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September 8, 2024

BEGGED HIM
TO LAY
HIS HAND.

— MARK 7:32 —

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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, September 9

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM† Crescenzo Piro

Tuesday, September 10

7:00 AM† Victims and Survivors of the
September 11th Attack
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, September 11

NO MASS

Thursday, September 12

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon,
Terry Cain & Luis Cardenas

Friday, September 13

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM Intentions of Mary Scott Grimaldi

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, September 14

5:15 PM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

Sunday, September 15

7:30 AM† Gregoire Dumas
9:00 AM† James & Shirley Muro & Dr. Jayme Rolls
11:30 AM† Matthew Harbilas
5:00 PM† William Cronin, M.D.

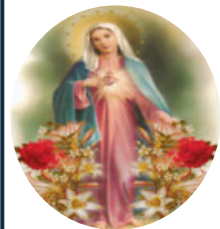


*The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 8th through September 15th in
memory of Rose & Reginald Festa.*

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

Sam Sica

We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.



Pray the Rosary in the Church

Monday - Friday:
Before Any Scheduled
Morning Mass at 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:45pm

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Due to early transmission of the bulletin for the Labor Day holiday, we do not have the collection figures in time for publication of the bulletin. We will report the collection in next week's issue.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

As of September 1st, Fr. Ralph Segura has been 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.

THOSE WHO SING, PRAY TWICE!

If you like to sing, please consider joining our Parish Choir. We have our regular rehearsals on Sunday from 10:45 to 11:15am & sing at the 11:30am Mass. We have special rehearsals for Christmas & Easter typically on Wednesday evenings leading up to the holiday. For more information, speak to Marge Kelley, our Music Director, after the 5:15pm, 9:00am, or 11:30am Mass OR send an email to margaretkelley24@gmail.com.

Confession in Church Every Saturday 4:00pm until 4:30pm Or by Appointment

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SEPTEMBER 14TH & 15TH

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**EARLY BIRD ENTRY
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~ 8:30AM ~
STILL ONLY \$5.00!!**

Saturday, September 14, 9:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday, September 15, 9:30am - 2:00pm

TAG SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There's still time to join the list of volunteers for our 2024 Giant Tag Sale. This is our biggest fundraiser for our parish.

Any amount of help you can give us is greatly appreciated!

Please email or call the office with your availability & we will add you to our list.

DROP OFF DATES

Monday, September 9, 6-8pm
Tuesday, September 10, 6-8pm

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, September 26th, 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.*

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

FALL SESSION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Wednesday afternoons 2:00 - 3:30pm
October 2 - December 4

Your loss may be recent or long ago.

We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment.

God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey through loss to healing.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at:
Church of the Assumption
98 Riverside Avenue
Westport

Meetings are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

Church of the Assumption is partnering with the Bereavement Initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries to offer this program. Please go to their website to submit a Program Inquiry Form or you can contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023.

ctcemeteries.org/newday

Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of our bereavement ministers regarding the next steps.

SAINT PIO FOUNDATION

THE RELICS OF SAINT PIO

at St. Matthew Church
Monday, Sept. 30, 2024

Veneration of Relics: 1pm-10pm | Mass: 7pm followed by the Rosary

StMatthewNorwalk.org | St. Matthew Church | 216 Scribner Avenue | Norwalk, CT 06854

Holy Hour for Vocations

Second Thursday of every month

7:00-8:00pm, St. Theresa Church

August 8th
September 12th
October 10th
November 14th
December 12th

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

*DECLARATION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
GRAVISSIMUM EDUCATIONIS
PROCLAIMED BY POPE PAUL VI ON OCTOBER 28, 1965*

Since parents have given children their life, they are bound by the most serious obligation to educate their offspring and therefore must be recognized as the primary and principal educators. This role in education is so important that only with difficulty can it be supplied where it is lacking. Parents are the ones who must create a family atmosphere animated by love and respect for God and man, in which the well-rounded personal and social education of children is fostered. Hence the family is the first school of the social virtues that every society needs. It is particularly in the Christian family, enriched by the grace and office of the sacrament of matrimony, that children should be taught from their early years to have a knowledge of God according to the faith received in Baptism, to worship Him, and to love their neighbor. Here, too, they find their first experience of a wholesome human society and of the Church. Finally, it is through the family that they are gradually led to a companionship with their fellowmen and with the people of God. Let parents, then, recognize the inestimable importance a truly Christian family has for the life and progress of God's own people.

The family which has the primary duty of imparting education needs help of the whole community. In addition, therefore, to the rights of parents and others to whom the parents entrust a share in the work of education, certain rights and duties belong indeed to civil society, whose role is to direct what is required for the common temporal good. Its function is to promote the education of youth in many ways, namely: to protect the duties and rights of parents and others who share in education and to give them aid; according to the principle of subsidiarity, when the endeavors of parents and other societies are lacking, to carry out the work of education in accordance with the wishes of the parents; and, moreover, as the common good demands, to build schools and institutions.

Finally, in a special way, the duty of educating belongs to the Church, not merely because she must be recognized as a human society capable of educating, but especially because she has the responsibility of announcing the way of salvation to all men, of communicating the life of Christ to those who believe, and, in her unfailing solicitude, of assisting men to be able to come to the fullness of this life. The Church is bound as a mother to give to these children of hers an education by which their whole life can be imbued with the spirit of Christ and at the same time do all she can to promote for all peoples the complete perfection of the human person, the good of earthly society and the building of a world that is more human.



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Drawing Sunday, Sept. 15: 4pm at St. Matthew Church Great Room | 216 Scribner Avenue, Norwalk, CT



Fall Festival

September 21st
9am-4pm
Free Admission
St. Philip Church
1 Father Conlon Pl.
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Festival Food
Raffle Baskets
Pumpkin & Mum Shop
Vendors & Crafts
Baked Goods
Raffle Baskets

Train & Hay Rides
Children's Games
Face Painting
Pumpkin Painting

REMINDER: No priest will ever send you an email asking for a purchase of gift cards or anything else. These are scam emails & should be moved to your spam folder. Please do not respond to these emails. **If you are ever unsure of anything please do not hesitate to call the office or ask Fr. Ralph after mass.**

"You know you've reached middle age when you're cautioned to slow down by your doctor, instead of by the police." - Joan Rivers

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
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 148 gifts worth \$39,413 bringing our parish to 62.76% 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 2024BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.



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**Room To Grow
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17th ANNUAL CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

THE FOUR LAST THINGS
DEATH, JUDGMENT
HEAVEN, HELL

Mass
Eucharistic Adoration
Confessions
National Speakers
Exhibitors & Vendors

Steve Ray Peter Herbeck
Kevin Wells Fr Wade Menezes

Special Guest:
Archbishop Coyne
Celebrant & Homilist

Special Event:
Procession of the
Saint's Reliquaries

CTCATHOLICMEN.ORG
ORDER TICKETS ONLINE

DATE & TIME
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
8:30AM - 4PM VIGIL MASS

LOCATION
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC HIGH
SCHOOL IN WEST HARTFORD



CONSIDER JOINING THE SCOUTS! SCOUT TROOP 222

We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center gym and follow the school year calendar.

We need at least 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to our web page:
troop222_norwalk.scoutlander.com.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Just as there are some items that we are able to get free from different government sources or at a greatly reduced cost, there are some items we need to buy. This is how this list is generated. Of course, you can still give items that are not on the list. Please leave after hours **non-perishable** donations in the bin outside the pantry.
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY PERISHABLES IN THE DROP BOX.

	14oz to 19oz jelly	
	9oz to 12oz box of cereal	
Shampoo	Tooth Paste	Paper Towel
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PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

If you would like to add or removed a name 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:

Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabrese	Anne Edwards	Phil Tavella
Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Hamilton Family
Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Frataloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Anthony Bruno
Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Richard Berg	Jeannetta Torres	Angela McCrae
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Antonio Vescio	Diane Turek	Debbie Poruban
Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	Jackie Hamilton	Denise Cassin
Ginny DeMarco	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Alessandro Fornara	David R.	John Lima	Paul Rohan
Mike D.	Nancy G.	Jackson P.	Holly Sanders	Robert Podlaski	Jeff Mallory
Michelle Vittorio	Carolyn Hill	Steve C.	Stefanie Sena	MaryAnn P.	Liz Fox
Vinnie McMahon	Andy Tao	Heather Ribellino	Susan Swick	Aidan Kane	Mary Anne Lagana



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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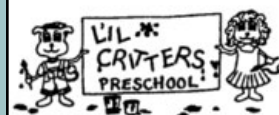
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