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August 6, 2023
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord



He was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.

Words By God ~ Matthew 17:2-3
Painting by Carl Heinrich Bloch

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor

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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, August 7

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM† Louis Caruso

Tuesday, August 8

7:00 AM† Betty Murphy
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, August 9

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM NO MASS

Thursday, August 10

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Jean, Anthony, & Harold Goral

Friday, August 11

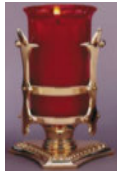
7:00 AM† Raymond O'Hara, Jr.
5:30 PM Intentions of the Michael Sweeney Family

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, August 12

5:15 PM† Anna Horne **Celebrant**
Fr. Mirek

Sunday, August 13

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM† Anthony Buono (1st Anniversary) Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM† Pietro, Suisa, & Giovanni Ferraro Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM† Carmen Uribe Gomez & Hernando Garcia Fr. Ralph



The Sanctuary Candle burns August 6th through August 12th in memory of the Amato's: Arthur, Sr., Mary, Sharon, & Arthur, Jr., & the Rolland Family.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. Please remember in your prayers:

Robert Flynn

We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.



Pray the Rosary in the Church
Monday - Friday: Before Any Scheduled Morning Mass at 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm Saturday: 4:45pm

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4

Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
July 30		
Collection	\$3,378.00	\$3,491.00
On-Line	\$2,308.00	\$2,550.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,180.00</u>	<u>\$4,474.00</u>
Votives	\$ 179.48	\$ 128.50

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 2024 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralium Assessment is \$78,324. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,506. This represents an annual decrease of \$3,148.00 from the prior year.

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

Millie Jay Streit

Congratulations to her parents, family, & friends!

VOLUNTEER

All that's missing is U!
Can you: Fold a shirt?
Wash a glass?
Unpack a box?

If yes, then we could use your help with our Annual Tag Sale! Drop-Offs begin mid-August. Drop-off dates will be announced in the coming weeks and we can use your help on any day.

Our Annual Parish Tag Sale is the largest fundraiser of the year. These funds are critical to cover our operating costs.

Please contact the Parish office by phone or email if you need more information or to volunteer.

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!



Our Giant Tag Sale will be the weekend of September 16th & 17th

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(203) 866-1219 Fax

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2023 GIANT TAG SALE



Drop Off Dates

Mondays:	August 14, 21, & 28	
	September 11	6 pm - 8:30 pm
Tuesdays:	August 15, 22, & 29	
	September 5 & 12	6 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturdays:	August 19, & 26	
	September 9	9 am - 12 Noon
Sundays:	August 20 & 27	
	September 10	9 am - 12 Noon

Please don't ask! We can't take it!!!

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Power Equipment Exercise Equipment
Pianos & Organs Empty Picture Frames
Household Appliances Video Game Players
Large Curio or Display Cases
Books (we will be taking children's books)

We reserve the right to refuse any donation not in
clean, usable, and/or saleable condition.

**FROM A SERMON ON THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
BY ANASTASIUS OF SINAI, BISHOP**

Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed to his disciples a heavenly mystery. While living among them he had spoken of the kingdom and of his second coming in glory, but to banish from their hearts any possible doubt concerning the kingdom and to confirm their faith in what lay in the future by its prefiguration in the present, he gave them on Mount Tabor a wonderful vision of his glory, a foreshadowing of the kingdom of heaven. It was as if he said to them: “As time goes by you may be in danger of losing your faith. To save you from this I tell you now that *some standing here listening to me will not taste death until they have seen the Son of Man coming in the glory of his Father.*”

Moreover, in order to assure us that Christ could command such power when he wished, the evangelist continues: *Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. There, before their eyes, he was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Then the disciples saw Moses and Elijah appear, and they were talking to Jesus.*

These are the divine wonders we celebrate today; this is the saving revelation given us upon the mountain; this is the festival of Christ that has drawn us here. Let us listen, then, to the sacred voice of God so compellingly calling us from on high, from the summit of the mountain, so that with the Lord’s chosen disciples we may penetrate the deep meaning of these holy mysteries, so far beyond our capacity to express. Jesus goes before us to show us the way, both up the mountain and into heaven, and—I speak boldly—it is for us now to follow him with all speed, yearning for the heavenly vision that will give us a share in his radiance, renew our spiritual nature and transform us into his own likeness, making us for ever sharers in his Godhead and raising us to heights as yet undreamed of. The Liturgy of the Hours, From a sermon on the transfiguration of the Lord by Anastasius of Sinai, bishop, Vol. IV, Ordinary Time, Weeks 18-34, Catholic Book Publishing Co., New York, 1975, pp. 1285-1286.



The Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary on
Tuesday, August 15, is a Holy
Day of Obligation.
Masses are at 7:00am and 5:30pm

The 2024 MASS BOOK is open. Only 2 Saturday Vigil
or Sunday weekend masses may be booked & no more
than 4 Sanctuary Candles until September 12th.
Phone or email requests are welcome.

View your life with gentle hindsight. Stop beating yourself
up about things from your past. Instead of asking yourself,
“What was I thinking?” ask yourself “What was I learning?”

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 in 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 140 gifts worth \$37,955 bringing our parish to 60.44%
of its \$62,800 goal. Thanks to all who have participated! Any and all
gifts are greatly appreciated.*

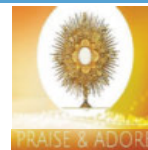


2023 - 2024

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.



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

High School Youth Group Meeting
Our Youth Group will be meeting in the
Parish Center Loft Sunday, **August 6th, from
4:30pm - 6:00pm.** 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.
**ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
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FRIENDS.**

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country



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Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army
Sfc. Ramil Penserga, US Army
LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy
Tech Sgt. Daniel Scofield, US Air Force
UT2 PO2 Edward Skeen, US Navy
SSG Sgt. Jesse Skeen, US Army
Spc. Daniel Gonzales, US Army
MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
PFC Matthew Montanez, US Army
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 Christopher Jarboe
 John Stoops

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 Nancy Cook-Owens,
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All Saints School:
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 139 West Rocks Road
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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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Stefanie Sena	Jim Bogdany	Paul F.	David R.	Steve C.	Jackson P.
Ginny DeMarco					

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The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. is accepting applications for new volunteers! Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. If you have an interest in companionship, light housekeeping or making meals, please contact Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers at (203) 315-7510.



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