163 gifts worth \$42,273 bringing our parish to 67.31% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

**Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!**

During these difficult times, please remember to support our local bulletin advertisers. Make the back 2 pages of this publication your "go to place" for local business help. They can only help us if we continue to help them!

**The Food Pantry is open  
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Questions? Call them at  
**(203) 866-1644**

## Memorial Masses for Our Parishioners:

**Nancy Lenihan**

**Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am**

**William (Bill) Lane**

**Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am**

**All are welcome!**

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Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We supply the materials - you supply the Love!! We meet once a month (usually on a Thursday) for about an hour to pray over the completed shawls and to pick up supplies. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm, in the Small Meeting Room of the Parish Center. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, or the Parish Office at (203) 866-3141, or go to our website and click on Parish Life, Ministries.



We still have Masses & Candles available for 2021. Please call or email the office to reserve your masses and candles.



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## PATRON SAINT OF PRIESTS ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY AUGUST 4

Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney, known as John in English, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France and was baptized the same day. He was the fourth of six children born to Matthieu and Marie Vianney. John was raised in a Catholic home and the family often helped the poor and housed St. Benedict Joseph Labre when he made his pilgrimage to Rome.

In 1790, when the anticlerical Terror phase of the French Revolution forced priests to work in secrecy or face execution, young Vianney believed the priests were heroes. He continued to believe in the bravery of priests and received his First Communion catechism instructions in private by two nuns who lost their convents to the Revolution. At 13-years-old, John made his first communion and prepared for his confirmation in secrecy. When he was 20-years-old, John was allowed to leave the family farm to learn at a "presbytery-school" in Écully. There he learned math, history, geography and Latin. As his education had been disrupted by the French Revolution, he struggled in his studies, particularly with Latin, but worked hard to learn.

In 1802, the Catholic Church was reestablished in France and religious freedom and peace spread throughout the country. Unfortunately, in 1809, John was drafted into Napoleon Bonaparte's armies. He had been studying as an ecclesiastical student, which was a protected title and would normally have exempted him from military services, but Napoleon had withdrawn the exemption in some dioceses as he required more soldiers. Two days into his service, John fell ill and required hospitalization. As his troop continued, he stopped in at a church where he prayed. There he met a young man who volunteered to return him to his group, but instead led him deep into the mountains where military deserters met. John lived with them for one year and two months. He used the name Jerome Vincent and opened a school for the nearby village of Les Noes' children. John remained in Les Noes and hid when gendarmes came in search of deserters until 1810, when deserters were granted amnesty.

Now free, John returned to Écully and resumed his ecclesiastic studies. He attended a minor seminary, Abbe Balley, in 1812 and was eventually ordained a deacon in June 1815. He joined his heroes as a priest August 12, 1815 in the Couvent des Minimes de Grenoble. His first Mass was celebrated the next day and he was appointed assistant to Balley in Écully.

Three years later, when Balley passed away, Fr. John Vianney was appointed parish priest of the Ars parish. With help from Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lerdet, La Providence, a home for girls, was established in Ars. When he began his priestly duties, Fr. Vianney realized many were either ignorant or indifferent to religion as a result of the French Revolution. Many danced and drank on Sundays or worked in their fields.

Fr. Vianney spent much time in confession and often delivered homilies against blasphemy and dancing. Finally, if parishioners did not give up dancing, he refused them absolution. He spent 11 to twelve hours each day working to reconcile people with God. In the summer months, he often worked 16-hour days and refused to retire. His fame spread until people began to travel to him in 1827. Within thirty years, it is said he received up to 20,000 pilgrims each year.

He was deeply devoted to St. Philomena and erected a chapel and shrine in her honor. When he later became deathly ill but miraculously recovered, he attributed his health to St. Philomena's intercession.

By 1853, Fr. Vianney had attempted to run away from Ars four times, each attempt with the intention of becoming a monk but decided after the final time that it was not to be. Six years later, he passed away and left behind a legacy of faith and was viewed as the champion of the poor.

On October 3, 1873, Pope Pius IX proclaimed Fr. Vianney as "venerable" and on January 8, 1905, Pope Pius X beatified him. St. John Vianney was canonized on May 31, 1925. His feast day was declared August 9 but it was changed twice before it fell to August 4. He is the patron saint of priests.

*St. John Vianney would often say: "Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: If you set it on fire, it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that."*

### Prayer of St. John Vianney

I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life.

I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You.

I love You, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally...

My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.  
[www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=399](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=399)



Golfer Registration due by August 28<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, go to their website at [www.assembly2459.org](http://www.assembly2459.org) or contact Ric Raffone at (203) 640-6482 or email [ricraf@togroup.com](mailto:ricraf@togroup.com).

Is your child entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade this school year?

Are you new to the parish with school aged children?

Then it's time to register for our Religious Formation Class. Please contact the Formation Office at (203) 866-1189 or email Michelle & Mary at [stthomasreleddoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasreleddoffice@gmail.com) to get your registration form.

**PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country**

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Sfc. Ramil Penserga, US Army  
LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy  
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**Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open!!**

An email link was sent to all previously enrolled students by Religious Formation. Please fill in one form for each child to be enrolled as soon as possible so that we can plan our classroom & catechist needs. *If you are new to the parish or have a child entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade, please email Michelle or Mary at [stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com).*

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## SACRAMENTS

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### 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.

### 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



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## 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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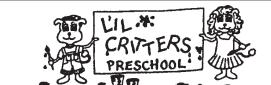
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