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**February 4, 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, February 12

7:00 AM† All Souls  
5:30 PM† Ann Kinnally

#### Tuesday, February 13

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

#### Ash Wednesday, February 14

7:00 AM† Pasquale Tartaglia & Sandy Ballard  
12:10 PM† All the Souls in Purgatory  
6:00 PM† Giuseppe Annetta

#### Thursday, February 15

7:00 AM NO MASS  
5:30 PM† Rory O'Dwyer (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

#### Friday, February 16

7:00 AM Intention of Marlene Dessances  
5:30 PM† Helen Cafero

#### Sunday Vigil, Saturday, February 17

5:15 PM† Frank Longo

#### Sunday, February 11

7:30 AM† The Amato's: Arthur, Sr., Mary, Sharon, & Arthur, Jr., & the Rolland Family  
9:00 AM† Sivagami Sarathy  
11:30 AM† Catherine Verda  
5:00 PM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
<b>February 4</b>		
Collection	\$3,786.00	\$3,743.00
On-Line	\$2,749.00	\$2,335.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$5,029.00</u>	<u>\$4,511.00</u>

Votives \$ 141.60 \$ 168.02

### Monthly Maintenance

Collection	\$1,306.00	\$1,393.00
On-Line	\$ 824.00	\$1,153.00
Total	<u>\$2,130.00</u>	<u>\$2,546.00</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 2024 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralium 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.

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

*Gabriella Jean Rivieccio*

*Congratulations to her parents, family, & friends!*



The Sanctuary Candle burns  
February 11<sup>th</sup> through February 17<sup>th</sup> in memory  
of the DiDonna & Porada Families.



#### Rectory:

Rev. Ralph Segura  
Parochial Administrator (ext. 19)

#### Rectory Staff:

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Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

#### Religious Ed Office:

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Patty Frattaroli, DRE  
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stthomasnyg1@gmail.com  
Elizabeth Squicciarino, Coordinator

#### Website:

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#### Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4

Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

#### Finance Chair:

Ulrike Schambeck  
(203) 434-6488

#### Parish Bookkeeper

Monika Piascik

#### Facilities:

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*Every effort has been made to record your intentions accurately: please forgive any typographical errors.*

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

**F** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Catholics over the age of 14 years are required to abstain from meat every Friday during Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required by Church law to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is permitted to persons in this age group on this day, plus two lighter meals.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Our Food Pantry is starting a "Needed Items List". 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. That is where this listing will come in. 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.

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

*FROM A SHORT DISCOURSE BY SAINT BONAVENTURE, BISHOP  
(PROLOGUS: OPERA OMNIA 5, 201-202)*

The source of sacred Scripture was not human research but divine revelation. This revelation comes from the Father of Light from whom the whole concept of fatherhood in heaven and on earth derives. From him, through Jesus Christ his Son, the Holy Spirit enters into us. Then, through the Holy Spirit who allots and apportions his gifts to each person as he wishes, we receive the gift of faith, and through faith Christ lives in our hearts. So we come to know Christ and this knowledge becomes the main source of a firm understanding of the truth of all sacred Scripture. It is impossible, therefore, for anyone to achieve this understanding unless he first received the gift of faith in Christ. This faith is the firm basis of all supernatural enlightenment, the light guiding us to it, and the doorway through which we enter upon it. What is more, the extent of our faith is the measure of the wisdom which God has given us. Thus, no one should overestimate his wisdom; instead, he should soberly make his assessment according to the extent of the faith which God has given him.

The outcome or the fruit of reading holy Scripture is by no means negligible: it is the fullness of eternal happiness. For these are the books which tell us of eternal life, which were written not only that we might believe but also that we might have everlasting life. When we do live that life we shall understand fully, we shall love completely, and our desires will be totally satisfied. Then, with all our needs fulfilled, we shall truly know the love that surpasses understanding and so be filled with the fullness of God. The purpose of the Scriptures, which come to us from God, is to lead us to this fullness according to the truths contained in those sayings of the Apostles to which I have referred. In order to achieve this, we must study holy Scripture carefully, and teach it and listen to it in the same way.

If we are to attain the ultimate goal of eternal happiness by the path of virtue described in the Scriptures, we have to begin at the very beginning. We must come with a pure faith to the Father of Light and acknowledge him in our hearts. We must ask him to give us, through his Son and in the Holy Spirit, a true knowledge of Jesus Christ, and along with that knowledge a love of him. Knowing and loving him in this way, confirmed in our faith and grounded in our love, we can know the length and breadth and height and depth of his sacred Scripture. Through that knowledge we can come at last to know perfectly and love completely the most blessed Trinity, whom the saints desire to know and love and in whom all that is good and true finds its meaning and fulfillment.

**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](mailto:margaretkelley24@gmail.com).

***Consider joining now to participate  
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SSG Sgt. Jesse Skeen, US Army  
Spc. Daniel Gonzales, US Army  
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### JOIN THE SCOUTS! SCOUT TROOP 222

We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center gym. We need at least 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. We follow the school year calendar. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to our web page: [troop222.norwalk.scoutlander.com](http://troop222.norwalk.scoutlander.com).

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**Spring 2024 Campaign**  
**February 14 – March 24, 2024**

Through peaceful prayer, fasting, and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired more than 1,000,000 volunteers and saved thousands of lives. Please consider signing up for 1 hour with a friend or as a parish group and help change hearts and minds this Lent. See the following for location and sign-up information.

**Bridgeport:** 4697 Main Street (at the public right of way),  
 Campaign Leader: Barbara Grabowski -  
 bgrabows@aol.com

For more information or to sign up for hours visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/bridgeport>

**Danbury:** 44 Main Street (at the public right of way)  
 Campaign Leader: Don Mallozzi -  
 don.r.mallozzi@gmail.com

For more information or to sign up for hours visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/danbury>

**Stamford:** 35 Sixth Street (at the public right of way)  
 Campaign Leader: Monika Twal -  
 stamford40daysforlife@gmail.com

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**CATECHISTS NEEDED for Grades 1, 4 & 5**

**We are in need of volunteer Catechists to teach our next year's 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> graders.**

**Sundays, September - May**

**10:00 am - 11:45 am**

**Class Times: 10:15 am - 11:30 pm**

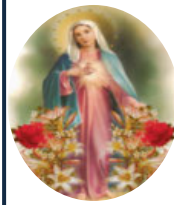
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**To volunteer or for more information please call the Rel. Formation office:**

**(203) 866-1189.**



**ADORATION**  
**MONDAY NIGHT**  
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**Pray the Rosary in the Church**  
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**PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER**

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:

Carm Pagliano	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabrese	Anne Edwards	George Travers
Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Phil Tavella
Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Fratoloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Hamilton Family
Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Richard Berg	Jeannetta Torres	Anthony Bruno
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Antonio Vescio	Diane Turek	Angela McCrae
Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	Jackie Hamilton	Debbie Poruban
Kathleen Dominick	1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Alessandro Fornara	David R.	John Lima	Denise Cassin
Ginny DeMarco	Nancy G.	Jackson P.	Holly Sanders	Vinny Massaro	Patricia M.
Mike D.	Elizabeth Malerba	Steve C.	Stefanie Sena	Jim Bogdany	Robert Podlaski
Michelle Vittorio	Vinnie McMahon	Carolyn Hill	Paul Rohan		





**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

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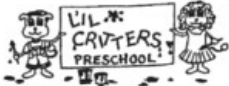
Donations are now being accepted during regular hours or leave NON-PERISHABLE items in the bin at the food pantry entrance.

Questions? Call them at  
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### Prayer Requests!

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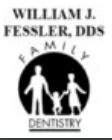
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If you are concerned about your end of life plans, searching for the sacred ground of a Catholic cemetery, or have loved ones buried in one of our 14 Diocese cemeteries, now might be a good time to begin planning for yourself or other family members.

While talking about the issue is not easy, pre-need planning makes your wishes clear, reduces costs and helps your family avoid difficult decisions at a time of loss and grief.

Start your plans now by contacting Joe McCurdy  
our Director of Operations and a St. Thomas the Apostle parishioner  
at 203-610-3414 or [joe.mccurdy@ctcemeteries.org](mailto:joe.mccurdy@ctcemeteries.org)



## William J. Fessler D.D.S.

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