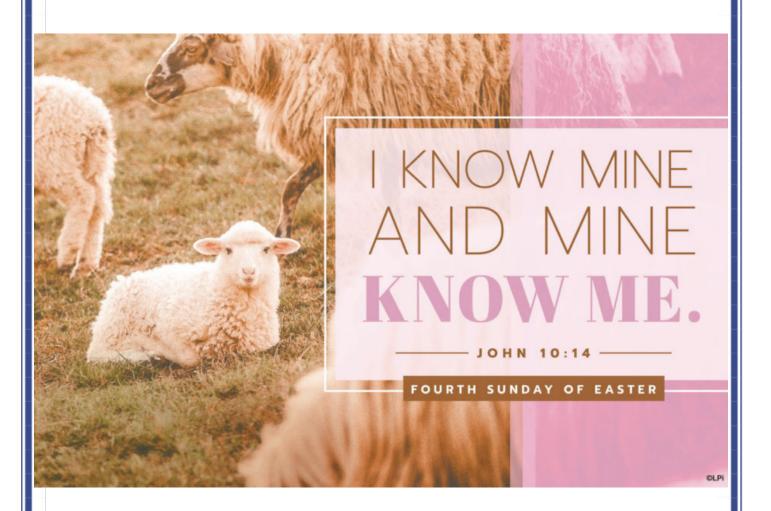


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**April 21, 2024** 



Rev. Ralph Segura, Parochial Administrator
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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, April 22

7:00 AM**†** Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.

5:30 PM **†** Giovanna Testa

Tuesday, April 23

7:00 AM Crescenzo Piro 5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, April 24

NO MASS

Thursday, April 25

7:00 AM NO MASS

5:30 PM**+** Angelina Longo Vescio

Friday, April 26

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

Pasquale Rubbo

5:30 PM **†** Millerdeen Braggiotti

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, April 27 5:15 PM Joseph Adams

Sunday, April 28

7:30 AM**†** Honorata Draus 9:00 AM**†** Carmella Pagliano 11:30 AM**†** Edward & Helen Yackery

5:00 PM **†** For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased



The Sanctuary Candle burns April 21st through April 27th in memory of Elaine Sheehan.

Banns of Marriage Kelsey Burke & Donovan McIntosh



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

#### Rectory: Rev. Ralph Segura Parochial Administrator (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

#### Religious Ed Office:

(203) 866-1189 Patty Frattaroli, DRE stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

Parish Bookkeeper Monika Piascik

Facilities:

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2024 2023 April 14 \$4,002.00 \$2,336.00 Collection \$3,550.00 \$2,316.00 On-Line Diocesan Assessment (\$1,506.00) (\$1,567.00)Net Retained \$4,360.00 \$4,771.00 Votives \$ 150.00 \$ 119.76

#### **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 2024 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum Assessment is \$78,324. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,506. This represents an annual decrease of \$3,148.00 from the prior year.

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



Located at the Parish Center

208 East Avenue

Enter Parish Center driveway from Prowitt Street Entrance is first red door on the right

(203) 318-9817

#### Youth Ministry:

stthomasyg1@gmail.com Elizabeth Squicciarino, Coordinator Website:

www.stthomasnorwalk.org

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2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL We have raised 86 gifts worth \$24,440 bringing our parish to 33.26% 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 BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.



## 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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9oz to 12oz box of cereal 14oz to 18oz peanut butter **Tooth Paste** Paper Towels Shampoo Bar Soap **Toilet Paper Facial Tissues** 

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Watch the bulletin for more info in the coming weeks.

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A PRAYERFUL ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST: HEALING ROSARY, SONG, REFLECTION, PRAYER ~ begins at 7pm ~

SOCIAL GATHERING AND REFRESHMENTS ~ begins at 8pm ~



MONDAY, APRIL 22ND

Saint James Church, Stratford

RSVP's not required but encouraged (kindly email if you plan to attend...thank you!)

SaintLukeGuild@diobpt.org

ST. ANN'S CLUB **MONDAY NIGHT BINGO (except holidays)** 16 Hendricks Avenue Doors open at 5:30pm First game at 6:45pm Refreshments available to purchase.

## FROM A HOMILY ON THE GOSPELS BY SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE (HOM. 14, 3-6: PL 76, 1129-1130)

I am the good shepherd. I know my own—by which I mean, I love them—and my own know me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.

Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. Clearly he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father.

Again he says: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life. Shortly before this he had declared: If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture. He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more.

Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveler who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going.

#### You are cordially invited to a Breakfast

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(9:00-9:30 Registration/Seating) Café on the Green

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Speaker: Monique Moussot \$ 29.95 per person Tickets: Reservations are required by

April 27th

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR LIMITED SEATING, PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

9:30am - 12:30pm

For more information about the event please contact:

Carol Flynn - Magnificat Coordinator Phone: 203-775-3875

Your request must be postmarked by April 27th Please note, since the day is designed to speak to the hearts of women, free of distractions, it is respectfully requested that young children not be in attendance.

Use your phone camera, hover over QR Code and it will take you directly to Eventbrite to register for the Breakfast

Triumphant Heart of Mary Immaculate Chapter

Saturday, May 4, 2024 Café on the Green 100 Aunt Hack Road, Danbury, CT 06811



#### **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 Sqt. 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 PFC Matthew Montanez, US Army **CPL Larry Joyce, US Marine Corps** 



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norwalk.scoutlander.com.

## Catholic 203.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.



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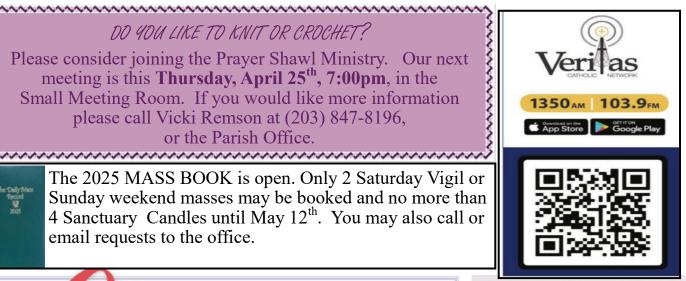
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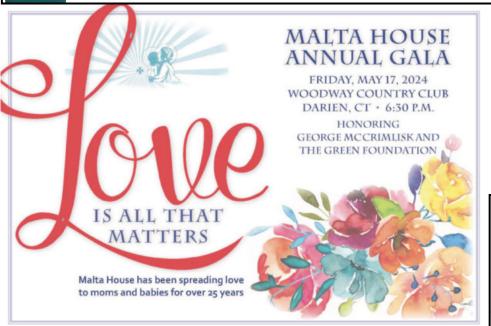
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Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our next meeting is this Thursday, April 25th, 7:00pm, in the Small Meeting Room. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, or the Parish Office.



The 2025 MASS BOOK is open. Only 2 Saturday Vigil or Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until May 12th. You may also call or email requests to the office.





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If you would like to be added to or removed 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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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
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DID YOU KNOW....you must complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, 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 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program is for you! Just call the Faith Formation Office at (203) 866-1189 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 & 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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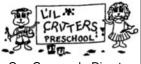
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