

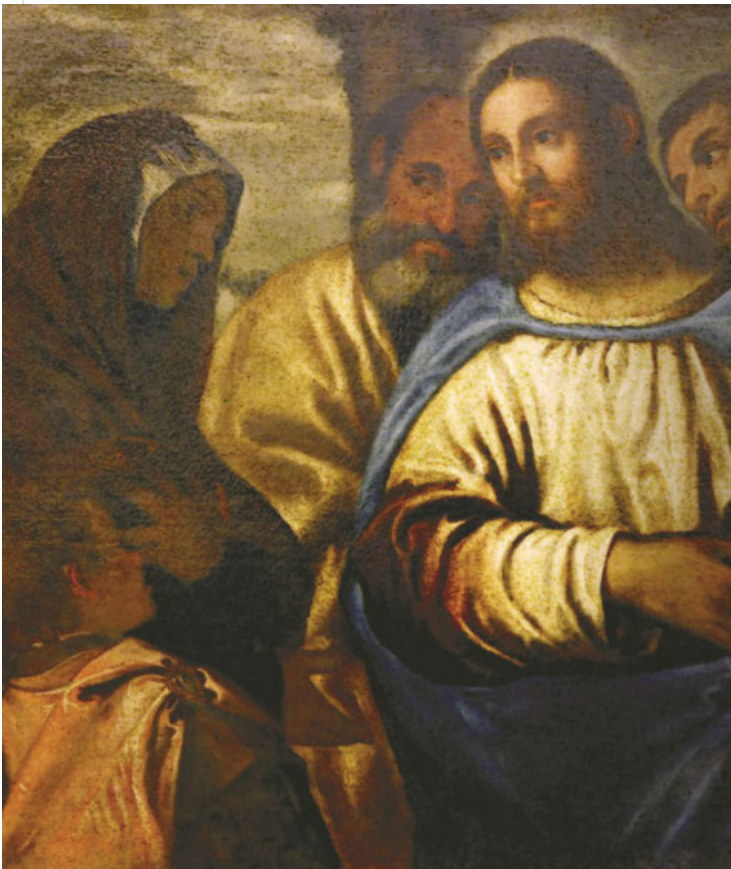


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November 10, 2024



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."
- Mk 12:42-43

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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, November 11

7:00 AM† Rose Festa
5:30 PM† For Our Veterans, Living & Deceased

Tuesday, November 12

7:00 AM† Caterina Mattera
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, November 13

NO MASS

Thursday, November 14

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Rama Braggiotti

Friday, November 15

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM Intentions of the Michael Sweeney Family

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, November 16

5:15 PM† Elaine Sheehan

Sunday, November 17

7:30 AM† Jill Sell (2nd Anniversary)
9:00 AM† Souls in Purgatory
11:30 AM† Deacon Joseph Gagne
5:00 PM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
November 3		
Collection	\$3,891.00	\$4,444.00
On-Line	\$2,605.00	\$2,698.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,949.00</u>	<u>\$5,636.00</u>
Votives	\$ 171.85	\$ 209.75
Maintenance		
Collection	\$1,128.00	\$1,063.00
On-Line	<u>\$1,268.00</u>	<u>\$1,298.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,396.00</u>	<u>\$2,361.00</u>
All Saints Day, November 1		
Collection	\$1,276.00	\$ 749.00
On-Line	<u>\$ 354.00</u>	<u>\$ 353.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,630.00</u>	<u>\$1,102.00</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 2025 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum Assessment is \$80,448. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,547. This represents an annual increase of \$2,124.00 from the prior year.

COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

As of September 1st, Fr. Ralph Segura was officially appointed the Eighth Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. His formal installation will be Saturday, November 16th, by Bishop Frank Caggiano at the 5:15pm Mass. Come celebrate the day by attending the Mass and join the Parish for a reception in his honor at the Parish Center Gym.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S ST. AUGUSTINE MEDAL WINNERS!

Our recipients, Chris Mandella & Joan Cronan, received their medals at a ceremony in Bridgeport with Bishop Caggiano. Chris has been the head of our R.C.I.A. program for many years. Joan is currently giving of her time at our Food Pantry. Both have worked tirelessly for our parish. We could never thank them enough!!



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
November 10th through November 16th in
memory of Elizabeth & Daniel Squicciarino*

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

Jeannette Lombardo Emily Gold
Mary Jane Luther

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.



**ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHTS
6PM - 8PM**

Rectory:

Rev. Ralph Segura
Pastor (ext. 19)

Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

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Ulrike Schambeck
(203) 434-6488

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(203) 866-1189
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stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

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THANKSGIVING

BLESSING BAGS



Support our youth group by purchasing a blessing bag for yourself or a loved one this thanksgiving season!

Blessings bags will be sold after each mass
Saturday November 23rd,
and Sunday November 24th!



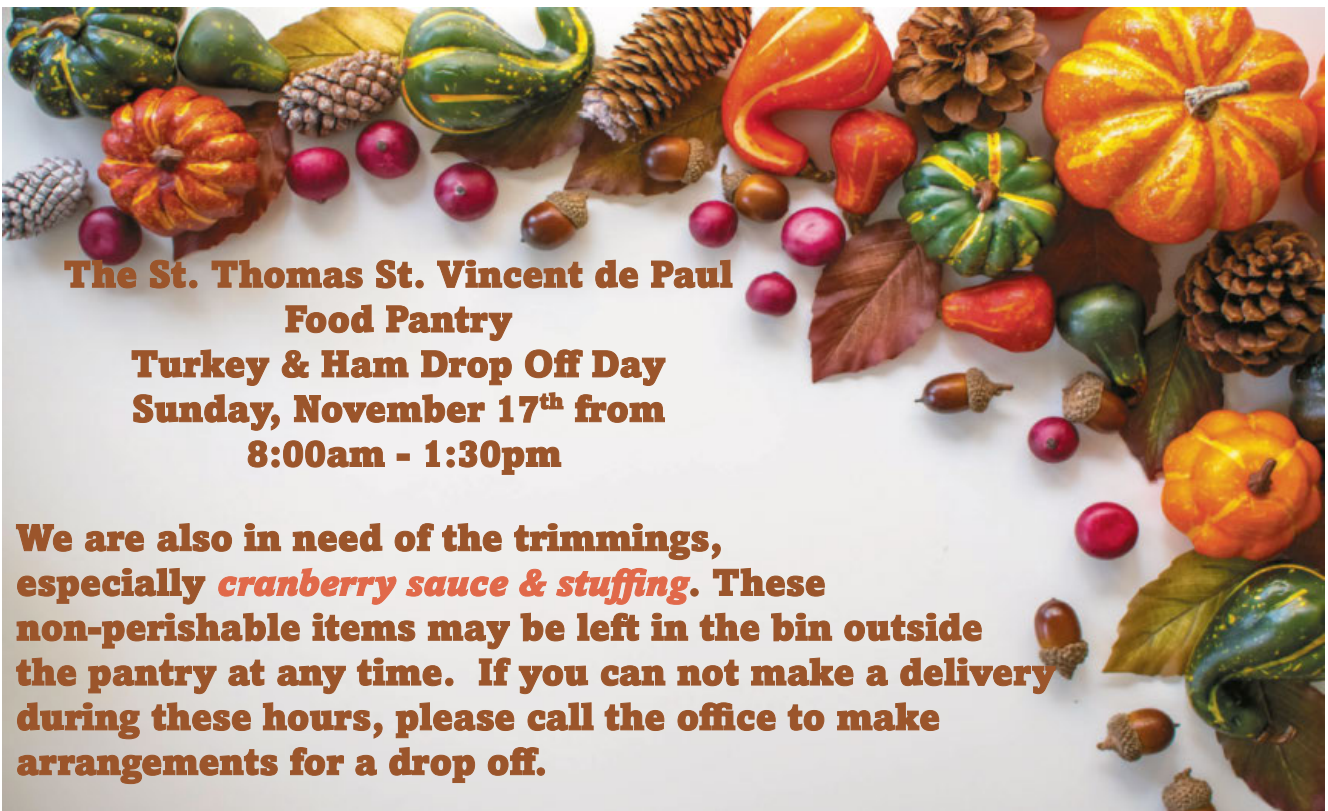
**Open House at the St. Thomas
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
Sunday, November 17th from
8:00am - 1:30pm
All are welcome!**

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?
JOIN THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
We supply all the materials at our meetings and discuss if there have been any special requests made.
The next meeting is Thursday, November 14th, at 7:00pm, in the Small Meeting Room. Come meet our group and pick up your supplies! Our shawls are free gifts meant to warm, comfort and embrace.
To request a shawl or if you would like more information about our ministry, please call Vicki Remson, (203) 847-8196 or the Rectory, (203) 866-3141.



**The St. Thomas St. Vincent de Paul
Food Pantry
Turkey & Ham Drop Off Day
Sunday, November 17th from
8:00am - 1:30pm**

We are also in need of the trimmings, especially *cranberry sauce & stuffing*. These non-perishable items may be left in the bin outside the pantry at any time. If you can not make a delivery during these hours, please call the office to make arrangements for a drop off.



From the treatise of Saint John of Capistrano ~ A Mirror for Clergy

Let all those men who are called to preside at the table of our Lord be shining examples of good and praiseworthy lives, rid of all the stains and impurities of vice. Let them be the salt of the earth, living honourable lives among men, working to improve both themselves and others. Like the light of the world let them enlighten the rest of men with the shining forth of their own good judgement. Let them learn from Jesus Christ, the highest of teachers, that he was proclaiming a message not only for his apostles and disciples but for all the priests and clergy who would be their successors, when he said: "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men."

Yes, to be trodden underfoot by men as if they were the vilest dirt will indeed be the lot of the clergy if they are impure and immoral, if their lives are rotten with foul vices and entangled in the chains of their misdeeds. Then they will indeed be good for nothing, either to themselves or to others, because, as Saint Gregory remarks: "If a man's life is despicable, his preaching will be despised."

"Let the priests who do their work well be considered worthy of a twofold charge, especially those who labour in preaching and teaching." Those priests who are worthy indeed carry out a twofold charge, twofold in the sense that it includes both persons and things, that it is a charge both temporal and spiritual, both transitory and eternal. For although their life on this earth, in common with that of all mortal creatures, is subject to the limitations of nature, nevertheless in their efforts and cares they are busily at work in heaven with the angels, that they may find acceptance by the King as servants who showed understanding. Therefore just as in God's heaven the sun rises over the world, so let the light of the clergy shine before men that they may see their good works and give glory to the Father who is in heaven.

"You are the light of the world." For just as no light shines on itself but sheds its beams on other objects around it and lights them up, so the life of good and upright clergy is a light which casts its rays with the brightness of holiness upon all who see them and brings happiness to them. And so if the clergy exist to take care of others, they should themselves be a living demonstration of how the rest of men should live in the house of the Lord.



DIOCESAN BLUE MASS

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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
Sgt. Matthew Montanez, US Army
CPL Larry Joyce, US Marine Corps

2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We have raised 172 gifts worth \$44,548 bringing our parish to 70.94% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all who have already given or pledged! To make a gift, or for more information, please visit 2024 Bishops Appeal.org, call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.



Go to our website & click on "Events in Our Diocese" for more happenings at our diocesan churches.

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**GRADES 7TH - 12TH STUDENTS
RELIGIOUS FORMATION REGISTRATION**

Registration is now open!

We are now offering Religious Formation/Education for 7th - 12th grade students who desire to join the Catholic faith and a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments.

- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith.
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO ENROLL

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

For Adults 18+(Not attending High School)

Registration is now open for OCIA!

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. OCIA can also be a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments.

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith.
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith.
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

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PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY PERISHABLES IN THE DROP BOX.

Coffee Tea

14oz to 19oz Jelly	9oz to 12oz Box of Cereal
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A Blessing and a Challenge

Our diocese is witnessing an extraordinary blessing—a remarkable surge in vocations. Over the past decade, our number of seminarians has more than doubled! After six priests ordained in 2023, we are thrilled to welcome 11 new seminarians this year, bringing our total to 33. This blessing, however, comes with a challenge. Each seminarian's education costs more than \$60,000 per year, and we anticipate total formation costs will rise to \$3 million per year within five years. Bishop Caggiano has announced a special drive to fund these rising costs. Will you give to support our future priests? www.bridgeportpriest.org/give

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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:

Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
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Vinnie McMahon	Andy Tao	Heather Ribellino	Susan Swick	Aidan Kane	Mary Anne Lagana
David Franco					



DID YOU KNOW...you must complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy 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 OCIA (Order of Christians Initiation for Adults) program is for you!! Just call the parish office at (203) 866-3141 for more information.

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

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.

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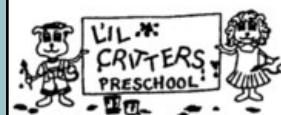
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