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January 12, 2025

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

...Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven,



"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:21-22

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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, January 13

7:00 AM† Msgr. G. Robert Hanover
5:30 PM † John Strba

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 AM† Cecilia David
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, January 15

NO MASS

Thursday, January 16

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 AM† Robert Horne

Friday, January 17

7:00 AM† Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.
5:30 PM† Lynn Sansone

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, January 18

5:15 PM† Clara Coviello

Sunday, January 19

7:30 AM† Keith Romano
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
11:30 AM Intentions of the Amoruccio & Turocy Families
5:00 PM † Judith Platt



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
January 12th through January 18th
in memory of Palma & James Sweet.*

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

Tadeusz Stachurski Francis Pennacchio
Tom Tymon, Jr. Deacon Paul Herman

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

Tadeusz Stachurski is the father of Fr. Mirek. If you would like to reach Fr. Mirek, his address is below. Fr. Mirek was able to be in Poland with his family at the time of his dad's passing.

Our Lady of Assumption Parish
545 Stratfield Road
Fairfield, CT 06825

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Rev. Ralph Segura
Pastor (ext. 19)

Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

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Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**
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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
Christmas, December 25		
Collection	\$13,561.00	\$13,974.00
On-Line	\$ 1,461.00	\$ 2,051.00
Total	<u>\$15,022.00</u>	<u>\$16,025.00</u>

December 29		
Collection	\$6,825.00	\$3,662.00
On-Line	\$1,461.00	\$2,363.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$6,739.00</u>	<u>\$4,519.00</u>
Votives	\$ 273.20	\$ 191.75

	2025	2024
Solemnity of Mary, January 1		
Collection	\$1,286.00	Not a 2024
On-Line	\$ 562.00	Holy Day
Total	<u>\$1,848.00</u>	

January 5		
Collection	\$6,122.00	\$5,695.00
On-Line	\$2,936.00	\$2,466.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$7,511.00</u>	<u>\$6,655.00</u>
Votives	\$ 273.20	\$ 113.60

Monthly Maintenance		
Collection	\$1,391.00	\$1,149.00
On-Line	\$1,159.00	\$1,229.00
Total	<u>\$2,550.00</u>	<u>\$2,378.00</u>

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 Cathedralricum 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.

We welcome the newly Baptized into the
Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Robert John Scarinci, III

Michaëla Kim Sotire

*Congratulations to their parents,
families, & friends!*

Now through January 31, 2025

2024 Challenge Grant

The Challenge Grant is currently in progress. Our benevolent family has, once again, agreed to match up to \$60,000 of your contributions. The gift envelopes have gone out. If you have not received one & wish to contribute, please use this form or take a donation card located at the entrances of the church. Thanks to all of you have already pledge or donated.



2024-2025 RECIPIENTS



\$2,851,855
awarded



1,319
students



\$44,405
avg. family income

Bishop's Scholarship Fund Applications
Open February 1, 2025

Foundations in Education is pleased to announce that applications to the Bishop's Scholarship Fund open February 1st. Families who have a child currently enrolled or are new applicants in a Diocesan-sponsored Catholic elementary school are eligible to apply for 2025-2026 tuition assistance for Grades K-8.

Apply online via the FACTS Grant & Aid, www.FACTSmgt.com/aid, and complete all questions relating to Bishop's Scholarship Fund.

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Acct # _____ Routing# _____

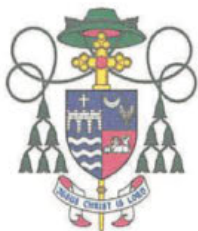
Installment Schedule:

\$ _____ monthly for _____ months
(up to 6 months)

Signature _____

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who donated gifts to the 2024 Giving Tree! We were delighted to deliver almost 200 gifts to our seniors at Ludlow Commons, Notre Dame (& Sacred Heart) Health & Rehabilitation Center, The Marvin, & homebound parishioners. We wish we could share how appreciative the recipients were when they opened their gifts. Your unprecedented generosity was truly remarkable. We hope our Giving Tree encourages everyone in our community to extend their kindness, whether by giving thoughtful gifts or volunteering their time. We'd like to especially thank our volunteers for lending their time & helping hands. Thank you, Religious Ed students. for making handmade cards. Lastly, thank you to Father Ralph, Michelle Botero, Patty Frattaroli, & the Diaz Family for their behind-the-scenes efforts to make sure this St. Thomas tradition continues.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

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January 5, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A Blessed Epiphany to you and your family!

I write to invite you to reflect on a matter of profound importance in the life of our Church — the call to priestly vocations. The priest is called to be a shepherd, a servant, and a visible sign of Christ's presence among us. Without the priesthood, we would not have the Eucharist, and without the Eucharist, we would not have the Church.

In 2025 we are launching the **Called by Name Campaign to identify faithful young men who may be open to discerning the priesthood**. I invite you to submit the names of young men aged 16-40 who love Christ and the Church, and who exhibit qualities of faith, leadership, and a heart for service. **You can submit names at www.bridgeportpriest.org.**

As we recognize the importance of priestly vocations, we must also recognize our responsibility to foster them. God continues to call men to the priesthood, but they need our support to hear and respond to His call. We, as a community of faith, must pray fervently for an increase in vocations.

I also urge every family to create an environment where the idea of the priesthood is cherished and respected. Parents, speak openly with your sons about the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood. Encourage them to seek God's will in their lives and help them discern how they may be called to serve the Church.

Through the grace of God and our collective efforts, may we see a new generation of priests who will continue to serve the Church with love, faith, and dedication.

May the Lord bless you and keep you always in His love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

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

**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.

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	Tooth Paste	Paper Towel
Bar Soap	Toilet Paper	Facial Tissues

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the Church**

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Mass at 6:30am
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Saturday: 4:45pm

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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
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 Fratoloni	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
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Ginny DeMarco	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Alessandro Fornara	David R.	John Lima	Paul Rohan
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David Franco	Laura Wade	Joe Garrity	Tim Cole	Tim Brosnan	Mary Chaloupa
Ramona Bouffard	Joan Malkin	Joan Milone	Christine DiCorato	Hildegard Noonan	



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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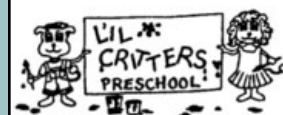
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