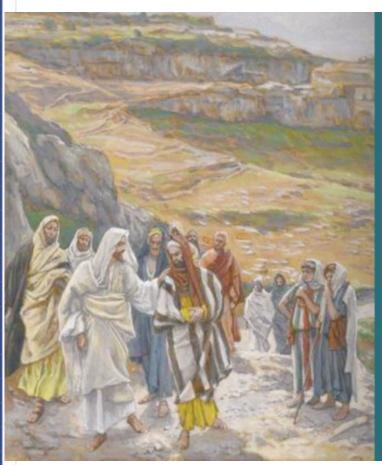


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# 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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 8

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

Tuesday, September 9

7:00 AM**†** Joan Gardella 5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, September 10

NO MASS

Thursday, September 11 7:00 AM

For All Affected by the September 11<sup>th</sup> Attacks 5:30 PM**+** 

Friday, September 12

7:00 AM**+** Antonio Rubbo, Maria Ciambrella, &

Pasquale Rubbo.

5:30 PM **†** Linda Caruso

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, September 13

5:15 PM**+** Rudy Aitoro

Sunday, September 14

7:30 AM**†** For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased 9:00 AM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon,

Terry Cain & Luis Cardenas

11:30 AM**†** Angelina Vescio 5:00 PM **†** Albert Bruno



The Sanctuary Candle burns September 7th through September 10th in memory of Gorgonio Ong.

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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



ELECTRONIC GIVING

is available through our parish website:

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money and helps keep our volunteers & staff safe.

# 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

Going out of town? Need to find a nearby Catholic Church?

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

> 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.

Adult Choir Members Wanted! Our Music Director, Marge Kelley, is looking for new members to join our adult choir on Sunday mornings for the 11:30 AM Mass. We rehearse from 10:45-11:20 before Mass. Additional rehearsals for Christmas, Easter and special liturgies take place on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in the church. In the past six months, several of our members have retired or are unable to participate due to serious health issues. We hope to see new faces in the choir for the fall as we prepare for our annual Christmas concert and Christmas Masses! While full time (Sunday) members are our greatest need to present high level music each week, Marge will also accept part time members who wish to sing for Christmas, Easter and special liturgies only. All adult choir members must receive VIRTUS training. No auditions are necessary, just a desire to serve the church in our music ministry! Please see Marge after the 5:15 PM, 9:00 AM or 11:30 AM Masses to fill out a member form or you can access the form on the parish website and return it to stthomasmusicdir@gmail.com.

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**Lourdes Retreat** 

Please join us for a Special Day of Hope and Healing with Bishop Frank Caggiano SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14th, 2:00PM-3:30PM St. Mary Church 566 Elm St, Stamford, CT Rosary, Procession, Lourdes Water and Courageous Witness from members of the Diocesan Committee for Healing.

Refreshments immediately following.

All are welcome. Information and Registration: (203) 324-7321

#### **NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM**

#### **FALL SESSION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Wednesday afternoons 2:00 – 3:30pm October 1 – December 3

Your loss may be recent or long ago.

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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

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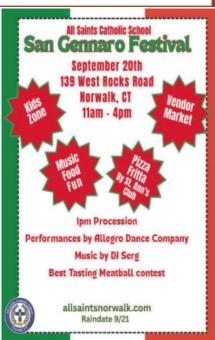
Meetings are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge

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

#### www.Thegrief.org

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







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> September 8 6 pm - 8:30 pm

August 12, 19, & 26 Tuesdays:

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Saturdays: August 16, 23

> September 6 9 am - 12 Noon

August 17 & 24 Sundays:

> 9 am - 12 Noon September 7

## Confession in Church **Every Saturday** 4:00pm until 4:30pm

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#### 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 Troop 222, please call the office.

#### FROM A SERMON BY SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP (SERMO 23A, 1-4: CCL 41, 41, 321-323)

Happy are we if we do the deeds of which we have heard and sung. Our hearing of them means having them planted in us, while our doing them shows that the seed has borne fruit. By saying this, I wish to caution you, dearly beloved, not to enter the Church fruitlessly, satisfied with mere hearing of such mighty blessings and failing to do good works. For we have been saved by his grace, says the Apostle, and not by our works, lest anyone may boast; for it is by his grace that we have been saved. It is not as if a good life of some sort came first, and that thereupon God showed his love and esteem for it from on high, saying: "Let us come to the aid of these men and assist them quickly because they are living a good life." No, our life was displeasing to him. He will, therefore, condemn what we have done but he will save what he himself has done in us.

We were not good, but God had pity on us and sent his Son to die, not for good men but for bad ones, not for the just but for the wicked. Yes, Christ died for the ungodly. Notice what is written next: One will hardly die for a righteous man, though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. Perhaps someone can be found who will dare to die for a good man; but for the unjust man, for the wicked one, the sinner, who would be willing to die except Christ alone who is so just that he justifies even the unjust?

And so, my brothers, we had no good works, for all our works were evil. Yet although men's actions were such, God in his mercy did not abandon men. He sent his Son to redeem us, not with gold or silver but at the price of his blood poured out for us. Christ, the spotless lamb, became the sacrificial victim, led to the slaughter for the sheep that were blemished—if indeed one can say that they were blemished and not entirely corrupt. Such is the grace we have received! Let us live so as to be worthy of that great grace, and not do injury to it. So mighty is the physician who has come to us that he has healed all our sins! If we choose to be sick once again, we will not only harm ourselves, but show ingratitude to the physician as well.

Let us then follow Christ's paths which he has revealed to us, above all the path of humility, which he himself became for us. He showed us that path by his precepts, and he himself followed it by his suffering on our behalf. In order to die for us—because as God he could not die—the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. The immortal One took on mortality that he might die for us, and by dying put to death our death. This is what the Lord did, this the gift he granted to us. The mighty one was brought low, the lowly one was slain, and after he was slain, he rose again and was exalted. For he did not intend to leave us dead in hell, but to exalt in himself at the resurrection of the dead those whom he had already exalted and made just by the faith and praise they gave him. Yes, he gave us the path of humility. If we keep to it we shall confess our belief in the Lord and have good reason to sing: We shall praise you, God, we shall praise you and call upon your name.

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

If you are entering kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> 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.* 

### **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.

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

# **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.

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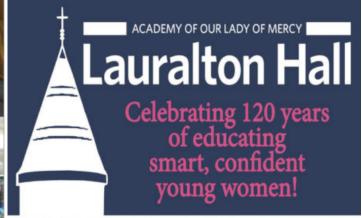
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If you would like to add or removed a name from this prayer list, please email or call the office.

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:

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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 wegiesi@hotmail.com. If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

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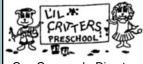
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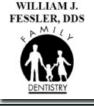
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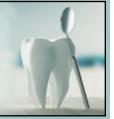


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