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August 4, 2024

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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 5

7:00 AM† Gregoire Dumas
5:30 PM† Christopher & Rosa Piro

Tuesday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 7

NO MASS

Thursday, August 8

5:30 PM† Louis Caruso

Friday, August 9

7:00 AM In Celebration of Maura Maher's Birthday
5:30 PM† Jan, Anthony & Harold Goral

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, August 10

5:15 PM† Pietro, Luisa, & Giovanni Ferraro

Sunday, August 11

7:30 AM† Mary Lawlor
9:00 AM† Michael Walsh
11:30 AM† Fran & John Tierney
5:00 PM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
July 21		
Collection	\$3,393.00	\$3,378.00
On-Line	\$2,344.00	\$2,308.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,190.00</u>	<u>\$4,180.00</u>
Votives	\$ 139.69	\$ 179.48

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 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.



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thursday, August 15, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 7:00am, 12:10pm, and 6:00pm



The Sanctuary Candle burns August 4th through August 10th in memory of Carmella & John Pagliano.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord,
and let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Please remember in your prayers:

Maria Butera

Margo Mulvehill Culley

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

Confession in Church

Every Saturday

4:00pm until 4:30pm or

by Appointment

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Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**
Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

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TAG SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Now's the time to join the list of volunteers for our 2024 Giant Tag Sale. This is our biggest fundraiser for our parish. We need pre-sale help as well as the sale weekend (September 14th & 15th) 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 12, 19, & 26	
	September 9	6 pm - 8:30 pm
Tuesdays:	August 13, 20, & 27	
	September 3 & 10	6 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturdays:	August 17	
	September 7	9 am - 12 Noon
Sundays:	August 18 & 25	
	September 8	9 am - 12 Noon

**High School Youth Group
Car Wash
Friday, August 16th
10:00am to 1:00pm
in the Rectory Side
Parking Lot
Price?
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appreciated!!**

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IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED!

If you are entering kindergarten through 6th 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/Sixth Grade, you also need to
sign up for First Communion/
Confirmation through the St. Thomas
program.*

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



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

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

A SERMON BY ANASTASIUS OF SINAI, BISHOP

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Tuesday, August 6th 2024

This coming Tuesday, August 6th, is the Transfiguration of the Lord. Now, it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation; but below are Parishes and Masses in the Norwalk area, as well as a short reflection by a Church Father that provide the opportunity for us to observe a very significant moment during Our Lord's Ministry in which He revealed His glory, and the promise of the Glory that is promised to us.

Father Ralph

St. Thomas the Apostle.....7:00 AM
St. Matthew Church.....12:10 PM
St. Mary's Church.....12:10 PM (Latin)
St. Philip Church..... 7:30 AM
St. Joseph Church.....7:30 AM (St. Joseph's Chapel)
(Back of the Church)

From a Sermon on the Transfiguration Of the Lord by Anastasius of Sinai, Bishop

Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed to his disciples a heavenly mystery. While living among them he had spoken of the kingdom and of his second coming in glory, but to banish from their hearts any possible doubt concerning the kingdom and to confirm their faith in what lay in the future by its prefiguration in the present, he gave them on Mount Tabor a wonderful vision of his glory, a foreshadowing of the kingdom of heaven. It was as if he said to them: "As time goes by you may be in danger of losing your faith. To save you from this I tell you now that some standing here listening to me will not taste death until they have seen the Son of Man coming in the glory of his Father." Moreover, in order to assure us that Christ could command such power when he wished, the evangelist continues: Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. There, before their eyes, he was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Then the disciples saw Moses and Elijah appear, and they were talking to Jesus.

These are the divine wonders we celebrate today; this is the saving revelation given us upon the mountain; this is the festival of Christ that has drawn us here. Let us listen, then, to the sacred voice of God so compellingly calling us from on high, from the summit of the mountain, so that with the Lord's chosen disciples we may penetrate the deep meaning of these holy mysteries.

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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 143 gifts worth \$38,793 bringing our parish to 61.77% 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](http://2024BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.



THRIFT STORE HELP NEEDED

Our Second Chance Thrift store is need of volunteers to assist during their regular business hours. Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated. Please call the thrift store and speak to Mary Ann (203) 318-9817.



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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

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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
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabrese	Anne Edwards	Phil Tavella
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Michelle Vittorio	Carolyn Hill	Steve C.	Stefanie Sena	MaryAnn P.	Liz Fox
Vinnie McMahon	Andy Tao	Heather Ribellino			



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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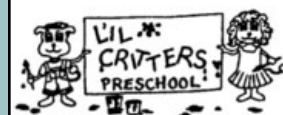
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