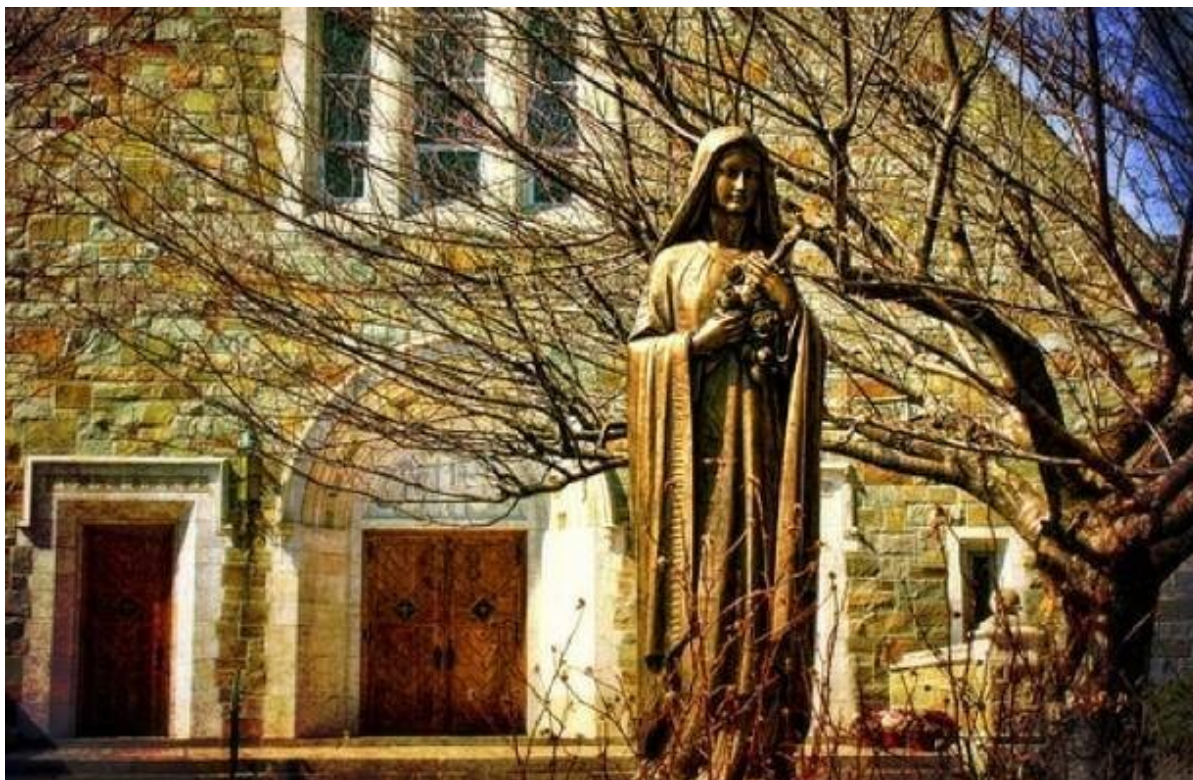


SAINT THERESA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF TRUMBULL



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 22, 2023

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00am, 10:30am and 12:00pm

All Masses are in the Church and Livestreamed at
www.sttheresatrumbull.org

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am & 5:30 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am

All Masses are in the Church and Livestreamed at
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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday before First Friday: 4:30 pm - 5:10 pm

Thursday: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Fridays: 7:30 am - 8:00 am & 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Sundays: 1/2 hour before all Masses

PARISH

5301 Main Street, Trumbull, CT 06611

Call: (203) 261-3676

Visit: StTheresaTrumbull.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

CLERGY

Rev. Brian P. Gannon, S.T.D., Pastor

Rev. Flavian Bejan, Parochial Vicar

Rev. David C. Leopold, In Residence

Deacon Gerald M. Lambert

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Office (203) 261-3676

Religious Education (203) 261-4706

Parish Nurse Office (203) 261-3676

Trustee: Donald Epifano (203) 261-3676

Trustee: Chris Koehm (203) 261-3676

Trustee Emeritus: Anthony Salce (203) 261-3676

Finance Chair: Jack Talley (203) 261-3676

Music Director: Alex Hodgkinson (203) 261-3676

DRE: Erica Riley (203) 261-4706

SCHOOL CONTACTS

Main Office (203) 268-3236

Principal: Barbara Logsdail (203) 268-3236

— Mass Intentions —

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00 am All Souls
5:30 pm James & Geraldine Crowley •
Sinise Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:00 am Denise P. Caulfield • Patrick & Carolyn
Caulfield
5:30 pm All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00 am Intentions of Fatima Rhodora Santayana •
Herme Santayana
5:30 pm Gaetano Iannino • Daughter

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00 am Justine & John Mihale • Family
5:30 pm Ann Trovarelli • Trovarelli Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00 am Intentions of William J. McGrath •
John DiPoalo
5:30 pm Delores Ondek • Mary Jo & Rich
Panettieri

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:00 am Giuseppina Nicolìa • Family
4:30 pm Albert P. Macisco • Wife

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:30 am Laura M. Frattaroli • Fernando &
Giuliana Montenegro
9:00 am Robert McCarthy • Family
10:30 am Sarah Maria Margolnick • Mom & Len
12:00 pm Dawn Kosarko • Dolly & Ronald Kosarko

All Masses Livestreamed at www.sttheresatrumbull.org



— Special Intentions This Week —

- The Pro Life Rose is Sponsored by:
The Berta Family
Vincenza Mariani
- The Adoration Candles are burning:
For the Intentions of Sarah Sinise
- The Sanctuary Lamp is burning:
For Good Health & Blessings for Douglas Mihalko
- Altar Linens: Lori Emmanoulidis
- Please pray for the deceased of our Parish.

— General Information —

24 Hour Perpetual Adoration Chapel (BACK IN THE CHAPEL)

If unable to make your hour please refer to your guardian list to arrange for coverage.

Sacrament of Baptism

Sundays at 1:00 pm by appointment.
Baptism class offered for first time parents.
Sponsors are required to be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church.
Please call the Parish Office for further information.

New Parishioners

Welcome! Please introduce yourself.
We invite you to register in our Parish Office during office hours.

Parish Nurse Office

For visitation please call the Rectory.
Volunteers needed.

Pro Life Group

For information call Mary Beth DeSantis (513) 543-2236. Have you had an abortion and need someone to talk to, please call 203-218-0291.

The Traveling Statue of the Blessed Mother

Is available by calling Paul Gifford (203) 373-1682.

Requests for Prayer Line

Can be made by calling Yvonne Bahadosingh 203-520-5298.

— Collections —

Many parishioners are inquiring about the Sunday Collection. There are three easy ways to help the parish:

- Drop weekly/monthly contributions at the Rectory Office
- Online Giving at www.sttheresatrumbull.org
Click the Online Giving Tab (Preferred)
- Text to Give: text 203-689-0947, enter amount to give, such as 10,20 or higher.
After texting amount, it will walk you through steps to set-up account according to credit or routing number. **However, this is a one time donation.** To setup reoccurring donations (which are critical) please go to online giving tab through our website.

As always we are grateful for your support!

— Prayers for the Sick —

If you would like to add a name please call the Parish office.
All names will be removed from the list after 3 months unless the office is notified.

Let us remember in our prayers the sick of our Parish especially:

Nina Spinelli, Daniel Roy, AJ Moore, Alice Stirbis, Gwen Dobas, Jennie Sparan, Carol Gregory, Odillie Kinani, Rita Saboe, Maria Fitzpatrick, Ellen Marie Colopy, Douglas Mihalko, Jane Rice, Joan Tremblay, Yvonne Posick, H Paul, Alison, Patricia C, Thomas Fildes, Pat B, Anne Talley, Patrick Bulcher, Lou Costantini, Joan Mc Grath, Josh, Maria Gonzalez, Francis Grosso, Alivia & Pete, David Axelrod, Robert Previs, Stefan, Beverly Dugas, Carol Delfino, Giavanna Terry, Rose & Jerry Shallo, Mike, Grace Parisi, Franklin, Douglas Fedorko, Renee, Andrew Morgan, Honorata Koreh, Marc, Bob, Joseph Puglio, Joey, Bill Sinclair, Anne Marie Palladino, Debra Irwin, Madeleine Eicas, Bernes, Emily DeCruze

— Baptisms—

Our Parish Community welcomes the newly baptized: Adrian Osvaldo son of Osvaldo and Natalia Paca and Giancarlo Edward son of Andrew and Rachel Sando

— Wedding Banns—

Third Banns

Stephen Bertola and Jeanine Kocis

— Guidelines Sponsors —

Any parishioner of St. Theresa who wishes to act as a godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism or as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, must contact the Parish Office to arrange a brief appointment with the Pastor. One must be a registered and active parishioner with St. Theresa for at least 3 months.

To act as a sponsor a Catholic must:

1. Be at least 16 years of age, unless the pastor judges otherwise for a just cause;
2. Be mature enough to undertake this responsibility;
3. Have received all three sacraments of initiation, (Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation);
4. If married, married according to Catholic teaching;
5. Regularly attend Mass Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

— Parish News —



PRO-LIFE ROSE SALE NEXT WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES

The St. Theresa Pro-Life Committee will be selling sponsorships for the Pro-Life Rose next weekend October 28 and 29 after all Masses. Cost to sponsor the rose is \$10.00. All proceeds go to pro-life outreach and education. Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next meeting: **Check emails for updates**

Meetings: 2nd Thurs. & 4th Thurs. (General Council)

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Parish Center, Lower Level

New Members: Contact John Angiolillo 203-912-3896

Schedule:

1st Saturday	Sandwiches for the Homeless
2nd Saturday	Visit the VA Hospital
3rd Saturday	Bingo at Stern Village
4th Saturday	Prison Ministry
Sunday	Eucharistic Prison Ministry
Monthly	Merton Center

LEGION OF MARY

All are welcomed to join us at our Sat, 10:15 AM Legion of Mary meeting (approx. one and a half hour) in the Parish Center, Lower Level. Please come as it is an opportunity to do something special for our Blessed Mother. Questions? Please phone Marylyn Vogt (203) 858-9713

DAUGHTERS OF MARY

We have begun a new Endow study titled, *The Science of Love*, on our own little patron saint, Therese of Lisieux. If interested in joining our study, please contact Lori Pia davnlori@aol.com

Next meeting: TBD

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

Time - 7:30-9:00 pm

Place: Parish Center Upper Level

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

Friday, December 8, 6:30pm-11:00pm. Sportivo in Bridgeport. All proceeds for the direct benefit of 13 local families in need this Christmas.

THE SONS OF ST. JOSEPH

For adult men looking to imitate the ultimate man, Jesus Christ. Prayer, a spiritual talk & discussion on being Catholic men in today's world. Good coffee, bagels & fellowship! Over 150 men from 18-100 have jumped in already!

Meetings: Every Saturday morning.

Time: 6:30 am - 8:00 am

Place: Parish Center, Lower Level

Visit us: <http://sonsofsaintjoseph.org>

or email us: info@sonsofsaintjoseph.org

ST. THERESA YOUNG ADULTS

All Young Adults 21-39 years old are welcome! For more information contact 203-261-3676.

BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

Our Bereavement Ministry conducts a six-week bereavement program, both in the Fall and Spring. It is designed to help mourners maneuver through the many *Grief & Loss Emotions* felt during this emotional journey. For more information **Please contact:** Susan O'Connor, MA, LPC, Clinical Counselor & Therapist, 203-450-4369 | oonors724@icloud.com or call Rectory: 203-261-3676.

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Livestreamed at 8:30am!

Includes Rosary, Litany of Loreto, Fatima Consecration and 15 minutes meditation. Following 8am Mass every First Saturday.

— From The Pastor's Desk —

There is a storm brewing all about us; not a physical storm but instead a philosophical, cultural and ultimately spiritual storm that threatens billions of souls. All around us we see attacks on the most sacred of entities: family, gender, the unborn child, and scandalously, very little pushback from many in spiritual and political leadership.

In the book of Genesis, the devil's temptation to Adam and Eve centered on facilitating doubt in the relationship with God. Strategically, it is eminently logical: as they marginalize God, the first married couple become far more vulnerable to evil. Fast forward to the 1980's: then bishop (later Cardinal) Carlo Caffarra, a leading moral theologian, writes to Sr. Lucia of Fatima to request prayers for the new John Paul II graduate Institute of Marriage and Family studies in Rome. He received an unexpected reply; Sr. Lucia said yes, but also would tell him that the final conflict between the devil and Almighty God (who of course wins) would be over the family. Behold: the present-day insanity of the West's rebellion against God's design of family, male and female sexes; all cheered on by a paganized, amoral media, and supported by politicians who legislate lies about the human person.

As we see in the media, the attacks on the family are insidious, relentless, and even violent. First is the government itself: demanding that we recognize a man who wants to be a woman, though he possesses billions of "y" chromosomes. He can even race in women's sports, win, and be honored. Secondly, even more disturbing, last year Virginia teacher-organized walkouts from 100 schools to protest new (common sense) government policies that required children to register according their biological nature, and report to their parents any desire for surgery meant to "alter" their gender. This is stunning, that students would see this not as an attack on the blueprint of God, an attack on their path to real happiness; but rather as a "human rights" issue that is only the result of the devil's attack on marriage, femininity and masculinity (male and female He made them).

But the fact that many youth find this acceptable, that they are easily led to vehemently protest the scientific and religious reality of man and woman, that the tenets of Judeo Christian foundations are being rejected, actually indicates that religion is being taught in some public school systems: a secular state religion that demands you reject your Judeo Christian faith and instead bow in obeisance to the god of transgenderism. Father, that is harsh!! No, it is a rapidly mushrooming fact. In fact, in the ancient pagan world, statues of gods were many times half man and half animal, indicating a perverse understanding of godliness and power.

How does this happen? There are many reasons, but a critical one recalls the lesson from Adam and Eve in Genesis about marginalizing God: that as youth are formed by expediency rather than true love towards God; when God is worshipped more based on convenience and how He addresses my feelings, the glorious, sacred sacraments become a checkbox instead of treasure. Sunday worship is an inconvenience to be "suffered" several times a year at most. Then weakened by our distancing of God, when the state says same sex marriage is ok, gender is a mere feeling, we begin to surrender quickly to the world because the world has become the source of our satisfaction, rather than God who died for us. We have then adopted this secular religion as supreme over our Catholic faith, and God is treated with the reverence He received in Sodom and Gomorrah.

What is the solution? Central is enflaming children's and our relationship with God via reverent worship every Sunday, confession, and prayer every day. Children must be taught that God comes first. Secondly, parents have every right to know exactly what is being taught in the classroom, that if anything urges the child to replace the Catholic faith with a state promulgated morality, parents must object and have that remedied. Intellectual poison is worse than physical poison because it damages the soul. Anything that denigrates Catholic teaching in a public school effectively is a state religion being imposed on children. Parental rights from God demand that they have a right to know everything being taught to their children.

God love you,
Fr. Brian Gannon

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal	
Saint Theresa Parish	
2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 6/30/2023	
ABA Goal:	\$143,900
Total Pledged:	145,301(101%)
Donors to Date:	477 Donors
Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal today with a pledge, an automatic recurring gift, or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is much needed and is greatly appreciated!	

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

Please join Fr. Gannon on Thursday, November 2 at 11:00am, under a tent at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Trumbull, Ct

STAY | Youth Ministry

We welcome teens 8th-12th grade!

Next Meeting: November 5

Time: 4:00-5:30pm

To join us contact: youth@sttheresatrumbull.org

EVERYDAY FIAT

Everyday Fiat is a ministry for women of all ages and stages of life who wish to cultivate edifying and Christ-centered friendships. We embrace our Mother Mary's fiat as we, too, say "yes" to God's call. Join us for coffee, prayer, and fellowship.

Next Meeting: Friday, October 27

Time: 9:45am—11:15am

Place: Lower Level of the Rectory

We will come together to pray the Holy Rosary

Babies/children are welcome!

Contact: Fiat@sttheresatrumbull.org

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

"Proclaim the truth and do not be silent through fear"

St. Catherine of Siena

Next Meeting: November 2

Meetings: 1st Thursday

Time: 6:30 pm after DM chaplet in Church

Place: Parish Center, Upper Level and Zoom

We are now reading directly from St. Faustina's Diary of Divine Mercy. All are welcome to join us!

Contact: DivineMercy4All@outlook.com

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY WITH DR. HICKS

The Monthly Bible Study meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm. Bring a bible any translation. All are welcome!

Next meeting: November 9

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: **On Zoom**

If interested email marijopanettieri@charter.net

PERPETUAL ADORATION Committed Guardians Needed

Tuesday 8:00am - 9:00am

Wednesday 8:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday 5:00pm-6:00pm

For more information: 203-261-3676

LAY FRATERNITY OF ST. DOMINIC

Are you being called to a deeper understanding of Faith and Truth? Come follow us in the footsteps of St. Dominic through prayer, study, community and apostolate.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 16

Time: 7:00 pm in Parish Center, Lower Level.

Contact: Michelle Rowe 203-218-6882

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Monday, November 13 at 7:00pm,

St. Theresa Church. All are welcome!

ST. THERESA'S SENIOR CLUB

Time: 12:30 pm — 3:00 pm

Place: St. Theresa School

November 7- Meeting/Rosary

November 21 - Meeting/Card Party

New Members are always welcome!

Please contact the office about signing up!

RCIA

We've just begun! We welcome you to join us if you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, or if you've been baptized, but never made your First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Pray that the Holy Spirit helps you to take this "first step"

When: Sunday, October 22, at 1:15 PM

Where: Parish Center, Upper Level

Topic: Jesus Christ

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Ryan (203) 373-0405, or any of the priests at the rectory.

BOXES OF JOY ARE HERE!

Help STAY bring Christmas joy to children in need. Boxes will be available after weekend Masses October 28/29.

PROFESSIONAL WEB DESIGNER

We are looking for someone with professional website skills to help consult with our St. Theresa website. Please call the Rectory Office 203-261-3676.

—Parish News cont'd —

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE TO VISIT ST. THERESA

St. Theresa Parish will host the Relics of the Apostle St. Jude Thaddeus on **Wednesday, November 8**. St. Jude, known as the "Apostle of the Impossible", is considered the patron saint of desperate situations and forgotten causes and is one of the most beloved saints among Catholics. Veneration will take place 1:00pm to 10:00pm with Mass celebrated at 7:00pm.

VOLUNTEER MEETING

Monday, October 30 at 7:45pm, School Gym
Volunteers are needed for Parking Lot Attendant, please call the Rectory Office 203-261-3676.

ANNUAL FALL RAFFLE

Drawing: November 15 at 12 Noon, Rectory

Our Annual Ladies Confraternity Raffle is underway! Tickets are available for pick up in the Church Foyer and are arranged in alphabetical order by family. Thank you for your support!

1st Prize	\$1,000.00	2nd Prize	\$500.00
3rd Prize	\$250.00	4th Prize	\$250.00
5th Prize	\$250.00	6th Prize	\$250.00

FR. GANNONS MORAL THEOLOGY CLASS

Next Meeting November 6, 2023, 7:30-8:30pm,
Parish Center, Lower Level. First timers welcome!
Please join us!!

—Music Ministry —

MUSICAL NOTES

'So that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me' records Isaiah in today's First Reading, a message affirmed in our first hymn: 'Only thou art holy, there is none besides thee'. The Parish Choir responds with a song of praise from sunrise to sunset: 'This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it' (Ps 118). The music is by Sydney Watson (1903-91), composed in 1984 to mark the centenary of Pusey House, a religious foundation affiliated with the University of Oxford. The organ music is by J. S. Bach (1685-1750).

COME AND JOIN YOUR PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesdays 7:00pm-8:30pm in the fall. There is no audition, although singing experience and an understanding of musical notation is certainly an advantage. For more info:
music@sttheresatrumbull.org

—Religious Education —

Grade 2 Parent Meetings this week

Please RSVP on SignUp Genius

CATECHISTS, Aides, Hall Monitors

Thank you all for your volunteering!
We could not do this without your generosity!

—Pro-Life —

PRO-LIFE GROUP

Next Meeting: October 21
Meetings: Third Saturday of the month
Time: 8:45 am
Location: Parish Center, Upper Level
Contact: Mary Beth DeSantis 203-261-3676

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS

October 22, 2023 at 10:30am Mass

Please come with family and friends to receive a special blessing for you and the child in your womb. Please call the Rectory Office at 203-261-3676 to let us know if you are able to attend.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN

Peaceful Prayer Vigils begin on September 27 and continue through November 5. Join members of St. Theresa's Pro-Life Group and others for the Wednesday Prayer Rallies at 3:00pm at the sidewalk entrance to Commerce Park, 4697 Main St, Bridgeport or sign-up for other vigil hours at 40daysforlife.com/en/bridgeport

HOPELINE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER 1-800-203-HOPE

St. Theresa Pro-Life group is continuously collecting diapers (all sizes) & wipes. Thank you for your support. The box is located in the Church at the Blessed Mother's Altar.

FOR POST ABORTION HEALING

Please call 203-895-3554

— Weekly Schedule —

MONDAY

Rosary: 7:30 am before Mass
Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1:30 pm Parish Center, Upper Level
St. Theresa Novena Prayers: after 5:30 pm Mass
Rosary: 6:00 pm after Mass

TUESDAY

Flame of Love Rosary: 8:30am after Mass
Senior Club: 12:30 pm, 1st /3rd Tuesday, School Gym
Rosary: 6:00 pm after Mass

WEDNESDAY

Rosary: 7:30 am before Mass
Rosary: 6:00 pm after Mass
Parish Choir: Rehearsal 7:00 pm, Church

THURSDAY

Rosary: 7:30 am before Mass
K of C: 7:00pm, 2nd/4th Thursday, Parish Center, LL
Rosary: 6:00 pm after Mass

FRIDAY

Rosary: 7:30 am before Mass
Children's Choir: Rehearsal 3:15 pm, Church (Begins April 21)
Divine Mercy Chaplet: After 5:30 pm Mass
Rosary: Following Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY

Rosary: 7:30 am before Mass
Sons of St. Joseph - 6:30 am - 8:00 am, Parish Center
Legion of Mary Meeting: 10:15am, Parish Center, LL
Rosary: 4:00 pm before Mass
Fatima Devotion - First Saturdays after 8:00 am Mass

— News From Here & There —

Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass

Saturday, October 28 at 1:00pm, Cathedral of Saint Augustine, Bridgeport, CT. Couples celebrating their 25, 40, 45, 50 and more years of marriage are eligible to attend. Parishioners of St. Theresa please call the Parish Office to register.

Spiritual Gifts Workshop

St. Mary's Parish, Ridgefield. October 24.
6:30pm Wine & Cheese, 7:00pm Workshop.
Register www.SMCR.org \$25

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 28, 4-7pm, Al Fresco at the Italian Center, Stamford. Everyone is invited - families, young adults, older adults, children - to a joy filled evening of faith, food and fellowship. Joe Heschmeyer, of Catholic Answers, will give a talk on the Eucharist. Tickets <https://octoberfest2023.givesmart.com>
Sponsored by Veritas Catholic Network and Young Catholic Professionals.

The Arm of ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE is visiting the United States

Known as the *Apostle of the Impossible*, Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering dedication and steadfast faith. Millions have experienced his intercession in times of adversity and need.



Wednesday, November 8
Veneration in Main Church 1:00pm - 10:00pm
Holy Mass 7:00pm



VISIT www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

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ORGAN RECITAL

given by

Alex Hodgkinson



4pm to 5pm

Sunday, October 29th, 2023

Saint Theresa Church, Trumbull, CT.

*Featuring both the Peragallo and Roche organs
with music by Bach, Handel, & Liszt.*

All welcome!

Free admission with a retiring collection in aid of the
Saint Theresa Children's Choir.