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January 18, 2026 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said,



“Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.”

John 1:29

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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 19

7:00 AM† Ellen Morrone
5:30 PM † Charlie Facan & Mae Hefferan

Tuesday, January 20

7:00 AM† Robert Jessup
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, January 21

NO MASS

Thursday, January 22

5:30 PM† Linda Caruso

Friday, January 23

7:00 AM† Anna Bucciarelli
5:30 PM † Daryl Conway

Saturday Vigil, January 24

5:15 PM† Bridget & Michael O'Gara

Sunday, January 25

7:30 AM† Margaret Amato, & the Amato, Baressi, & Rolland Families
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
11:30 AM† Nicholas Di Meglio
5:00 PM† The Stenger & Kenefic Families

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2026	2025
January 11		
Collection	\$3,894.65	\$4,252.00
On-Line	\$2,762.00	\$2,171.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,663.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,547.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$4,993.65</u>	<u>\$4,876.00</u>
Votives	\$ 113.90	\$ 200.50

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 2026 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralium 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.

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



The Sanctuary Candle burns
January 18th through January 24th
in memory of Margaret Amato, & the Amato,
Baressi, & Rolland Families.

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

Adela Lama McCurdy

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.



CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY
OF
ST. SEBASTIAN
Saturday, January 24th
12:00pm Mass
followed by a reception in the
Parish Center gym.
Sponsored by the Charles Family.
All are invited!!!

Would you like to get involved at Mass?
Consider becoming a Lector
or Eucharistic Minister.
Just go to our website homepage and
click on the appropriate sign up link or
call the office at (203) 866-3141.



The Parish Offices will be
closed on Monday,
January 19th, in honor of
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

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Rectory Staff:

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Parish Secretary (ext. 10)
Irene Alarcon
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Monika Piascik

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Now through January 31, 2026

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*I am pleased to support our
2025 Challenge Grant !*

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Signature _____

The mission of the Bishop's Lecture Series is to provide opportunities for compelling adult faith formation regarding catechetical, theological or pastoral issues of contemporary importance. Each year four lectures will be given in various regions of the Diocese.

Light refreshments will be available prior to the start of the program.

After an initial period of prayer, the lecturer will present the talk that will be 45 minutes in length. After a short break, there will be a 30 minute period of conversation and dialogue with participants.




To RSVP to a Bishop's Lecture event, please visit:
www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bls
 or email: bishoplecture@diobpt.org

Dr. John Bergsma

is a Professor of Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville.





Date | Thursday, January 22, 2026
Time | 7 pm
Location | McClinch Family Center
 190 Shelton Road, Trumbull
Lecturer | Dr. John Bergsma
Topic | Jesus and the Mystery of the Dead Sea Scrolls:
 A Catholic Perspective on Christian Origins

Dr. John Bergsma is Professor of Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. A former Protestant pastor, Dr. Bergsma entered the Catholic Church in 2001 while getting his Ph.D. in Bible from the University of Notre Dame. A close collaborator of Dr. Scott Hahn, Bergsma speaks regularly on Catholic radio and at conferences and parishes nationally and internationally. He has authored over a dozen books on Scripture and the Catholic faith, including Bible Basics for Catholics (Ave Maria Press), Stunned by Scripture: How the Bible Made Me Catholic (Our Sunday Visitor), and A Catholic Introduction to the Bible: Old Testament (with Brant Pitre; Ignatius Press). Dr. Bergsma's talks and studies are available on CD and mp3 from catholicproductions.com. He and his wife Dawn reside with their eight children in Steubenville, Ohio.



PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
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UT2 PO2 Edward Skeen, US Navy
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Sgt. Matthew Montanez, US Army

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
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*FROM A LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS BY SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP
(NN. 2, 2-5, 2: FUNK 1, 175-177)*

It is right for you to give glory in every way to Jesus Christ who has given glory to you; you must be made holy in all things by being united in perfect obedience, in submission to the bishop and the presbyters.

I am not giving you orders as if I were a person of importance. Even if I am a prisoner for the name of Christ, I am not yet made perfect in Jesus Christ. I am now beginning to be a disciple and I am speaking to you as my fellow disciple. It is you who should be strengthening me by your faith, your encouragement, your patience, your serenity. But since love will not allow me to be silent about you, I am taking the opportunity to urge you to be united in conformity with the mind of God. For Jesus Christ, our life, without whom we cannot live, is the mind of the Father, just as the bishops, appointed over the whole earth, are in conformity with the mind of Jesus Christ.

It is fitting, therefore, that you should be in agreement with the mind of the bishop as in fact you are. Your excellent presbyters, who are a credit to God, are as suited to the bishop as strings to a harp. So in your harmony of mind and heart the song you sing is Jesus Christ. Every one of you should form a choir, so that, in harmony of sound through harmony of hearts, and in unity taking the note from God, you may sing with one voice through Jesus Christ to the Father. If you do this, he will listen to you and see from your good works that you are members of his Son. It is then an advantage to you to live in perfect unity, so that at all times you may share in God.

If in a short space of time I have become so close a friend of your bishop—in a friendship not based on nature but on spiritual grounds—how much more blessed do I judge you to be, for you are as united with him as the Church is to Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ to the Father, so that all things are in harmony through unity. Let no one make any mistake: unless a person is within the sanctuary, he is deprived of God's bread. For if the prayer of one or two has such power, how much more has the prayer of the bishop and the whole Church.

**THOSE WHO SING,
PRAY TWICE!**

If you like to sing, please consider joining our Parish Choir. We have our regular rehearsals on Sunday at 11:00am & 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.

Going out of town? Need to find a Catholic Church? Just go to masstime.org to find a church & Mass time while you are traveling.

2026
MARCH FOR LIFE
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Sponsored by St. Theresa Church

For complete information & to register for the bus trip, please go to our website & click on "Events in Our Diocese".



The bishops of the U.S. established the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America as an expression of unity and love for their brothers and sisters in Central and S. America and the Caribbean islands. For more than 60 years, Catholics in the United States have answered the invitation to "share your faith" by supporting pastoral ministries that strengthen the Church in the present day and help it pass on the Gospel to future generations.


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Tim/Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
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Eric Odle	Morgan Galdenzi	Charlie Kraiger	Ray Eramo	Richard Lacomis	



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

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Prayer Requests!

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