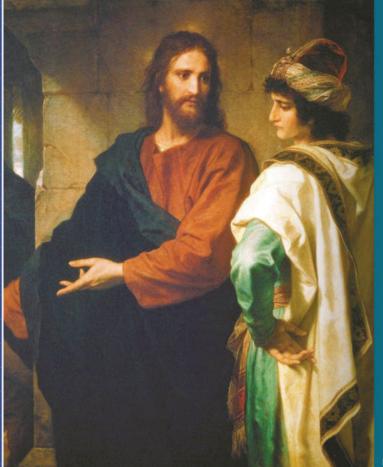
Norwalk, CT • Est. 1935 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH October 13, 2024



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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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		PARISH STEWARDSHIP			
		<i>October 6</i> Collection	2024 \$4,251.00	2023 \$4,121.00	
Daily Mass Columbus Day, Monday, October 14 7:00 AM + All Souls 5:30 PM + Aniela Kozik		On-Line Diocesan Assessment Net Retained Votives	\$2,413.00 (\$1,547.00) \$5,117.00 \$ 144.50	\$2,554.00 (<u>\$1,506.00)</u> <u>\$5,169.00</u> \$ 133.11	
Tuesday, Octol 7:00 AM † 5:30 PM Wednesday, Oc	Andrew Cianciullo NO MASS	Monthly Maintenant Collection On-Line Total	I.	\$1,128.00 \$1,936.00 \$3,054.00	
Thursday, October 177:00 AMNO MASS5:30 PMIntentions of Mary Scott GrimaldiFriday, October 187:00 AM +Denise T. & Kristen Willen5:30 PMKelley SpearenSunday Vigil, Saturday, October 19		Diocesan Assessment The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on <u>all</u> gross receipts. For our 2025 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum 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.			
5:15 PM + Sunday, Octob 7:30 AM + 9:00 AM + 11:30 AM + 5:00 PM +	Margaret & Edward Kelley	NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate <i>World</i> <i>Mission Sunday</i> . Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asi the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America an		vites the entire es in Africa, Asia, atin America and	
	The Sanctuary Candle burns October 13 th through October 19 th in memory of Gregoire Dumas.	Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.			
Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. Please remember in your prayers: Jeannette J. Meister Angela Richard We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.		CLOS COLUMBERS DAY	SED ON MOND. COLUMB HERE WILL BE 7AM & S AS WELL AS O	E TWO MASSES: 5:30PM UR REGULAR	

Confession in Church

Every Saturday

4:00pm until 4:30pm **Or by Appointment**

Rectory: Rev. Ralph Segura Pastor (ext.19)

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4 Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

Rectory Staff: Cathy Lauder Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

> Finance Chair: Ulrike Schambeck (203) 434-6488



Pray the Rosary in the Church Monday - Friday: Before Any Scheduled Morning Mass at 6:30am Monday: 7:00pm Saturday: 4:45pm

(203) 866-1219 Fax

Religious Ed Office: (203) 866-1189 Patty Frattaroli, DRE stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

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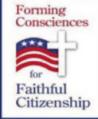
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Election Day, November 5th, is Quickly Approaching

How do the Positions of the Presidential Candidates Compare to Catholic Teaching?





In keeping with its mission, the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference (CCPAC aims to educate and inform Catholics about a wide range of issues. The issues appear here in alphabetical order for informational purposes only and do not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. The CCPAC neither supports nor opposes any candidate or political party.

Go to ctcatholicpac.org or use the QR code to read about their positions.

Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Bridgeport Bereavement Ministry Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents Whose Children of Any Age Have Died by Any Cause, No Matter How Long Ago. One-Day Spiritual Retreat Saturday, December 7 Registration is required. Please call 203-404-0023 or go to www.ctcerneteries.org https://ctcemeteries.org/bereavement-support/ emmaus-ministry/

Catholic Charities New Outlook Counseling is here to help! We offer quick appointments and provide counseling services in both English and Spanish. Whether you're seeking support for yourself or a loved one, our professional team is ready to assist. Reach out today for compassionate care. Contact us at 203-743-4412 or visit us at ccfairfield.org.



October is Respect Life Month!

Since 1980, Birthright of Greater Norwalk has been helping pregnant women choose LIFE. At Birthright, we strive to help each woman mobilize her own resources and those of her community, so that she can plan constructively for her future.

We are asking for donations so that we can reach out to more

pregnant women, including print ads, brochures, and expanding our internet presence. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to **Birthright**, and mail to:



Birthright of Greater Norwalk 71 East Ave, Suite E Norwalk CT 06851

If you would like to volunteer or donate baby clothes, please call (203) 853-4872. Thank you for helping us provide a haven of warmth and comfort for expectant mothers.

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.

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

From the beginning of a sermon On Pastors By Saint Augustine, Bishop

You have often learned that all our hope is in Christ and that he is our true glory and our salvation. You are members of the flock of the Good Shepherd, who watches over Israel and nourishes his people. Yet there are shepherds who want to have the title of shepherd without wanting to fulfill a pastor's duties; let us then recall what God says to his shepherds through the prophet. You must listen attentively; I must listen with fear and trembling.

The word of the Lord came to me and said: Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel and speak to the shepherds of Israel. We just heard this reading a moment ago, my brothers, and I have decided to speak to you on this passage. The Lord will help me to speak the truth if I do not speak on my own authority. For if I speak on my own authority, I will be a shepherd nourishing myself and not the sheep. However, if my words are the Lord's, then he is nourishing you no matter who speaks. *Thus says the Lord God: Shepherds of Israel, who have been nourishing only themselves! Should not the shepherds nourish the sheep?* In other words, true shepherds take care of their sheep, not themselves. This is the principle reason why God condemns those shepherds: they took care of themselves rather than their sheep. Who are they who nourish themselves? They are the shepherds the Apostle described when he said: *They all seek what is theirs and not what is Christ's.*

I must distinguish carefully between two aspects of the role the Lord has given me, a role that demands a rigorous accountability, a role based on the Lord's greatness rather than on my own merit. The first aspect is that I am a Christian; the second, that I am a leader. I am a Christian for my own sake, whereas I am a leader for your sake; the fact that I am a Christian is to my own advantage, but I am a leader for your advantage.

Many persons come to God as Christians but not as leaders. Perhaps they travel by an easier road and are less hindered since they bear a lighter burden. In addition to the fact that I am a Christian and must give God an account of my life, I as a leader must give him an account of my stewardship as well.



For all those married couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th or 50+ year anniversaries are invited to gather at Saint Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport



at 1:30 pm for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano Space is limited to four guests

To register, contact Patricia Hansen at phansen@diobpt.org or 203.416.1342



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.

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 Please join us. Bring a friend. All are welcome.



Sponsored by the Lay Dominicans, Our Lady of Fatima Fraternity St. Theresa Church. 5301 Main Street, Trumbull

For more information about the Lay Dominicans, contact Mrs. Michelle Rowe, O.P. Formation Director orapronobis20@gmail.com 203 218 6882 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 157 gifts worth \$40,243 bringing our parish to 64.08% 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.**



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.

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

Catholic203.com

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A networking group designed for 18 to 35 year olds, both single and married. Scan below to see what we are all about.



Trustees: Robert Lametta Christopher Jarboe

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Room To Grow

Preschool: (203) 831-8200 Nancy Cook-Owens, *Director*

All Saints School:

Mrs. Linda Dunn, *Principal* (203) 847-3881 139 West Rocks Road Norwalk

The Second Chance Thrift Shop (203) 318-9817 **HOURS** 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Wednesdays 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Saturdays

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: (203) 866-1644 **HOURS** 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Tuesdays & Saturdays Only

Birthright of Norwalk: (203) 853-4872

Catholic Charities: (203) 416-1307



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**

To reserve the church for your destrea 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 4:00 - 4:30 PM Weekdays:

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.

Saturdays:

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The Food Pantry is open Tuesdays & Saturdays 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Donations are now being accepted during regular hours or leave NON-PERISHABLE items in the bin at the food pantry entrance. Questions? Call them at (203) 866-1644



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