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# ST. THOMAS

## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 22, 2024



## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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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 23

7:00 AM† Living & Deceased Members of the  
Smith & Krawiecki Families  
5:30 PM † Linda Caruso

#### Tuesday, September 24

7:00 AM In Celebration of Vitas Charlton's Birthday  
5:30 PM NO MASS

#### Wednesday, September 25

NO MASS

#### Thursday, September 26

7:00 AM NO MASS  
5:30 PM† Dennis Santella

#### Friday, September 27

7:00 AM† For the Living & Deceased Members of Our  
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry  
5:30 PM† James Hanford

#### Sunday Vigil, Saturday, September 28

5:15 PM† Clare Beggan & Family

#### Sunday, September 29

7:30 AM Intentions of Mary Scott Grimaldi  
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased  
11:30 AM† James & Shirley Muro & Dr. Jayme Rolls  
5:00 PM† Mabel Blakely



*The Sanctuary Candle burns  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> through September 28<sup>th</sup> in  
memory of James Hanford.*

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

Beatrice D'Orio Antonio LoGiudice  
Barbara Ballard

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

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

*Emma Victoria Guailas*

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

**Rectory:**  
Rev. Ralph Segura  
Pastor (ext.19)

**Rectory Staff:**  
Cathy Lauder  
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**  
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	2024	2023
<b>September 15</b>		
Collection	\$4,279.00	\$4,155.00
On-Line	\$2,310.00	\$2,383.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$5,049.00</u>	<u>\$5,032.00</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.

**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.***



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

## **Confession in Church**

**Every Saturday**

**4:00pm until 4:30pm**


**Or by Appointment**



DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?  
JOIN THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY  
We supply all the materials at our meetings and discuss if there have been any special requests made. **The next meeting is Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm, in the Small Meeting Room.** Come meet our group and pick up your supplies! Our shawls are free gifts meant to warm, comfort and embrace.  
*To request a shawl or if you would like more information about our ministry, please call Vicki Remson, (203) 847-8196 or the Rectory, (203) 866-3141.*

## 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).



**THE RELICS OF SAINT PIO**

at St. Matthew Church  
Monday, Sept. 30, 2024

Veneration of Relics: 1pm-10pm | Mass: 7pm followed by the Rosary

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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 Scout Troop 222, please go to our web page: [troop222.norwalk.scoutlander.com](http://troop222.norwalk.scoutlander.com).



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## Holy Hour for Vocations

Second Thursday of every month  
7:00-8:00pm, St. Theresa Church

August 8th  
September 12th  
October 10th  
November 14th  
December 12th

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Thank You! Thank You ! Thank You!

A special Thank You to all the volunteers who labored for weeks of preparation for the Parish Tag Sale, and who volunteered this past weekend to make the Tag Sale a success!

God Bless You! *John Ralph*



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*Wedding Jubilee Mass*


For all those married couples  
celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th or 50+ year anniversaries  
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on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024**

at 1:30 pm for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano  
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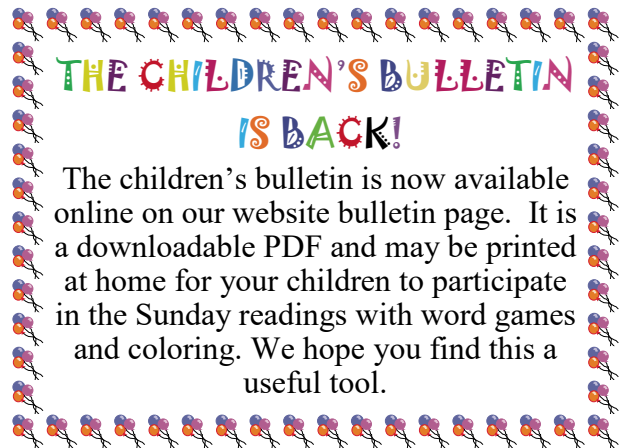
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**THE CHILDREN'S BULLETIN**  
**IS BACK!**

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 Sunday readings with word games and coloring. We hope you find this a useful tool.



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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  
CPL Larry Joyce, US Marine Corps



**2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**

We have raised 152 gifts worth \$39,683 bringing our parish to 63.19% 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 [2024BishopsAppeal.org](http://2024BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.



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**FALL | The Aesthetic of the Liturgy**

November 7 | St. Pius X, Fairfield in the Community Room  
November 14 | St. Jude, Monroe at the Social Hall  
November 21 | St. Mary, Greenwich in the Parish Hall

**WINTER | The Active Participation of the Faithful**

January 30 | St. Pius X, Fairfield in the Community Room  
February 13 | St. Mary, Greenwich in the Parish Hall  
February 20 | St. Jude, Monroe at the Social Hall

**LENT | Liturgical Prayer**

March 20 | St. Mary, Greenwich in the Parish Hall  
March 27 | St. Jude, Monroe at the Social Hall  
April 3 | St. Pius X, Fairfield in the Community Room

**SPRING | The Theology and Ecclesiology of the Mass**

May 8 | St. Jude, Monroe at the Social Hall  
May 15 | St. Pius X, Fairfield in the Community Room  
May 22 | St. Mary, Greenwich in the Parish Hall



## 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
Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Hamilton Family
Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Frataloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Anthony Bruno
Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Richard Berg	Jeannetta Torres	Angela McCrae
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Antonio Vescio	Diane Turek	Debbie Poruban
Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	Jackie Hamilton	Denise Cassin
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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 [wegiesj@hotmail.com](mailto:wegiesj@hotmail.com). If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

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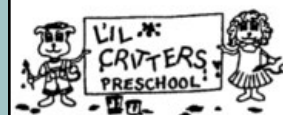
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