



My Dear Friends,

Each year I come to you to ask your help to give generously to the various missions of our Diocese and help in my ministry to provide for the needs of the poor and the sick, our young people, our retired priests, and all the very charitable works that makes us who we are as the Catholic community of Fairfield County.

Each year you generously respond for which I am most grateful, but this year I come to you with particular joy because I am going to ask you once again to support those ministries and new initiatives that together are forming this one great invitation to renew the spiritual and pastoral life of our diocese.

Many of you have heard my presentation on “The One”; the one invitation, the one adventure, the one priority we all share to invite every believer to deepen their personal relationship with the Lord and to encounter His love, mercy, forgiveness, charity, and His joy, and to accompany one another individually and in small communities of faith.

We have perennially done much of that through the Bishop’s Appeal with opportunities to learn the faith for our young people and our children, to consider the works of beauty as a way to encounter Christ through the Sacred Heart Guild, to protect human life in all its stages and many other activities. We have been dedicated to this work, but now we have the opportunity to bring it to the next level and move forward.

I am deeply encouraged, excited and motivated to ask for your help so that this vision, which we all long for, will become ever more of a reality in our midst. That is why I come to you this year to ask for your help, to give sacrificially and generously so that our works of charity, our aid to the poor, our educational efforts and all initiatives will create that one great opportunity to show the world and one another who we truly are in Jesus Christ.

Together, will have a springtime of renewal in our midst, so that those who share faith with us and the generations to come will look back at this moment, this opportunity, and say they have done their work well.

My friends please give generously to the Annual Bishop's Appeal, and may God bless you and your families.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano

Bishop of Bridgeport

Atualização Importante – Reformas de Igrejas

Se você já doou, obrigado. Se ainda não o fez, considere em oração doar para o projeto de renovação da igreja. Existem algumas formas de doar:

- Colocado na cesta de ofertório no domingo (por favor, certifique-se de rotulá-lo como “Renovação da Igreja”)
 - Correio para o escritório
 - Use o Online Giving, que pode ser encontrado em nosso site www.olf-bridgeport.org
- É dentro das paredes de nossa igreja que a comunidade e a conexão começam. Obrigado pelo seu apoio

Renovation Goal	\$327,475.00
Total Received from Donations	\$139,763.00
Total Received from fundraisers	\$21,596.00
Total from ABA, We Stand with Christ, and ERC	\$64,936.00
59% of the Balance was paid out of operating budget	\$101,180.00

If you have already donated, thank you.

If you have not, please prayerfully consider donating to the Church Renovation project. There are a few ways to donate:

- Placed in the offertory basket on Sunday (please make sure to label it “Church Renovation”)
- Mail to the office
- Use Online Giving which can be found on our website www.olf-bridgeport.org

It is within the walls of our church where community and connection begin.

Thank you for your support.



**ONLINE
GIVING**

Giving made easy!
Support our mission and vision
using online giving which is safe
and easy to use.

Visit our website: www.olf-bridgeport.org to get started!

Procura-se ajuda:

Auxílio de permanência CNA com idosa portuguesa.
Experiência em elevador Hoyer preferida.
Tempo parcial ou integral. Ligue para 203-906-5293.

Help Wanted:

CNA live-in aid for elderly Portuguese woman.
Hoyer lift experience preferred. Please call 203-906-5293.

During the week of January 28-February 03, 2024



The Tabernacle Candle burns for:
Inner Wisdom and Guidance

Preview Readings for February 03, 2024

1st Reading: [Jb 7:1-4, 6-7](#)

2nd Reading: [1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23](#)

Gospel: [Mk 1:29-39](#)

Leituras para Domingo, Fevereiro 03 de 2024

1ª Leitura: L 1 Jb 7, 1-4. 6-7; Sl 146 (147), 1-2. 3-4. 5-6

2ª Leitura: L 2 1Cor 9, 16-19. 22-23

Evangelho: Ev Mc 1, 29-39

Vela do Tabernáculo — A partir de Janeiro 07 de 2024, os paroquianos poderão reservar o tabernáculo por uma semana em vez de um mês inteiro. Para garantir que todos tenham a oportunidade de homenagear ou lembrar um ente querido, pedimos que limitem os seus pedidos a um máximo de duas semanas durante o ano. A semana vai de domingo a sábado. Por favor ligue para Reitoria em 203-333-7575 para reservar sua semana.

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Tabernacle Candle—Beginning January 07, 2024, parishioners will be able to reserve the tabernacle for a week instead of an entire month. To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to honor or remember a loved one, we ask that you limit your requests to a maximum of two weeks during the year.

### Parish Sick List-During times of sickness and suffering, we pray with and for our brothers and sisters:

Mike Perille, E Coutinho  
Tommy Spitaleri, Silvina Andrade,  
Fernando Dinis, Alzira Alves,  
Santina DeVito, Maria Ferreira,  
Monteiro family, Rosanna Corvino Rosa, Frank M., Francisca Maria de Ceu Ferreira, Mellroras, Ginny Zapatka, Manuel Queiroga, Tom Kelly, Gustavo Pereira, Pat Stockdale, Anthony Bannon, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Joao C. Moura, Peter Fontes, Francisca Nunes, Julia, Evan, Mike Parente, Teresa Martins, Fr. Bruce, Ermelinda Fernandes, Debbie. Cindy, Antonio Barreira, Annette Louis-Charles, Johnny Sousa, Maria C, Steve, Jenny DosSantos, Special Intention.  
Julia McNamee



**NOTE:** Beginning week of February 8th, we will begin a new prayer list. Let us know who to omit or add to list. Thank you.

## Loaves and Fishes Campaign 2024

Will you and your family consider the Lenten sacrifice of a “meager meal” once a week during Lent and donate the money you would have spent on a more substantial meal to feed local families who can’t afford to put food on their table? Please consider supporting Catholic Charities Loaves and Fishes Lenten campaign to feed our most vulnerable neighbors. Food insecurity continues to be the number one issue impacting people in our community and your family’s Lenten sacrifice can make a significant impact! Donations can be made online via the Catholic Charities website at [www.ccfairfield.org/loaves](http://www.ccfairfield.org/loaves). Checks made out to Catholic Charities may be mailed to: Catholic Charities ATT: Finance Dept/L&F Campaign 238 Jewett Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06606.



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## Best Wishes to Marcy Kelly

Marcy’s last day at Our Lady of Fatima will be on February 2nd, 2024.

We are thankful for her 4 years of service in the Parish.

Sending prayers and blessing to Marcy, Tom, and the pups as they embark on their new adventure.

Please feel free to call her or send her a farewell message.



## Quarta-feira de Cinzas\* Ash Wednesday\*

Quarta-feira de Cinzas - 14 de Fevereiro de 2024

As cinzas serão distribuídas durante a Missa

8h00 – Português

12h00 – Português

19:00 – Bilingue

Existem também alguns Sacos de Cinzas Disponíveis.  
Por favor, veja o Pe. Rogério depois da missa.

(Ashes will be distributed during Mass)

8:00 a.m. - Portuguese

12:00 p.m. - Portuguese

7:00 p.m. - Bilingual

There are also a few “Ashes To Go” bags available.  
Please see Fr. Rogerio after Mass.



*The mission of the Bishop's Lecture Series is to provide opportunities for compelling adult faith formation regarding catechetical, theological or pastoral issues of contemporary importance. Each year four such lectures will be given in various regions of the Diocese.*

*After an initial period of prayer, the lecturer will present the talk that will be 45 minutes in length. After a short break, there will be a 30 minute period of conversation and dialogue with participants.*

*The evening will begin and end with light refreshments.*



### Father Clark to deliver the first Bishop's Lecture

**Date** | Wednesday, January 31, 2024

**Time** | 7 pm

**Location** | All Saints School, Norwalk

**Lecturer** | Reverend Michael Clark,  
Rector of Sacred Heart Oratory

**Topic** | Rooted in Light: Gothic Architecture  
and the Transformation of Culture

*Father Clark is the founding Rector of the Georgetown Oratory and the Guild of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus instituted on March 25, 2022 by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano. Father Clark is passionate about evangelization, particularly working with young people and young adults to provide an authentic experience of the Risen Lord. The Guild of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus exists to promote and foster Beauty in the Sacred Arts in the Diocese of Bridgeport.*

*Father Clark was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano in October 2019, at St. Thomas More Church in Darien. Prior to ordination, Father Clark studied at Cambridge University, graduating with a master's in theology and law in 2005. He studied for and was called to the bar in 2008 and practiced law as a barrister for five years. At the same time he was singing professionally at Exeter Cathedral and later moved to Buckfast Abbey as director of music, establishing a new professional choir of men and women from scratch. In 2012, Father Clark entered seminary to study philosophy and theology. He received an S.T.B. from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 2016 and studied at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute.*

# *The* BISHOP'S LECTURE SERIES 2024



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*or email: [bishopslecture@diobpt.org](mailto:bishopslecture@diobpt.org)*

