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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

*Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and
11:30 a.m.*

Weekday Masses (Chapel)

7:00 a.m. Monday to Friday

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)

Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

First Fridays: 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.



**The Perpetual Sanctuary Candle burns this week
In Loving Memory of John Cotte**

Offered by The Holko Family

Please remember John Cotte in your prayers.



Saturday, September 26

4:00 PM †Jay Williams (Birthday)--Mom, Lovallo

Sunday, September 27

7:30 AM Special Intention for Angela Rosa Piria--Family

9:30 AM †Massimo Scoditti--Bob Foran & Dorothy Heneghan

11:30 AM †Jan Gunnip (1st Anniversary)--Kathleen Gunnip-Ferris

Monday, September 28

7:00 AM Special Intention for Jim Freeman--Laura Freeman

Tuesday, September 29

7:00 AM Special Blessing on Austin & Nora (9th Wedding Anniversary)--Mom

Wednesday, September 30

7:00 AM Special Intention for Jim Freeman--Laura Freeman

Thursday, October 1

7:00 AM †Anna McElwee--Carol Crawford

Friday, October 2

7:00 AM Special Intention for Giuseppe Piria--Family

Saturday, October 3

4:00 PM †Robert Allen--Ed & Nancy Fox

Sunday, October 4

7:30 AM †Martha Hoffman--Joe & Sue Catalano

9:30 AM †Anne M. Kristoff--Husband

11:30 AM †Louis Kural Family--Sacred Heart Parish

Monday, October 5

7:00 AM Special Intention for Jim Freeman--Laura Freeman

Tuesday, October 6

7:00 AM Special Intention for Jim Freeman--Laura Freeman

Wednesday, October 7

7:00 AM Special Intention for Salvatore Piria--Family

Thursday, October 8

7:00 AM †Dunleavy--John Halpin

Friday, October 9

7:00 AM Special Intention for Jim Freeman--Laura Freeman



**ALTAR FLOWERS
ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MASSIMO SCODITTI**

**FROM BOB FORAN &
DOROTHY HENEGHAN**

Available for 2026:

Masses:

October: 30

November: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 16, 19, 20, 25, 29

December: 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 24, 27, 28,

Altar Bread & Wine: September: 27

Sanctuary Candle: November: 15

2027 MASS BOOK

The 2027 Mass Book will open on October 5 for Masses, Altar Flowers, Altar Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Candle. Weekend Mass requests are limited to 3 per family. There is no limit to weekday Mass requests.

Fees are as follows:

**Mass - \$15.00
Altar Bread & Wine - \$10.00
Sanctuary Candle - \$10.00
Altar Flowers - \$80.00**

BAPTISM



Sacred Heart Parish congratulates and welcomes

Ethan Marko Troy

**Baptized into God's Family on
September 20, 2026**

25th Anniversary Mass of the 9/11 Attack on Our Country

On September 11, 2026, we commemorated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the day in which our country was brutally attacked by radical terrorists and thousands of innocent people lost their lives.

Join Bishop Caggiano in the celebration of **Holy Mass on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Saint Aloysius Church located at 21 Cherry Street in New Canaan.**

That same evening, Bishop Caggiano will have the honor to inaugurate the newest Guild to be created in our Diocese, the **Guardian Angels Guild**, whose mission will be to spiritually serve all first responders and military personnel.

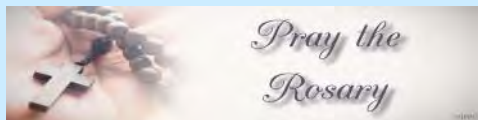


SACRED HEART PRAYER GROUP

As a special part of our growth in prayer as a community, we would like to invite our parishioners to contact us directly about praying for anyone. There are many who need special encouragement and healing for themselves, their family and friends.

We pray every Thursday and include many prayer requests. If a request comes during the week, I send emails to each prayer group member.

I would like to encourage you to contact me, Carole Wiemer (cawiemer@optonline.net) with your request. We do not need to know the name of the person who needs prayer, but you can say that the person is in school, college, military service, a hospital or nursing home.



Join us in Praying the Holy Rosary After Mass

During the month of October we will be reciting the Rosary after each weekend Mass, except for the Family Mass & Youth Mass beginning Saturday, October 3rd.

Please join us as we honor Mary during the month of the Holy Rosary. If you would like to be a leader or would like more information, please contact Candace Hammond at (646) 713-6204.



We will continue to have Family Mass every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. However, breakfast will be available only on the second Sunday of each month.

Our next Family Mass with Breakfast will be on Sunday, October 11 at 9:30 a.m.

All the parents and children of all grades are encouraged to participate in this beautiful celebration of the Eucharist and manifest our faith in the Sacrament.



If your child is interested in being a part of our Sacred Heart Children's Mass Choir, please contact Cecilia Bowers at 203-532-5472



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every first Friday of the month. It concludes with Benediction. Please come and pray with us this Friday, October 2nd in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m.



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to invite parishioners who knit or crochet (or would like to learn) to join us to knit or crochet prayer shawls. Their next monthly meeting is on Saturday, October 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the School Hall.

Collections with a thank you

THIS WEEK : Maintenance of Parish Buildings

NEXT WEEK : Seminarian Fund

September 19 & September 20

Weekly Offertory In Pew	:	\$ 2,641.75
2nd Collection (Monthly Offering)	:	\$ 1,384.85
Sunday Offertory Online (9/14-9/20)	:	\$ 962.00
Total Offertory	:	<u>\$ 4,988.60</u>
Weekly Budget	:	\$ 4,100.00
Over Goal	:	\$ 888.60

ARE YOU MISSING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you have not been receiving your set of Envelopes. Please notify the Parish Office at 203-531-8730.

**Please remember Sacred Heart Parish
in your Estate Planning.**

SEMINARIAN FUND - OCTOBER 3 & 4

This 2nd Collection next weekend will be for Seminarian Fund. This appeal comes at a time of great hope for our Diocese. This fall, for the first time in at least thirty years, The Diocese of Bridgeport will have more than 40 men preparing for the priesthood. These seminarians are preparing to become your brothers and coworkers in the vineyard. Providing them with excellent formation is one of our most important responsibilities as a local Church. This year, the cost is approximately \$70,000 per seminarian, bringing our total investment in seminarian formation to more than \$3 million. Please be as generous as your means allow.

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

Sacred Heart is introducing a new lavender envelope to support our Music Ministry four times a year, starting this upcoming November, March, May & August. These special collections will support our parish's musical and worship programs, keeping our liturgies beautiful and inspiring. The lavender envelopes will be available in your monthly envelope packets. Please be as generous as your financial means allow. Thank you for your continued support in lifting our prayers through song.

ONLINE GIVING

Would you please consider online giving?

This is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from your checking, savings or credit card account into the parish bank account. Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device or computer.



MALTA HOUSE BABY SHOWER EXTENDED TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

As Birthright has closed their Norwalk office, this year Sacred Heart Parish will support Malta House with our Annual Baby Shower. Malta House is located in Norwalk and their mission is to promote the dignity of God-given life by providing a nurturing home environment, support services and independent living skills to pregnant and parenting mothers of all faiths and their children.

They are currently in **MOST** need of the following items:

- New Infant Clothing
- Diapers
- Wipes
- Baby Bottles
- Baby Stroller

Please leave your donation by the cradle set up in the Baptismal area. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to "Malta House" and leave in the cradle or drop off in the collection basket in an envelope labeled "Malta House."

Thank you for supporting these mothers and their children. Please contact Kathy Wiegand at 203-559-8086 if you have any questions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
WEEKLY ADORATION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
IN THE CHAPEL**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or
by appointment*

Sacrament of Baptism

*Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays
at 12:45 p.m. Please call the parish office in
advance to schedule a Baptism.*

*For Those anticipating the birth and
Subsequent Baptism of their first child,
class is held on the third Saturday every
month at noon in the Rectory.*

Sacrament of Matrimony

*The Sacrament of Matrimony should
be arranged at least 6 months in
advance. Call the parish office for
more information.*



 **DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT**
Wedding Jubilee Mass
For all those married couples
celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th or 50+ year anniversaries
are invited to gather at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine in Bridgeport

on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026**

*at 11:00 am for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano
Space is limited to four guests*



On the occasion of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a **Blessing of animals on Sunday, October 4 at 12:30 p.m.** in the Church parking lot. Please come with your pets for a blessing on that day. All pets are welcome.

CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I give myself wholly to You.
Take my heart, my thoughts, my words,
and my deeds,
that I may love what You love
and desire what You desire.**

**Be my strength in weakness,
my refuge in temptation,
and my guide in every trial.
Reign in my mind, my heart, my will,
and my life,
that I may belong totally to You.**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus,
burn within me with Your holy love,
and make me faithful to You always.**

Amen

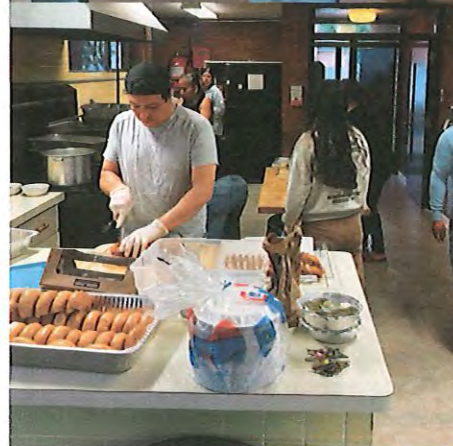
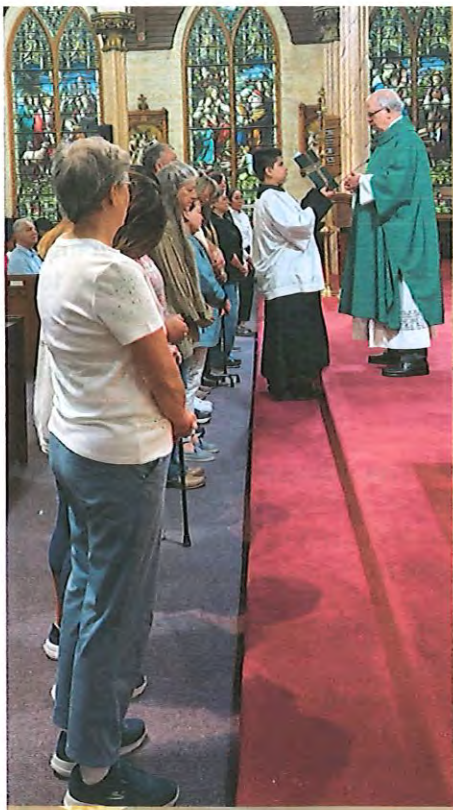
*Please pray this prayer every day for your
intentions and for the needs of the Diocese of Bridgeport.*

SCHOOL HALL RENTAL

Our School Hall is available for your use:

- 1. Business Meetings**
- 2. Birthday Parties**
- 3. Baptism Parties**
- 4. Confirmation Parties**
- 5. Wedding Reception**
- 6. Reception after Funeral**
- 7. Halloween Party**
- 8. Thanksgiving Party**
- 9. Baby/Bridal Shower**
- 10. Any other special event**

**If you are interested, please contact the office
during the office hours, at 203-531-8730.**



News from Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

What a joyful way to begin our new school year! Last Wednesday, September 16, our Faith Formation classes began, and we are blessed to welcome 170 students from 127 families.

To celebrate the start of the year, we gathered with our Youth Ministry for our first Family Mass. It was a beautiful and meaningful celebration, filled with prayer, joy, and fellowship. During the Mass, Father Mark gave a special blessing to all our students and catechists, entrusting them to God's loving care as they begin this new year of faith formation.

Our church was filled with families worshiping together—a wonderful reminder that when we come together as a faith community, we grow stronger in Christ.

This year, we are introducing Mass Attendance Cards for all Faith Formation students. The purpose is to encourage families to attend Mass faithfully each Sunday and to make worship a regular and joyful part of family life. We are proud to share that 110 of our 170 students attended Mass last weekend! This is a wonderful beginning, and we pray that every family will continue to grow in the habit of gathering together at the Lord's table each Sunday.

Our goal is to see all of our students and families worshiping together every weekend. Parents play an essential role in nurturing their children's faith, and your presence at Mass is one of the most powerful ways to help your children grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Our monthly Family Breakfast was also a great success. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who attended and to all those who helped with setup and cleanup. Your generosity and willingness to serve make these gatherings special and strengthen the bonds within our parish family.

Our Youth Group has also resumed its monthly meetings and Rosary, and we were blessed with a wonderful turnout. It is inspiring to see our young people come together in prayer, fellowship, and friendship as they continue to grow in faith.

We are also excited to announce the beginning of our Children's Mass Choir. A very special thank-you to our Music Director, Ashley Bennett, for her dedication and for all the time and effort she has given to bring this ministry together.

If your child is interested in being part of the Mass Choir, please contact me. We would love to welcome more children to this joyful ministry of worship and service.

May God continue to bless our children, youth, families, catechists, volunteers, and the entire parish community. Together, may we continue to lead our young people closer to Jesus and help them discover the joy of living and worshiping as His disciples.

God Bless,

Cecilia Bowers



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