

March 30, 2025



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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, March 31

7:00 AM **†** Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr. 5:30 PM Birthday Celebration for Marina Gallo

& Orlando Ocampo

Tuesday, April 1

7:00 AM**+** Jane Gannon 5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, April 2

7:00 AM**†** Jozef Kutniewski

Thursday, April 3

NO MASS 7:00 AM 5:30 AM**†** Brian Horne

Friday, April 4

7:00 AM**†** Reginald Festa

5:30 PM **†** Mass of Remembrance Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, April 5

5:15 PM**+** Nicholas, Lillian, & John Morrone

Sunday, April 6

For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased 7:30 AM**†** 

9:00 AM**†** Robert LeBlanc 11:30 AM**†** Angelina Vescio 5:00 PM **†** Janice L. White



The Sanctuary Candle burns March 30th through April 5th in memory of Annette Festa & Catherine Verda.

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

Michael Colabella Ron Cipolla Catherine Anumaka Michael Graham Rev. Patrick Mooney

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

#### Confession in Church

**Every Saturday 4:00pm until 4:30pm** 

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 Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

> Finance Chair: Ulrike Schambeck (203) 434-6488

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2025	2024	
March 23 Collection On-Line Diocesan Assessment	\$3,651.00 \$2,258.00 (\$1,547.00)	\$5,793.00 \$2,562.00 (\$1,506.00)	
Net Retained	\$4,362.00	\$6,849.00	
Votives	\$ 142.69	\$ 152.81	

#### **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 2025 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum Assessment is \$80,448. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,547. This represents



#### 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.

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

> Henry George Budnick Harlow Grace Budnick John Russell Budnick

Congratulations to their parents, family, & friends!

#### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

April 4th 7:30am to 9:00am 4:00pm - 5:00pm

#### —MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

There will be a special mass for all deceased Parishioners on Friday, April 4, at 5:30pm. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. If you would like information about the ministry, please contact Jane Eichwald at (203) 838-4590.

Religious Ed Office: (203) 866-1189

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Parish Bookkeeper Monika Piascik

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## It is not too late to sign up to sing for the Easter Sunday Youth Choir at the 9:00 AM Mass!

Please see Music Director, Marge Kelley after the 5:15, 9:00 or 11:30 Masses this weekend for a sign-up form and information OR complete the online sign-up form available on the parish website and email to Marge Kelley as directed. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons from 4:30-5:15 in the church.



40 Days for Life Spring 2025 Campaign – March 5 – April 13, 2025 - Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign for an end to abortion! Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has saved thousands of lives and inspired millions of volunteers! Your help is needed in being a peaceful presence. Consider signing up for one hour with a friend, church group or Knights of Columbus Council this Lent. Hours are available at the Bridgeport or Stamford prayer vigil locations. To find out more information or to sign up for vigil hours at these locations visit: www.40daysforlife.com.

Birthright is in need of gently worn baby & maternity clothing. Please call to arrange a drop off. They also need volunteers (especially Spanish speaking). Opportunities include friendship counseling, clerical, & clothing work.

Training is provided. Please call for more information: (203) 853-4872.

Since we don't have enough space to include all that is happening in our diocese, please go to our website and click on the "Events in Our Diocese" page for a list of what is available.



# LENTEN CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC



CHORAL MEDITATIONS ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025 4:00 PM

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT AUGUSTINE 359 WASHINGTON AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT

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As the Church enters Passiontide, all are invited to attend this special afternoon of prayerful meditation featuring the Cathedral and Diocesan Choirs and guest instrumentalists. Musical selections will be interspersed with reflections on the Stations of the Cross from Mary's Way of the Cross by the Redemptorist Father Richard G. Furev.

The program is free, and everyone is welcome! For further information, contact the Diocesan Music Office: (205) 568-6777 X 22 or william.atwood@diobpt.org



#### **CANDY WANTED!**

The Rel. Ed Dept. is collecting individually wrapped small candies to put in our plastic eggs for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please leave your donation in the bins in the church or in the gym by Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Here's a few ideas: chocolate kisses, mini candies, Stickers, temporary tattoos, tiny toys, notes of kindness inspirational sayings/quotes No nuts or peanut butter food products please.

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REMINDER: No priest will ever send you an email asking for a purchase of gift cards or anything else. These are scam emails & should be moved to your spam folder. Please do not respond to these emails. If you are ever unsure of anything please do not hesitate to call the office or ask Fr. Ralph after mass.



#### 2025 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We have raised 53 gifts worth \$11,237 bringing our parish to 17.89% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!

## FROM A TREATISE ON JOHN BY SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP (TRACT. 34, 8-9: CCL 36, 315-316)

The Lord tells us: I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. In these few words he gives a command and makes a promise. Let us do what he commands so that we may not blush to covet what he promises and to hear him say on the day of judgment: "I laid down certain conditions for obtaining my promises. Have you fulfilled them?" If you say: "What did you command, Lord our God?" he will tell you: "I commanded you to follow me. You asked for advice on how to enter into life. What life, if not the life about which it is written: With you is the fountain of life?"

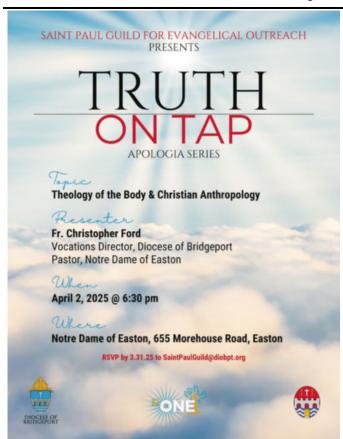
Let us do now what he commands. Let us follow in the footsteps of the Lord. Let us throw off the chains that prevent us from following him. Who can throw off these shackles without the aid of the one addressed in these words: *You have broken my chains?* Another psalm says of him: *The Lord frees those in chains, the Lord raises up the downcast.* 

Those who have been freed and raised up follow the light. The light they follow speaks to them: *I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness*. The Lord gives light to the blind. Brethren, that light shines on us now, for we have had our eyes anointed with the eye-salve of faith. His saliva was mixed with earth to anoint the man born blind. We are of Adam's stock, blind from our birth; we need him to give us light. He mixed saliva with earth, and so it was prophesied: *Truth has sprung up from the earth*. He himself has said: *I am the way, the truth, and the life*.

We shall be in possession of the truth when we see face to face. This is his promise to us. Who would dare to hope for something that God in his goodness did not choose to promise or bestow?

We shall see face to face. The Apostle says: Now I know in part, now obscurely through a mirror, but then face to face. John the apostle says in one of his letters: Dearly beloved, we are now children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be. We know that when he is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. This is a great promise.

If you love me, follow me. "I do love you," you protest, "but how do I follow you?" If the Lord your God said to you: "I am the truth and the life," in your desire for truth, in your love for life, you would certainly ask him to show you the way to reach them. You would say to yourself: "Truth is a great reality, life is a great reality; if only it were possible for my soul to find them!" From a Treatise on John by Saint Augustine, Bishop, The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. II, Lenten Season-Easter Season, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1975, pp. 275-277.





#### **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
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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

#### Coffee Tea

IN THE DROP BOX.

9oz to 12oz Box of Cereal

Shampoo Tooth Paste Paper Towel Bar Soap Toilet Paper Facial Tissues

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

#### 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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#### 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 & Saturdays 10:00 AM to 11:30 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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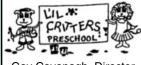
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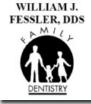
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