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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, September 29

7:00 AM In Celebration of Vitas Chariton's Birthday
5:30 PM † Sivagami Sarathy

Tuesday, September 30

7:00 AM † Sivagami Sarathy
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, October 1

NO MASS

Thursday, October 2

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM † Maria Daniela

Friday, October 3

7:00 AM † Mariano David
5:30 PM † Mass of Remembrance

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, October 4

5:15 PM † Nancy Stephanak

Sunday, October 5

7:30 AM † Tadeusz Stachurski.
9:00 AM † Piatro Renda
11:30 AM † Antonia Vescio
5:00 PM † For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2025	2024
September 21		
Collection	\$3,610.59	\$3,934.00
On-Line	\$2,262.00	\$2,423.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,663.00)	(\$1,547.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,209.59</u>	<u>\$4,810.00</u>
Votives	\$ 148.75	\$ 157.08

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 Cathedralricum 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.

—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioners have died in the month of September: William Spielman and Francesco Siano. There will be a special mass for them and for all deceased parishioners on Friday, October 3rd at 5:30 p.m. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. If you would like information about the ministry, please contact Jane Eichwald at (203) 838-4590.



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 28th through October 4th in
gratitude to St. Anthony.*

Adult Choir Members Wanted! Our Music Director, Marge Kelley, is looking for new members to join our adult choir on Sunday mornings for the 11:30 AM Mass. We rehearse from 10:45-11:20 before Mass. Additional rehearsals for Christmas, Easter and special liturgies take place on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in the church. In the past six months, several of our members have retired or are unable to participate due to serious health issues. We hope to see new faces in the choir for the fall as we prepare for our annual Christmas concert and Christmas Masses! While full time (Sunday) members are our greatest need to present high level music each week, Marge will also accept part time members who wish to sing for Christmas, Easter and special liturgies only. All adult choir members must receive VIRTUS training. No auditions are necessary, just a desire to serve the church in our music ministry! Please see Marge after the 5:15 PM, 9:00 AM or 11:30 AM Masses to fill out a member form or you can access the form on the parish website and return it to stthomasmusicdir@gmail.com.

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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Cathy Lauder
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

Parish Bookkeeper
Monika Piascik

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Tito (Jose) Rivera

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IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED!

If you are entering kindergarten through 7th grade in September and have not received an email from Rel. Ed, please go to our website homepage and click the link to the Religious Ed Registration page. Kindergarten is not mandatory and is free for all who attend. Please sign up ASAP so we can plan our class sizes and teacher needs. *If you are entering a Catholic school Second Grade, you also need to sign up for First Communion through the St. Thomas program.*

GRADE 8TH - 12TH STUDENTS RELIGIOUS FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration is now open! Please go to our website homepage for more information.

We are now offering Religious Formation/Education for **Grades 8 - 12 students** who desire to join the Catholic faith and a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments.

- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith.
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults For Adults 18+ (Not attending High School)

Registration is now open for OCIA! Please go to our website homepage for more information.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. OCIA can also be a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments.

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith.
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith.
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

One-day Spiritual Retreat for any parent who has suffered the loss of a precious child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss, no matter how recent or long ago.

Saturday, October 4, 2025

9:00 – 6:00 pm

St. Rose of Lima Church

46 Church Hill Road,

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Visit the website to read more about this one-day spiritual retreat: ctcemeteries.org/bereavement-support/grieving-parent-ministry/ or call Carolyn Killian, Director of Bereavement:

(203) 404-0023

Dedication of Carlo Acutis Shrine

Friday, October 3rd

7:30pm Mass

Cathedral of St. Augustine

399 Washington Avenue

Bridgeport

Please join us for this special event! Bishop Caggiano will bless the shrine dedicated to St. Carlo Acutis and unveil the statue in his honor. He will also place the relic of St. Carlo in place for veneration.

All are welcome! There is no need to RSVP.

2025 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We have raised 157 gifts worth \$40,798 bringing our parish to 64.96% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. **Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!**



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*FROM THE BEGINNING OF A LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS BY SAINT POLYCARP
BISHOP AND MARTYR (CAP. 1, 1-2, 3: FUNK 1, 267-269)*

From Polycarp and his fellow presbyters to the pilgrim church of God at Philippi: May you have mercy and peace in abundance from Almighty God and Jesus Christ our Savior.

I rejoice with you greatly in the Lord Jesus Christ because you have assumed the pattern of true love and have rightly helped on their way those who were in chains. Such chains are becoming to the faithful; they are the rich crown of the chosen ones of our Lord and God. I am glad, too, that your deep-rooted faith, proclaimed of old, still abides and continues to bear fruit in the life-giving power of our Lord Jesus Christ. He, for our sins, did not refuse to go down to death, and God raised him up after destroying the pains of hell. With a glorious joy that no words can express you believe in Christ without seeing him. This is the joy in which many wish to share knowing that it is by grace that you are saved and not by works, for so God has willed through Jesus Christ.

So prepare yourselves for the struggle, serve the Lord in fear and truth. Put aside empty talk and popular errors; your faith must be in him who raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead and gave him a share in his own glory and a seat at his right hand. To him everything was made subject in heaven and on earth; all things obey him, who will come as judge of the living and the dead. All who refuse to believe must answer to God for the blood of his Son.

He who raised him from the dead will raise us too if we do his will and keep his commandments, loving what he loved, refraining from all wrongdoing, fraud, avarice, malice and slander. We must abstain from false witness, not returning evil for evil, nor curse for curse, nor blow for blow, nor denunciation for denunciation. Always remember the words of the Lord, who taught: Do not judge and you will not be judged; forgive and you will be forgiven; be merciful and you will find mercy; the amount you measure out to others will be the amount measured out to you. Blessed are the poor and those who suffer persecution, for theirs is the kingdom of God.



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Wedding Jubilee Mass

For all those married couples
celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th or 50+ year anniversaries
are invited to gather at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine in Bridgeport

on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

*at 11:00 am for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano
Space is limited to four guests*

To register, contact Sharon Colihan at Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org or 203.416.1454

Blessing of Animals

**Sunday, September 28th, at
1pm. Bring your pets, big &
small, to our blessing.**

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CONSIDER JOINING THE SCOUTS! SCOUT TROOP 222

We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center gym and follow the school year calendar. We need at least 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. For more information about Troop 222, please call the office.

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
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SSG Sgt. Jesse Skeen, US Army
Spc. Daniel Gonzales, US Army
MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
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.

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Nancy Cook-Owens,
Director

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Mrs. Linda Dunn,
Principal
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139 West Rocks Road
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HOURS

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Wednesdays
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Saturdays

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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:

Tim/Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
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Ginny DeMarco	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Alessandro Fornara	David R.	Robert Podlaski	Paul Rohan
Michelle Vittorio	Andy Tao	Jackson P.	Holly Sanders	MaryAnn P.	Jeff Mallory
Vinnie McMahon	Heather Ribellino	Susan Swick	Stefanie Sena	Aidan Kane	Liz Fox
David Franco	Christine DiCorato	Joe Garrity	Frank & Ellen Tuttle	Tim Brosnan	Mary Anne Lagana
Lazarus Massey	Paul T.	Joan Milone	Tim Cole	Fran DeBease	Mary Chaloupa
Terry H.	Boguslaw Gorczynski	Hildegard Noonan	David Jakaj	Matthew Cronin	Michael Kelly
Eric Odle	Morgan Galdenzi	Charlie Kraiger			



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

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

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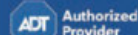
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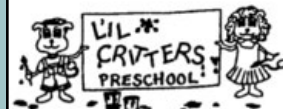
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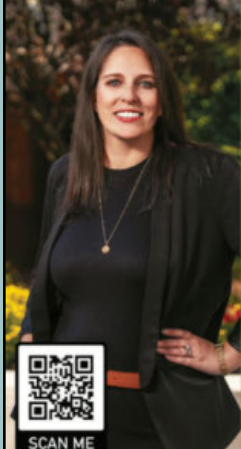


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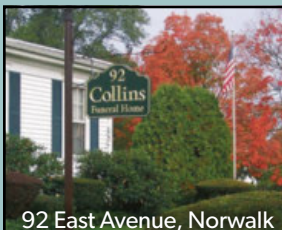
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