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THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent



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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

The Immaculate Conception, Monday, December 9

7:00 AM† All Souls
12:10 PM Intentions of Mary Scott Grimaldi
5:30 PM† John Donofrio

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 AM† Antonio Rubbo, Maria Ciambrella, &
Pasquale Rubbo
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, December 11

7:00 AM Intentions of Joseph Cirvini
5:30 PM NO MASS

Thursday, December 12

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Lucille Applegate

Friday, December 13

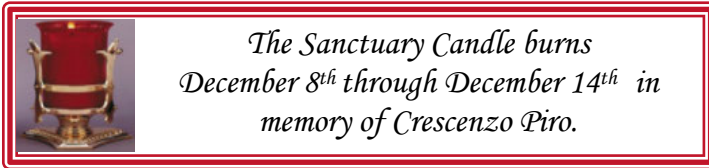
7:00 AM† Carmella Pagliano
5:30 PM† Joan Gardella

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, December 14

5:15 PM† Crescenzo Piro

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 15

7:30 AM† Joy Sinise
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
11:30 AM† Theresa Passero
5:00 PM† John & Mary Bove



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
December 8th through December 14th in
memory of Crescenzo Piro.*

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

Albert Bruno

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

St. Thomas Annual Financial Statement is available
on our website.

<https://stthomasnorwalk.org/financial-information>

If you would like a hard copy of the report, please
call the office.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
November 24		
Collection	\$3,662.22	\$4,326.00
On-Line	\$3,425.00	\$2,332.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$5,540.22</u>	<u>\$5,152.00</u>
Votives	\$ 110.86	\$ 105.79
Retired DOB Priests		
Collection	\$1,387.00	\$ 957.00
On-Line	\$ 104.00	\$ 78.00
Total	<u>\$1,491.00</u>	<u>\$1,035.00</u>
December 1		
Collection	\$3,970.62	\$3,451.00
On-Line	\$2,375.00	\$2,713.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,798.62</u>	<u>\$4,658.00</u>
Votives	\$ 416.25	\$ 125.33
Monthly Maintenance		
Collection	\$1,387.00	\$ 847.00
On-Line	\$1,503.00	\$1,401.00
Total	<u>\$2,890.00</u>	<u>\$2,248.00</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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
Monday ~ December 9
Mass Times

7:00am 12:10pm 6:00pm
No Monday night Adoration.

Confession in Church

Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm

Rectory:

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Pastor (ext.19)

Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder
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Parish Bookkeeper

Monika Piascik

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Tito (Jose) Rivera

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

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Some Food Pantry Numbers For You!

Parishioners donated 65 turkeys and 19 hams.
We distributed 366 turkeys and 19 hams.
We served 444 families between Saturday and Tuesday.
The difference between families served and turkeys/
hams distributed is that recently registered families
weren't eligible for turkeys or hams.

**Thank you from Scout Troop 222!
Thank you for making our wreath sale a
big success year after year!
Your continued support & generosity
means so much to us!!!**

The Parish Youth Group is collecting items to give to the Marvin Residents during the Youth Group Caroling Night. Please consider donating any of the following mini or travel sized items:

Chapstick (or mini Vaseline or Aquaphor's) Hand lotion Body wash Body lotion Face wash
Face lotion Hershey's kisses (Plain milk chocolate NO NUTS) Mini candy canes

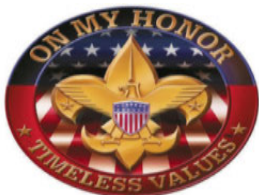
All donations can be dropped off at the parish rectory any time during hours of operation no later than Tuesday, December 10th.

2024 CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN NIGHT WITH SANTA

**Friday, December 13th
6:00pm - 9:00pm
Parish Center school/gym**

Pizza & Refreshments
Christmas Movies
Ornament & Holiday Crafts
Indoor Snowball Fight

**Santa will be joining us 7:00pm - 8:00pm!
RSVP Online at our website home page.**



CONSIDER JOINING THE SCOUTS! SCOUT TROOP 222

We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are
Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish
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*From a Pastoral Letter by Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
(Acta Ecclesiae Mediolanensis, t. 2, Lugduni, 1683, 916-917)*

Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced at last to see. This is the season that the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery. In his infinite love for us, though we were sinners, he sent his only Son to free us from the tyranny of Satan, to summon us to heaven, to welcome us into its innermost recesses, to show us truth itself, to train us in right conduct, to plant within us the seeds of virtue, to enrich us with the treasures of his grace, and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life.

Each year, as the Church recalls this mystery, she urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us. This holy season teaches us that Christ's coming was not only for the benefit of his contemporaries; his power has still to be communicated to us all. We shall share his power, if, through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us, and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ.

The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace.

In her concern for our salvation, our loving mother the Church uses this holy season to teach us through hymns, canticles and other forms of expression, of voice or ritual, used by the Holy Spirit. She shows us how grateful we should be for so great a blessing, and how to gain its benefit: our hearts should be as much prepared for the coming of Christ as if he were still to come into this world. The same lesson is given us for our imitation by the words and example of the holy men of the Old Testament.

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The 2025 MASS BOOK is open without restrictions. You may call or email requests to the office.

The youth group would like to express our enormous gratitude for your overwhelming support during our Thanksgiving Blessing Bag sale last weekend. It is such a blessing to be apart of a parish that supports youth ministry so well. Thank you all so very much!

 **The Connecticut Hospice, Inc., Homecare
Volunteers Needed**
The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. is accepting applications for new volunteers! Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. If you have an interest in companionship, light housekeeping or making meals, please contact Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers at (203) 315-7510.



Birthright is in need of gently worn baby & maternity clothing. Please call to arrange a drop off. They also need volunteers (especially Spanish speaking). Opportunities include friendship counseling, clerical, & clothing work. Training is provided. Please call for more information: (203) 853-4872.

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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 178 gifts worth \$50,281 bringing our parish to 80.07% 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.



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Monday - Friday:

Before Any Scheduled Morning Mass at 6:30am

Monday: 7:00pm

Saturday: 4:45pm

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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

14oz to 19oz Jelly 9oz to 12oz Box of Cereal
Shampoo Tooth Paste Paper Towel
Bar Soap Toilet Paper Facial Tissues

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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:

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 Fratloni	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	Andy Tao	Steve C.	Stefanie Sena	MaryAnn P.	Liz Fox
Vinnie McMahon	Heather Ribellino	Susan Swick	Frank & Ellen Tuttle	Aidan Kane	Mary Anne Lagana
David Franco	Laura Wave	Joe Garrity			



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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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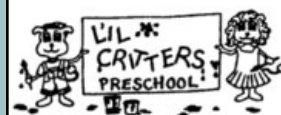
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