

**August 3, 2025** 



# 18<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

- Lk 12:20-21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCI

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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 4

7:00 AM**+** Joan Gardella

5:30 PM **†** Christofaro & Rosa Piro

Tuesday, August 5

7:00 AM**†** Catherine Grassia 5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, August 6

NO MASS

Thursday, August 7

7:00 AM NO MASS 5:30 PM**+** Anna Caruso Horne

Friday, August 8

7:00 AM In Celebration of Maura Maher's Birthday

5:30 PM **†** Tony Donofrio

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, August 9 5:15 PM**†** Jean, Anthony, & Harold Goral

Sunday, August 10

7:30 AM**†** For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

9:00 AM**†** Toni Pedersen (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Giovanni, Pietro, & Suisa Ferraro 11:30 AM**†** 

Michael J. Sandomeno 5:00 PM **†** 



The Sanctuary Candle burns August 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup> as a Special Intention to St. Therese of Lisieux.



**ADORATION MONDAY NIGHTS** 6PM - 8PM

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

7-4-20	2025	2024
July 20 Collection On-Line Diocesan Assessment Net Retained	\$3,122.00 \$2,152.00 (\$1,663.00) \$3,611.00	\$3,158.00 \$2,440.00 (\$1,547.00) \$4,051.00
Votives	\$ 140.57	\$ 91.83
<b>Co-Op Mission</b> Collection On-Line Total	\$1,061.00 \$ 251.00 \$1,312.00	\$1,078.00 \$ 276.00 \$1,354.00

### 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 2026 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum Assessment is \$86,481. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,663. This represents an annual increase of \$6,032.00 from the prior year.



### ELECTRONIC GIVING

is available through our parish website: www.stthomasnorwalk.org.

Your use of electronic giving saves the parish money and helps keep our volunteers & staff safe.

### Going on Vacation? Need to find a nearby Catholic Church?

Just go to masstime.org to find a church & mass time while you are traveling.



# **Holy Hour for Vocations**

Second Thursday of every month

7:00-8:00pm, St. Theresa Church

5301 Main Street

VACATION TIME IS HERE!

HELP US MAINTAIN OUR WEEKLY LEVELS OF OFFERTORY!!

Sign up for on-line giving and you don't have to worry about remembering to maintain your financial support of our parish. Our expenses continue every month even when classes are over & families are on the move.

Sign up for on-line giving on our website: www.stthomasnorwalk.org.

### Rectory:

Rev. Ralph Segura Pastor (ext.12)

Rev, Michael Lyons Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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

### Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

### Religious Ed Office:

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

Parish Bookkeeper Monika Piascik

> Facilities: Tito (Jose) Rivera

### **Youth Ministry:**

stthomasyg1@gmail.com Elizabeth Squicciarino, Coordinator

### Website:

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### VOLUNTEERS Drop Off Dates NEEDED!!

Mondays: August 11, 18, & 25

September 8 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesdays: August 12, 19, & 26

September 2 & 9 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturdays: August 16, 23

September 6 9 am - 12 Noon

Sundays: August 17 & 24

September 7 9 am - 12 Noon

### Please don't ask! We can't take it!!!

TV's Computers Cribs Baby Strollers
Car Seats VHS Grills Mattresses Fire Arms
Stuffed Animals Particle Board Furniture
Power Equipment Exercise Equipment
Pianos & Organs Empty Picture Frames
Household Appliances Video Game Players
Large Curio or Display Cases
Books (we will be taking children's books)

We reserve the right to refuse any donation not in clean, usable, and/or saleable condition.



If yes, then we could use your help with our Annual GIANT Tag Sale! Drop-Offs begin August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Check the bulletin for the drop-off dates...we could use your help on any day.

Our Annual Parish Tag Sale is the largest fundraiser of the year. These funds are critical to cover our operating costs.

Please contact the Parish Office by phone or by email to let us know your availability or if you would like more information!

Our Giant Tag Sale will be the weekend of September 13th & 14th\_\_\_\_\_

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!





The 2025 St. Thomas Giant Tag Sale will take place on September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> this year. As always, we are looking for volunteers to help during our drop off times. We will accept donations beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> by appointment only. Please call the office to make arrangements. Volunteer dates and scheduled donation drop offs will start in August. Flyers are located at the doors of the church.

### FROM A LETTER TO THE MAGNESIANS BY SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR (NN. 6, 1—9, 2: FUNK 1, 195-199)

The Lord did nothing either of himself or through his apostles without his Father, with whom he is united; so too, you should undertake nothing without the bishop and the presbyters. Do not attempt to persuade yourselves that what you do on your own account is right and proper, but when you meet together there must be one petition, one prayer, one mind, one hope in love and in holy joy, for Jesus Christ is one and perfect before all else. You must all be quick to come together, as to one temple of God, one altar, to the one Jesus Christ, who came forth from the one Father, while still remaining one with him, and returned to him.

Do not be led astray by false doctrines or by old and idle tales. For if we still live by the law, we admit that we have not received grace. But the holy prophets lived according to Jesus Christ, and that is why they were persecuted. They were inspired by his grace to bring full conviction to an unbelieving world that there is one God, manifested now through Jesus Christ his Son, his Word, who came forth from the Father and was in all things pleasing to the one who sent him.

Those who lived by the ancient customs attained a fresh hope; they no longer observed Saturday, but Sunday, the Lord's day, for on that day life arose for us through Christ and through his death. Some deny this mystery, but through it we have received our faith and because of it we persevere, that we may prove to be disciples of our only teacher, Jesus Christ. Even the prophets awaited him as their teacher, since they were his disciples in spirit. That is why Christ, whom they rightly awaited, raised them from the dead when he appeared. How then can we live without him?



2025 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL We have raised 137 gifts worth \$36,563 bringing our parish to 58.22% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.



Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!

Confession in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm
Or by Appointment

The 2026 MASS BOOK is now open without restrictions. You may stop in, call, or email requests to the office.

NEED TO REGISTER WITH THE PARISH?
DO YOU NEED PROOF OF SACRAMENTS
RECEIVED AT ST. THOMAS?
NEED A SPONSOR CERTIFICATE?
NEED TO SCHEDULE A BAPTISM
OR A WEDDING?

### THEN HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE

All of these items are available by filling in the form on the website and emailing it to the office. Once received, we will let you know we have it and will call or email you when your request is completed. If you are 18 and out of school, you should be registered by yourself, not with your parents.



### **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

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# **Pastoral Council:** Joe Dudek

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Room To Grow Preschool: (203) 831-8200 Nancy Cook-Owens, Director

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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** 

Tuesdays: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Birthright of Norwalk: (203) 853-4872

Catholic Charities: (203) 416-1307

# 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 **Facial Tissues** Bar Soap Toilet Paper

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### 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:

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 Frataloni	Jeannette Ralston	Pam Simso	Anthony Bruno
Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Richard Berg	Diane Turek	Angela McCrae
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Antonio Vescio	Jackie Hamilton	Debbie Poruban
Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	John Lima	Denise Cassin
Ginny DeMarco	1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Alessandro Fornara	David R.	Robert Podlaski	Paul Rohan
Michelle Vittorio	Andy Tao	Jackson P.	Holly Sanders	MaryAnn P.	Jeff Mallory
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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.

The Food Pantry is open
Tuesdays 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
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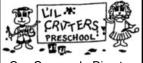
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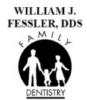
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