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August 17, 2025



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

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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, August 18

7:00 AM† Mary Ellen Srncz
5:30 PM† Raffaele Longo (6th Anniversary)

Tuesday, August 19

7:00 AM† Margaret Amato
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, August 20

NO MASS

Thursday, August 21

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Maria Mastroianni

Friday, August 22

7:00 AM Intentions of the Michael Sweeney Family
5:30 PM† Louis Caruso

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, August 23

5:15 PM† Judith Platt

Sunday, August 24

7:30 AM† Margaret Amato, & the Amato, Baressi, & Rolland Families
9:00 AM† Maria Gracia Tucciarone
11:30 AM† Mennino & Pagliano Families
5:00 PM† Kathleen Pierz



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
August 17th through August 23rd in memory
of Frank W. Lauder, Jr.*

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

Laura Wade

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR GRADES 6 & 7

We need volunteer Catechists to teach our
6th & 7th graders.

September 21, 2025 - May 2026

Sundays 10:00 am - 11:45 am

Class Times: 10:15 am - 11:30 pm

Completion of Virtus online training required.

Email or call the office if interested.

Rectory:

Rev. Ralph Segura
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Michael Lyons
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

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	2025	2024
August 10		
Collection	\$3,618.80	\$3,641.00
On-Line	\$3,051.00	\$2,455.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,663.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,547.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$5,006.80</u>	<u>\$4,549.00</u>
 Votives	 \$ 144.00	 \$ 127.23

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 2026 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum Assessment is \$86,481. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,663. This represents an annual increase of \$6,032.00 from the prior year.



ELECTRONIC GIVING

is available through our parish website:

www.stthomasnorwalk.org.

Your use of electronic giving saves the parish money and helps keep our volunteers & staff safe.

Going on Vacation? Need to find a nearby
Catholic Church?

Just go to masstime.org to find a church & mass time while you are traveling.

*Are you entering
Kindergarten or 1st Grade?*

Then, now's the time to start your religious education, too. Please contact the Religious Formation Office for more information or go to our website for a link to our registration page. Classes are on Sundays starting in September. Kindergarten is not required but serves as an introduction and is free to all.

Phone: (203) 866-1189

Email: stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

The 2026 MASS BOOK is open without restrictions. You may stop in, call, or email requests to the office.

All masses for 2025 have been filled.
We do have Sanctuary Candles available.

TAG SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Now's the time to join the list of volunteers for our 2025 Giant Tag Sale. This is our biggest fundraiser for our parish. We need pre-sale help as well as the sale weekend (September 13th & 14th) and post-sale help. The pre-sale drop off hours are listed below.

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

Mondays:	August 11, 18, & 25	
	September 8	6 pm - 8:30 pm
Tuesdays:	August 12, 19, & 26	
	September 2 & 9	6 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturdays:	August 16, 23	
	September 6	9 am - 12 Noon
Sundays:	August 17 & 24	
	September 7	9 am - 12 Noon



SEPTEMBER 13TH & 14TH

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*FROM A DIALOGUE ON DIVINE PROVIDENCE BY SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR
(4, 13: ED. LATINA, INGOLSTADII 1583, FF. 19V-20)*

My sweet Lord, look with mercy upon your people and especially upon the mystical body of your Church. Greater glory is given to your name for pardoning a multitude of your creatures than if I alone were pardoned for my great sins against your majesty. It would be no consolation for me to enjoy your life if your holy people stood in death. For I see that sin darkens the life of your bride the Church—my sin and the sins of others.

It is a special grace I ask for, this pardon for the creatures you have made in your image and likeness. When you created man, you were moved by love to make him in your own image. Surely only love could so dignify your creatures. But I know very well that man lost the dignity you gave him; he deserved to lose it, since he had committed sin.

Moved by love and wishing to reconcile the human race to yourself, you gave us your only-begotten Son. He became our mediator and our justice by taking on all our injustice and sin out of obedience to your will, eternal Father, just as you willed that he take on our human nature. What an immeasurably profound love! Your Son went down from the heights of his divinity to the depths of our humanity. Can anyone's heart remain closed and hardened after this?

We image your divinity, but you image our humanity in that union of the two which you have worked in a man. You have veiled the Godhead in a cloud, in the clay of our humanity. Only your love could so dignify the flesh of Adam. And so by reason of this immeasurable love I beg, with all the strength of my soul, that you freely extend your mercy to all your lowly creatures.

**IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR
RELIGIOUS ED!**

If you are entering kindergarten through 7th grade in September and have not received an email from Rel. Ed, please go to our website homepage and click the link to the Religious Ed Registration page. Kindergarten is not mandatory and is free for all who attend. Please sign up ASAP so we can plan our class sizes and teacher needs.

*If you are entering a Catholic school
Second Grade, you also need to sign up for First
Communion through the
St. Thomas program.*



2025 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL
We have raised 146 gifts worth \$37,398
bringing our parish to 59.55% of its \$62,800
goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.
**Thanks to all who have already given or
pledged!**



GRADE 8TH - 12TH STUDENTS RELIGIOUS FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration is now open! Please go to our website homepage for more information.

We are now offering Religious Formation/Education for **Grades 8 - 12 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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults For Adults 18+ (Not attending High School)

Registration is now open for OCIA! Please go to our website homepage for more information.

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.

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
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Spc. Daniel Gonzales, US Army
MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
Sgt. Matthew Montanez, US Army

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.

Coffee Tea

9oz to 12oz Box of Cereal

Shampoo
Bar Soap

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Toilet Paper

Paper Towel
Facial Tissues

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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:

Tim/Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
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Eric Odle	Morgan Galdenzi	Charlie Kraiger			



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.

The Food Pantry is open

Tuesdays 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

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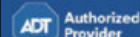
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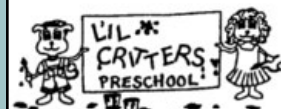
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