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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 24, 2025



Rev. Ralph Segura, Pastor (203) 866-3141 stthomasnorwalk.org 203 East Avenue Norwalk, CT 06855 stthomasnorwalk@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00AM. Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, August 25

7:00 AM **†** Robert Gonzalez

5:30 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon,

Terry Cain & Luis Cardenas

Tuesday, August 26

7:00 AM**†** Bertha Ballard 5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, August 27

NO MASS

Thursday, August 28

7:00 AM NO MASS 5:30 PM+ Victoria Buono

Friday, August 29

7:00 AM**†** Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.

5:30 PM **†** Nick Cutrone

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, August 30

5:15 PM**+** For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

Sunday, August 31

7:30 AM**†** Pasquale Camerota 9:00 AM**†** Brendan Mullarkey Helen & Edward Yackery 11:30 AM**†**

Georgie Gonzalez (1st Anniversary) 5:00 PM **†**



The Sanctuary Candle burns August 24th through August 31st in memory of Margaret Amato, & the Amato, Baressi, A. Rolland Families.

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

> Nova Grace Abate Cora Patricia Ellis

Congratulations to their parents, families, & friends!

Going out of town? Need to find a nearby Catholic Church?

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

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

Cathy Lauder Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

Rectory Staff:

Religious Ed Office: (203) 866-1189

Patty Frattaroli, DRE stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

Parish Bookkeeper Monika Piascik

Facilities: Tito (Jose) Rivera

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2025 2024 August 17 \$2,976.00 \$2,542.00 Collection \$3,799.00 \$2,197.00 On-Line Diocesan Assessment (\$1,663.00) (\$1,547.00) Net Retained \$4,333.00 \$3,971.00 \$ 141.75 Votives \$ 113.00

Feast of the Assumption

739.00 Collection \$ 604.00 On-Line 399.00 454.00 Total \$1,138.00 \$1,058.00

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.

Are you entering

Kindergarten or 1st Grade? Then, now's the time to start your religious education, too. Please contact the Religious Formation Office for more information or go to our website for a link to our registration page. Classes are on Sundays starting in

September. Kindergarten is not required but serves as an introduction and is free to all.

Phone: (203) 866-1189 Email: stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

LABOR DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

All Parish Offices are Closed One Mass - 9:00am No Monday Night Adoration The Food Pantry is closed on Saturday, August 30th, & Tuesday, September 2nd. The Thrift Store is closed on Saturday, August 30th.

Enjoy the last unofficial day of summer!!

Youth Ministry:

stthomasyg1@gmail.com Elizabeth Squicciarino, Coordinator

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TAG SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Now's the time to join the list of volunteers for our 2025 Giant Tag Sale. This is our biggest fundraiser for our parish. We need pre-sale help as well as the sale weekend (September 13th & 14th) and post-sale help. The pre-sale drop off hours are listed below.

Any amount of help you can give us is greatly appreciated!

Please email or call the office with your availability & we will add you to our list.

Drop Off Dates

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



SEPTEMBER 13TH & 14TH

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH CENTER 208 EAST AVENUE, NORWALK



Saturday, September 13, 9:00am - 3:00pm Sunday, September 14, 9:30am - 2:00pm

FROM THE PASTORAL CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL (GAUDIUM ET SPES. N. 39)

We do not know the time when earth and humanity will reach their completion, nor do we know the way in which the universe will be transformed. The world as we see it, disfigured by sin, is passing away. But we are sure that God is preparing a new dwelling place and a new earth. In this new earth righteousness is to make its home, and happiness will satisfy, and more than satisfy, all the yearnings for peace that arise in human hearts. On that day, when death is conquered, the sons of God will be raised up in Christ; what was sown as something weak and perishable will be clothed in incorruption. Love and the fruits of love will remain, and the whole of creation, made by God for man, will be set free from the frustration that enslaves it.

We are warned indeed that a man gains nothing if he wins the whole world at the cost of himself. Yet our hope in a new earth should not weaken, but rather stimulate our concern for developing this earth, for on it there is growing up the body of a new human family, a body even now able to provide some foreshadowing of the new age. Hence, though earthly progress is to be carefully distinguished from the growth of Christ's kingdom, yet in so far as it can help toward the better ordering of human society it is of great importance to the kingdom of God.

The blessings of human dignity, brotherly communion and freedom—all the good fruits on earth of man's co-operation with nature in the Spirit of the Lord and according to his command—will be found again in the world to come, but purified of all stain, resplendent and transfigured, when Christ hands over to the Father an eternal and everlasting kingdom: "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." On this earth the kingdom is already present in sign; when the Lord comes it will reach its completion.

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.

2025 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We have raised 147 gifts worth \$37,418 bringing our parish to 59.58% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!



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.

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

Go to our website & click on "Events in Our diocesan churches.

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

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ANSWERED OUR REQUESTS! YOU HAVE REALLY HELPED OUR COMMUNITY NEEDY.



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(203) 831-8200 Nancy Cook-Owens, Director

All Saints School:

Mrs. Linda Dunn, Principal (203) 847-3881 139 West Rocks Road Norwalk

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

St. Vincent de Paul

Saturdays

Food Pantry: (203) 866-1644 HOURS

Tuesdays: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Birthright of Norwalk:

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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
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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 wegiesi@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 & Saturdays 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. 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 (203) 866-1644





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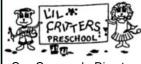
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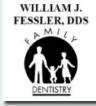
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