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May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter



Congratulations to our 2022 First Communicants

Giuliana Cerra

Liam Chiavegatto

Elianna Corona

Mason Mullarkey

Andrew Parmalee

Nicolas Piazza-Palotto

Konrad Rodzik

Joshua Russo

Nicholas Skiadas

Maddison Charles

Matthew Collins

Antonio D'Angelo

Rosie Pacheco

William Peter

Luke Putetti

Alexandra Ruiz

Francesca Siano

Helena Vladimirov

Rev. Mirosław 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, May 2

7:00 AM† Tracey LeBlanc
5:30 PM† Jean Montana

Tuesday, May 3

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM† Jim Verda

Wednesday, May 4

7:00 AM Special Intention
5:30 PM Intentions of Nell & Mark Bernegger & Family

Thursday, May 5

7:00 AM In Celebration of the First Mass Celebrated at
St. Thomas the Apostle
5:30 PM † Cherubina Mirolla

Friday, May 6

7:00 AM† Joseph Hanlon
5:30 PM † Mass of Remembrance

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, May 7

5:15 PM Joseph & Jennie Festa

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living &
Deceased
9:00 AM† For All Mothers of Our Parishioners,
Living & Deceased
11:30 AM† Maria Mastroianni, & Her Daughters,
Josephina, Maria, & Anna
5:00 PM † John & Agnes Cole

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2022	2021
April 24		
Collection	\$3,261.00	\$4,151.00
On-Line	\$2,650.00	\$2,488.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,636.00)	(\$1,869.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,275.00</u>	<u>\$4,770.00</u>
Votives	\$ 160.00	\$ 87.00
Catholic Home Mission		
Collection	\$ 717.00	\$ 423.00
On-Line	\$ 235.00	\$ 230.00
Total	<u>\$ 952.00</u>	<u>\$ 653.00</u>

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 Cathedralicum 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.

—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioner died in the month of April: Mary Long. There will be a special mass for her and for all deceased parishioners on **Friday, May 6th, at 5:30 PM** 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.



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
May 1st through May 7th
for Mary Shahhein Dyson.*

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

Elianna Corona

Congratulations to her parents, family & friends!



**FIRST
FRIDAY**

**ADORATION
May 6th
7:30am to 5:00pm**

**BLESSING OF ALL NEW TEEN DRIVERS
SATURDAY MAY 15TH & SUNDAY, MAY 16TH**

After the 5:15 pm, 11:30 am, and 5:00 pm Masses
Please drive up to the priest in the back parking lot, and he will bless the driver and the car with holy water.



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

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Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar

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PRAYER BREAKFAST FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

Saturday May 7th, 9:30-12:30

Ethan Allen Inn

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\$25.00 -Reservations Required By April 30th

The guest speaker, *Sister Frances Smalkowski*, will share her testimony and lifelong ministry and devotion to God.

No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, please call Carol Flynn at 203-775-3875 or email magnificatthmi@gmail.com. Invitation is available in the Women's Ministry Section of the Diocese of Bridgeport website. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.



2022 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We have raised 108 gifts worth \$23,464 bringing our parish to 37.36% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. **Thanks to all who gave or pledged!**



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Pray the Rosary!

Monday - Friday

6:30am

Monday

7:00pm

Saturday

7:30am & 4:45pm

HELP WANTED!!!

We, as the community of St. Thomas Parish, are blessed by the tremendous witness and involvement of our young and old families and individuals in proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom. Why do we do all these remarkable works of charity? Maybe today you can commit one Sunday of your busy schedule to help our parish as a Lector, Minister of the Holy Eucharist, maybe as an Usher or Hospitality Minister? Perhaps we could grow our Parish Ministries, to some scale, back to the so called "before Covid pandemic times" numbers? We do all we do at St. Thomas because we know it is the right thing to do, to help others, to be nice, to be kind, to have high moral standards, to just simply be a decent human being. Whatever the answer might be, I am very proud to be a part of you, of a great community of faith, that shows that faith in practice so well.

fr. Mironik

Would you like to be more involved with our parish family? Please consider joining one of our ministries.

I am interested in assisting the Parish in the following ministries (check all that apply):

Mass Ministries:

Usher Lector Eucharistic Minister Choir

Adult Altar Server (to assist at funerals, no experience necessary, we will train)

Other Ministries (for a brief explanation of each, please click on "Parish Ministries" on our website):

Catechist Catechist Assistant Prayer Shawl

Food Pantry Bereavement Hospitality

Thrift Store Office Volunteer Money Counter (Monday Mornings)

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REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

This weekend, eighteen young disciples here at our parish are receiving First Holy Communion. This is a great blessing for the parish, and a great hope for the future of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, as well as the Church throughout the world. Now, I know that this is a special day for our families because of our Catholic tradition, and every family should be proud and joyful; but we must keep in mind that, just as we read in the scriptures for this weekend when the Apostles defended their faith and ministry in the name of Jesus Christ, we do this because *“we must obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29).”*

These young disciples who receive First Communion, as well as all of us every Sunday, do so because of what we read in the Gospel: *“While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins” (Matt 26:26-28).* In the end, what we enjoy at every Mass here at the parish is because Jesus taught us to do so through His very own words and deeds.

Fr. Mirek and I are very grateful for the blessing to be able to celebrate Mass here with you every day, and we are especially grateful and inspired when every year we see numbered young souls come forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

We would like to thank the parents of these newly blessed recipients of the body and blood of Jesus Christ for their virtuous efforts to be sure that their sons and daughters receive the sacraments of the Church. We would also like to thank Michelle O’Mara and Mary Vladimirov of the Religious Education Department, as well as Cathy Lauder, our Parish Secretary, Catherine Mulvehill, our Business Manager, Tito Rivera, for making our church property so beautiful for such occasions, and finally, Marge Kelley and the choir and cantors for providing the music for Mass.

As we continue our journey of faith as Catholics, may we continue to live and witness our Catholic faith and identity through our worship, prayer, works of charity in the name of Jesus Christ, grateful for the gift He gives us in His own body and blood; and may we continue to defend the Catholic faith and support our young disciples as they grow into the Catholic men and women they will be through our respect and reverence for the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, all of course, to the glory of God and for the salvation of souls.

Father Ralph



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FAIRFIELD PREP INFORMATION NIGHT
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THEIR PARENTS
THURSDAY, MAY 5th, FROM 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

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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.

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



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	Jim Sweet	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Jill Bowman	Emily Calabeese	Anne Edwards	Linda Lima
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Jack Cade	Jackie Capobianco	Nancy G.	Vinny Massaro	Alessandro Fornara	Jim Charest
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Questions? Call them at
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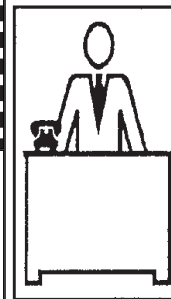


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