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June 18, 2023

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father's Day

A dad is someone who wants to
catch you when you fall.

Instead he picks you up, brushes
you off and lets you try again.

<https://www.treasurequotes.com/quotes/a-dad-is-someone-who-wants-to-catch-you-when-y>

Happy Father's Day!!

Rev. Miroslaw 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 19

7:00 AM† Antonio Rubbo, Maria Ciambrella, & Pasquale Rubbo

5:30 PM Intentions of Elena Krasij

Tuesday, June 20

7:00 AM† Jill Vasil Sell

5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, June 21

7:00 AM† William Cerutti

5:30 PM NO MASS

Thursday, June 22

7:00 AM NO MASS

5:30 PM NO MASS

Friday, June 23

7:00 AM NO MASS

5:30 PM † John Gaita

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, June 24

5:15 PM† Robert Hendrick, Sr.

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

Sunday, June 25

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Mirek

9:00 AM† Robert LeBlanc, Sr. Fr. Mirek

11:30 AM† Fran & John Tierney Fr. Mirek

5:00 PM † Charles Reilly Fr. Mirek



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
June 18th through June 24th for
Mario Laracca.*

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Charles Vaast, III Galz McDonald Joan Zahlman

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

Pray the Rosary in the Church

Monday - Friday: 6:30am

Monday: 7:00pm Saturday: 4:45pm

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
June 11		
Collection	\$3,471.00	\$3,436.00
On-Line	\$2,345.00	\$2,345.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,249.00</u>	<u>\$4,145.00</u>
Votives	\$ 80.30	\$ 162.90

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.

Banns of Marriage

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Liliana Garcia & Estvan Murillo

We welcome the newly Baptized into the
Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Grace Jo-Ann Kellogg

Congratulations to her parents, family, & friends!

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.

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scan the QR code:



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—Anonymous



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

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO
(except holidays)
St. Ann’s club
16 Hendricks Avenue
Norwalk
Doors open at 5:30pm.
First game at 6:45pm.
Refreshments available to purchase.

High School Youth Group Car Wash
Saturday, June 24th
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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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.

**THOSE WHO SING,
PRAY TWICE!**

If you like to sing, please consider joining our Parish Choir. We have our regular rehearsals on Sunday from 10:45 to 11:15am & 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.

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, call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.

We have raised 123 gifts worth \$34,205 bringing our parish to 54.47% of its \$62,800 goal. Thanks to all who have participated! Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.



*DO YOU LIKE TO
KNIT OR CROCHET?*

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our next meeting is **Thursday, June 22nd, at 7:00pm**, in the Small Meeting Room. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, or the Parish Office, or go to our website and click on Parish Life, Ministries.

WHY DO WE RING THE CHIMES OR BELLS DURING THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER?

The bells originally had a practical purpose. The Mass was in Latin, and the words were spoken quietly by the priest – so even microphones were not an issue. The bell was rung one time when the priest extended his hands over the chalice in blessing right before the Consecration. This was a signal to the congregation that the Consecration was about to take place. Then, when the words of Consecration had been spoken, the priest would genuflect, raise the Host (Chalice) to be visible to the people, and then genuflect again. The bell was rung at each of those steps – so the triple ring became common.

Nowadays, with the Mass in the vernacular language, and the words spoken aloud, the bells are rung in some parishes more as a continuity of tradition than as a practical matter.

High School Youth Group Meeting Rescheduled
 Our Youth Group will be meeting in the Parish Center Loft Wednesday, June 21st, from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. If you would like more information or want to be added to the Youth Group email list please contact Elizabeth Squicciarino, our Youth Group Coordinator, at stthomasyg1@gmail.com.

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Spc. Daniel Gonzales, US Army
MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
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PFC Larry Joyce, US Marine Corps



SPREAD THE WORD! The Diocese of Bridgeport has a tuition assistance program partially funded through the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Foundations in Education (FIE) has awarded over \$20 million in tuition assistance to thousands of students and families who value Catholic education. They also awarded nearly \$650,000 in Innovation and Leadership Grants to Catholic school educators. Our Catholic schools are thriving and are attracting new families now more than ever. Over the 2 years since the pandemic, close to 450 new students applied for tuition assistance to enroll in our schools. Many of the families did not realize Catholic education was an option for them financially and were blessed to learn of the Bishop's Scholarship Fund. Visit their website for more information: www.foundationsineducation.org/



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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 5th 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

Nick Philips, NJL President
nlaxpresident@gmail.com

 Check us out and follow us on Instagram
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Register Here:

www.sharetheballclinics.us

www.norwalklax.org

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.**

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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. 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
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Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Fratoloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Hamilton Family
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