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November 12, 2023



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’”
- Mt 25:11-12

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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, November 13

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM† Deceased Relatives & Friends of
St. Thomas Parishioners

Tuesday, November 14

7:00 AM Intentions of the Michael Sweeney Family
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, November 15

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM NO MASS

Thursday, November 16

7:00 AM† NO MASS
5:30 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon,
Terry Cain & Luis Cardenas

Friday, November 17

7:00 AM† Reginald Festa
5:30 PM † Jay Deorio

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, November 18

5:15 PM† Ryan Dudek

Sunday, November 19

7:30 AM† Antonio Rubbo, Maria Ciambrella, &
Pasquale Rubbo
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living &
Deceased
11:30 AM† David Webster
5:00 PM† Elaine Sheehan (2nd Anniversary)



The Sanctuary Candle burns
November 12th through November 18th in
memory of Elaine Sheehan.

"Insomnia sharpens your math skills because you spend all night calculating how much sleep you'll get if you're able to 'fall asleep right now.'" — Anonymous

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Lisa Anne Rooney

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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

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	2023	2022
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Collection	\$4,444.00	\$4,057.50
On-Line	\$2,698.00	\$2,270.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$5,636.00</u>	<u>\$4,760.50</u>
Votives	\$ 209.75	\$ 195.72
Monthly Maintenance		
Collection	\$1,063.00	\$1,448.00
On-Line	<u>\$1,298.00</u>	<u>\$1,356.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,361.00</u>	<u>\$2,804.00</u>
All Saints Day		
Collection	\$ 749.00	\$ 386.00
On-Line	<u>\$ 353.00</u>	<u>\$ 427.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,102.00</u>	<u>\$ 813.00</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 2024 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum Assessment is \$78,324. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,506. This represents an annual decrease of \$3,148.00 from the prior year.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FREQUENTLY

We update our website as things change in our parish & diocese. There are many useful links on our "Senior Info", "Events in Our Diocese", & "Useful Links" pages. We have an interactive Google Calendar where you can add to your personal calendar with a simple click on the item. Most questions can be answered by visiting the website. **If you know of any organization that may be useful to our community, please contact the office so we may add it to our website upon approval.** www.stthomasnorwalk.org

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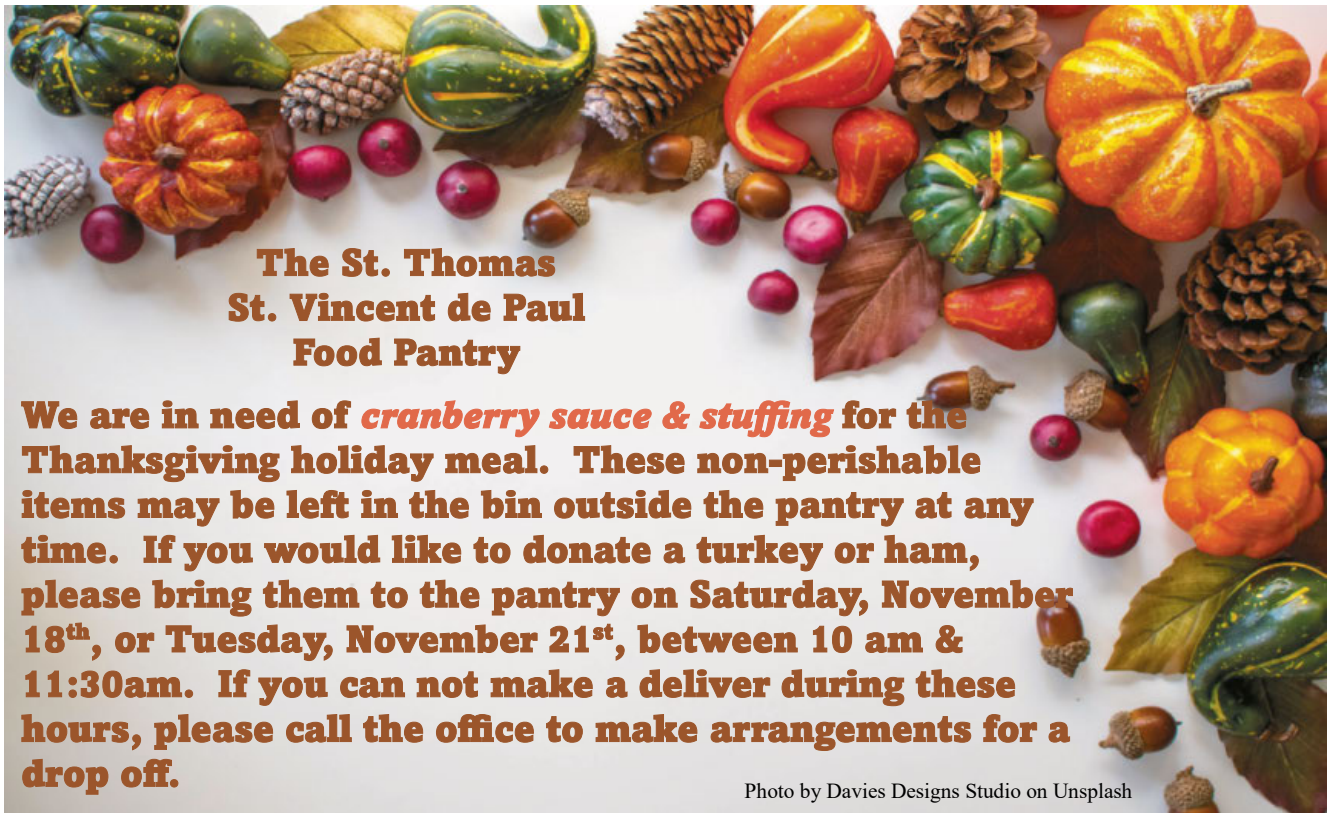
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**The St. Thomas
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Food Pantry**

We are in need of *cranberry sauce & stuffing* for the Thanksgiving holiday meal. These non-perishable items may be left in the bin outside the pantry at any time. If you would like to donate a turkey or ham, please bring them to the pantry on Saturday, November 18th, or Tuesday, November 21st, between 10 am & 11:30am. If you can not make a deliver during these hours, please call the office to make arrangements for a drop off.

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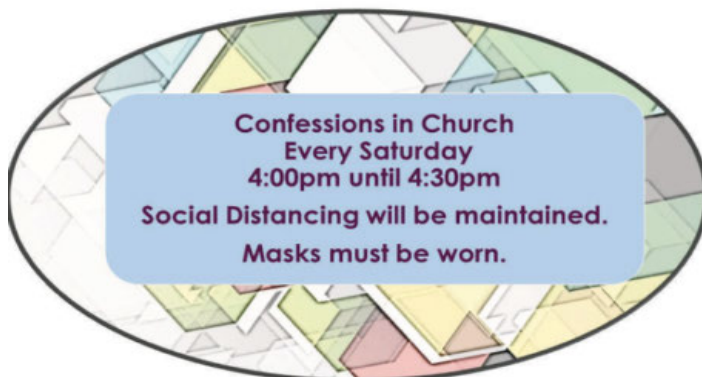
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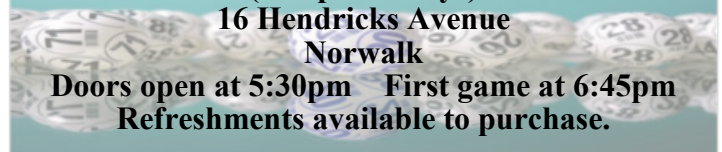
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**Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm
Social Distancing will be maintained.
Masks must be worn.**

**ST. ANN'S CLUB MONDAY NIGHT BINGO
(except holidays)
16 Hendricks Avenue
Norwalk
Doors open at 5:30pm First game at 6:45pm
Refreshments available to purchase.**




**ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM**

A REFLECTION ON PEACE FROM THE PASTORAL CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

Peace is not the mere absence of war or the simple maintenance of a balance of power between forces, nor can it be imposed at the dictate of absolute power. It is called, rightly and properly, a work of justice. It is the product of order, the order implanted in human society by its divine founder, to be realized in practice as men hunger and thirst for ever more perfect justice.

The common good of the human race is subject to the eternal law as its primary principle, but its requirements in practice keep changing with the passage of time. The result is that peace is never established finally and forever; the building up of peace has to go on all the time. Again, the human will is weak and wounded by sin; the search for peace therefore demands from each individual constant control of the passions, and from legitimate authority untiring vigilance.

Even this is not enough. Peace here on earth cannot be maintained unless the good of the human person is safeguarded, and men are willing to trust each other and share their riches of spirit and talent. If peace is to be established it is absolutely necessary to have a firm determination to respect other persons and peoples and their dignity, and to be zealous in the practice of brotherhood.

Peace is therefore the fruit also of love; love goes beyond what justice can achieve. Peace on earth, born of love for one's neighbor, is the sign and the effect of the peace of Christ that flows from God the Father. In his own person the incarnate Son, the Prince of Peace, reconciled all men to God through his death on the cross. In his human nature he destroyed hatred and restored unity to all mankind in one people and one body. Raised on high by the resurrection, he sent the Spirit of love into the hearts of men.

All Christians are thus urgently summoned to live the truth in love, and to join all true peacemakers in prayer and work for peace. Moved by the same spirit, we cannot but praise those who renounce violence in defense of rights, and have recourse to means of defense otherwise available to the less powerful as well, provided that this can be done without injury to the rights and obligations of others or of the community.

The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. IV, Ordinary Time, Weeks 18-34, From the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the modern world of the Second Vatican Council, Gaudeamus Et Spes, no. 78, Catholic Book Publishing Co, NY, 1975, pp. 470-472.

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

If you have not yet responded to the Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of everyone in the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach! To make a gift, or for more information, please call (203) 416-1470, visit us at 2023BishopsAppeal.org, or scan with your phone.



*We have raised 160 gifts worth \$64,887 bringing our parish to 103.32% of its \$62,800 goal.
Thanks to all who have participated!*

**Volunteer Coordinator Position Available
Catholic Charities' New Covenant Center
Stamford, CT**

New Covenant Center (NCC) is hiring a full-time Volunteer Coordinator. NCC, a program of Catholic Charities, is the largest soup kitchen, food pantry, and day shelter in Stamford. The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for recruiting, training, and scheduling volunteer groups to prepare and serve meals, and to stock the shelves of the food pantry working with many local parish, youth and corporate groups. If you are interested in this rewarding position helping NCC serve our most vulnerable neighbors please contact John Gutman at jgutman@ccfc-ct.org.

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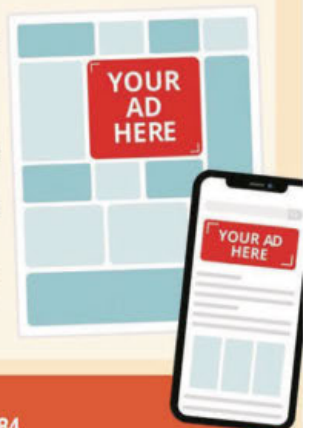
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**JOIN THE SCOUTS!
 SCOUT TROOP 222**

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.

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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.

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



DID YOU KNOW...you must complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, 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 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program is for you! Just call the Faith Formation Office at (203) 866-1189 for more information.

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

If you would like to be added to or removed 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:

Carm Pagliano	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabrese	Anne Edwards	George Travers
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Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Fratoloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Hamilton Family
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Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Kathleen Ford	Antonio Vescio	Jackie Hamilton	Debbie Poruban
Kathleen Dominick	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	John Lima	Denise Cassin
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Ginny DeMarco	Lisa Rooney				

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Questions? Call them at
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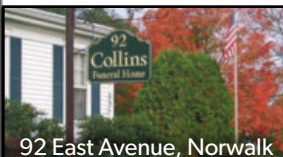
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