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## THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 14, 2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TAKE NOTHING FOR  
**THE JOURNEY.**

MARK 6:8



CLPI

**Rev. Ralph Segura, Parochial Administrator**

**203 East Avenue  
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**Norwalk, CT 06855  
[stthomasnorwalk.org](http://stthomasnorwalk.org)**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00AM.  
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

### Daily Mass

#### Monday, July 15

7:00 AM Intentions of Mary Scott Grimaldi  
5:30 PM † Robert Michek

#### Tuesday, July 16

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

#### Wednesday, July 17

NO MASS

#### Thursday, July 18

5:30 PM Intentions of Mary Scott Grimaldi

#### Friday, July 19

7:00 AM † Robert Michek  
5:30 PM † J.C. Steven

#### Sunday Vigil, Saturday, July 20

5:15 PM † Elisabeth Valiante

#### Sunday, July 21

7:30 AM † James & Shirley Muro & Dr. Jayme Rolls  
9:00 AM † Luigi DiMeglio  
11:30 AM † Carmella Pagliano  
5:00 PM † For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
<b>June 30</b>		
Collection	\$4,295.00	\$4,275.00
On-Line	\$2,342.00	\$2,623.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$5,131.00</u>	<u>\$5,392.00</u>
Votives	\$ 112.59	\$ 115.67
<b>July 7</b>		
Collection	\$3,608.00	\$4,072.00
On-Line	\$2,690.00	\$2,303.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,751.00</u>	<u>\$4,869.00</u>
Votives	\$ 194.20	\$ 206.80
<b>Monthly Maintenance</b>		
Collection	\$1,142.00	\$1,210.00
On-Line	<u>\$1,237.00</u>	<u>\$1,424.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,379.00</u>	<u>\$2,634.00</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.



*The Sanctuary Candle burns  
July 14<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup> in memory of  
Fran & John Tierney.*



Pray the Rosary in the Church  
Monday - Friday: Before Any  
Scheduled Morning Mass at 6:30am  
Monday: 7:00pm  
Saturday: 4:45pm

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord,  
and let Perpetual light Shine Upon Them.

Please remember in your prayers:

**Frank Izzo Keith Romano**

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

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

*Javier Apollo Aponte  
Daniel Alexander Aponte  
Congratulations to their parents,  
family, & friends!*

## Confession in Church

**Every Saturday  
4:00pm until 4:30pm  
or by Appointment**



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

### Rectory:

Rev. Ralph Segura  
Parochial Administrator (ext. 19)

### Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder  
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

### Finance Chair:

Ulrike Schambeck  
(203) 434-6488

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

*All that's missing is U!*  
Can you: **Fold a shirt?**

**Wash a glass?**

**Unpack a box?**

If yes, then we could use your help with our Annual GIANT Tag Sale! Drop-Offs begin August 5<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 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

**WE CAN'T DO IT  
WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!**



## THE CHILDREN'S BULLETIN IS BACK!

The children's bulletin is now available online on our website bulletin page. It is a downloadable PDF and may be printed at home for your children to participate in the readings with word games and coloring.

We hope you find this a useful tool.



### FIGHT HUNGER WITH US!

We will receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold at our selected Stop & Shop in our selected month.

Benefiting Organization:

St. Thomas St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry

Selected Month:

July

Selected Stop & Shop:

380 Main Avenue  
Norwalk

STOP & SHOP

## Saturday Volunteer Needed

The Food Pantry needs a volunteer for Saturday mornings from 9:30am to 12 Noon to help bag & distribute food to the needy in our community. If you can give us some time please call the Food Pantry (203) 866-1644 or 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.***

**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](http://www.stthomasnorwalk.org), or scan the QR code.



## IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED!

If you are entering kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> 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/Sixth Grade, you also need to sign up for First Communion/Confirmation through the St. Thomas program.***



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

## A REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

### Summer Break Is Here!

We have entered into the Summer Break, and it is the time of the year favored for vacations and travel. Personally, I usually spend time in New Hartford and Riverton Connecticut Fly Fishing for trout on the uppermost part of the Farmington River. In the small town of Winstead, there is a magnificent Catholic Church of great size and beauty, and it's where I go for the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, to pray the Rosary, or spend some quiet time with God.

Significantly, I never knew that this beautiful Church even existed, as I would go to a smaller, country-style Church in New Hartford. Once I discovered it, which happened one day as I was driving in Winsted to see a small river I found on a Fishing Map, I knew that that was the place for me to visit whenever I came up that way to fish.

As Catholics, we work hard; we always have; and we have very busy lives. So, it is fitting that we take the time during the Summer to travel, relax, spend time with our family and friends, and see and do things that we normally either can't or don't do any other time of the year.

Yet, as Catholics, it is equally important that we not only nurture our need for well-deserved seasonal extracurricular activities, which, by the way, is periodic; we also need to nurture our souls through our relationship with God, which, by the way, should be a regular constant in our lives.

But traveling and vacationing, with the demands of timing and logistics, as well as unpredictable irregularities can make attending Mass either challenging; or perhaps, something that can take second priority; or even fall by the wayside altogether. Admittedly, where I spend time with God in Winsted is relatively easy and quite predictable.

Accordingly, below is a resource in which you can find a Mass anywhere you may be in the United States at **CatholicMassTime.org** and the **USCCB Website**. You can find both if you simply Google "*website to find Catholic Masses*." Please be aware however, and I found this to be both confusing and troubling, there are non-Catholic denominations that are calling themselves "Catholic" on their links that are not Catholic at all, and please know, attending services at said Churches does not fulfill the Precept of the Church in which we are bound to attend Mass on Sundays.

May you have a safe and blessed Summer Break, and please feel free to use these resources when you can so that you can stay close to God as you enjoy the gift of traveling, rest, and time spent with those you love. Enjoy the Summer!

*John Ralph*



## Annual Italian-American Saint Ann's Feast

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**Thursday, 7/25 6-10 pm**  
**Friday, 7/26 6-10 pm**

**Saturday, 7/27 4-10 pm**  
**Sunday, 7/28 3-8 pm**

Bishop Caggiano will celebrate the traditional Saint Ann's Mass at 10 am on Saturday July 27, at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, 125 East Avenue in Norwalk. There will be a procession that leaves the Saint Ann's Club, 16 Hendricks Avenue in Norwalk at 9:30 am. All are welcome to attend.



For more information, please call the Saint Ann's Club at (203)853-3603  
or Annamaria Malagisi at (203)857-4800.



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



### 2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We have raised 135 gifts worth \$38,163 bringing our parish to 66.77% 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](http://2024BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.



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### Room To Grow Preschool:

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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.

14oz to 19oz jelly  
9oz to 12oz box of cereal

Shampoo	Tooth Paste	Paper Towel
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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:

Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabrese	Anne Edwards	Phil Tavella
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Vinnie McMahon	Andy Tao	Heather Ribellino			





**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](mailto: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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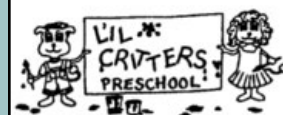
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