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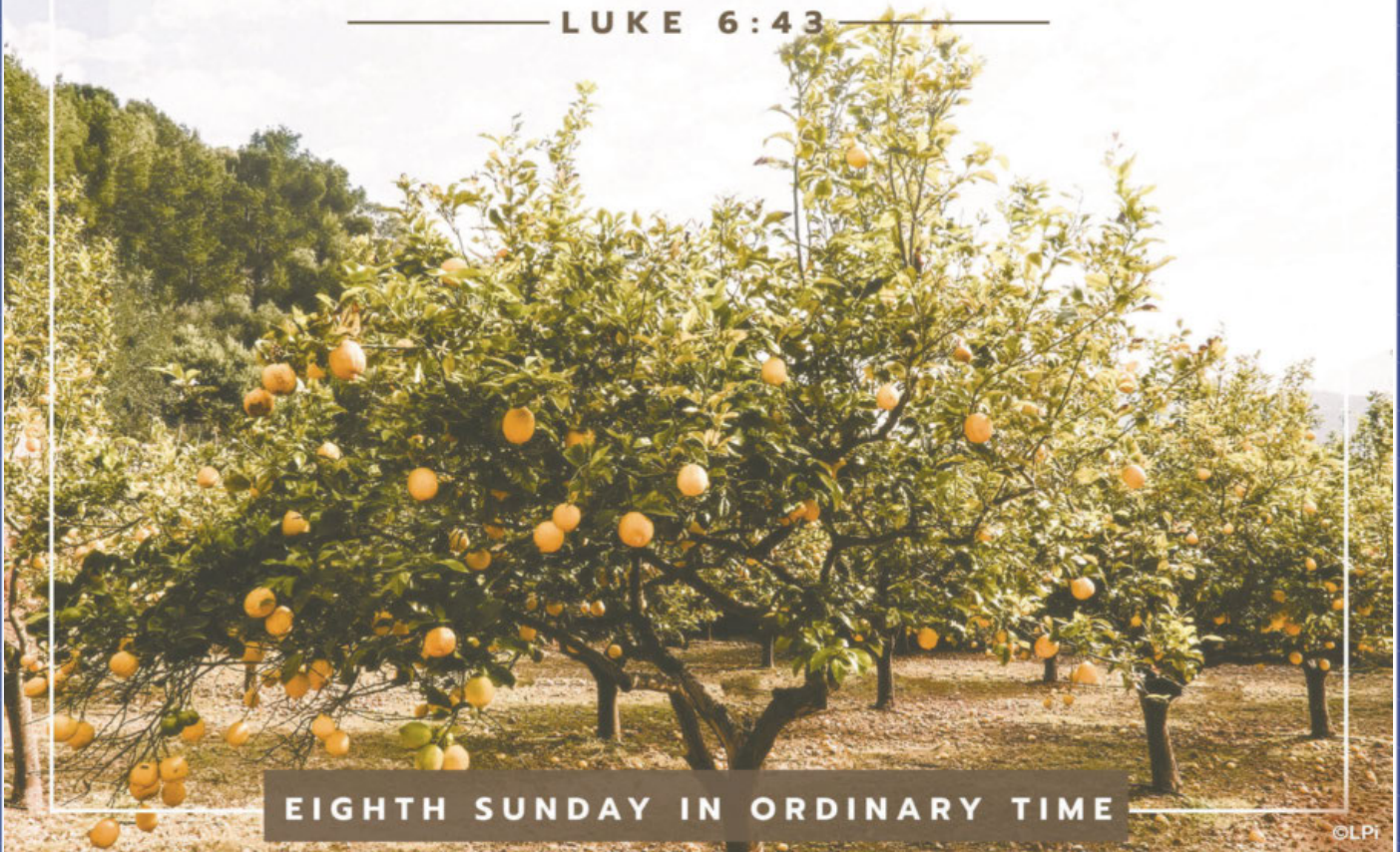
# ST. THOMAS

## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 2, 2025

**A GOOD**  
TREE DOES NOT  
BEAR ROTTEN FRUIT.

— LUKE 6:43 —



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 3

7:00 AM† Bridget O'Dwyer  
5:30 PM † John Pagliano

#### Tuesday, March 4

7:00 AM† Raffaele Mattera  
5:30 PM NO MASS

#### Ash Wednesday, March 5

7:00 AM Special Intention  
12:10 PM† John M. Spellane  
6:00 PM† Bob Michek

#### Thursday, March 6

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

#### Friday, March 7

7:00 AM Special Intention  
5:30 PM† Mass of Remembrance  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

#### Sunday Vigil, Saturday, March 8

5:15 PM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

#### Sunday, March 9

7:30 AM† The Amato, Baressi, & Rolland Families  
9:00 AM† Angelina Vescio  
11:30 AM† Theresa Passarelli  
5:00 PM † Michael A. Sandomeno



*The Sanctuary Candle burns  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 8<sup>th</sup>  
in memory of Mario Laracca.*

### —MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioners have died in the month of February: Belbrune Joseph and Marie Cicala. There will be a special mass for them and for all deceased parishioners on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. If you would like information about the ministry, please contact Jane Eichwald at (203) 838-4590.

#### 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

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[stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com)

#### Parish Bookkeeper

Monika Piascik

#### Facilities:

Tito (Jose) Rivera

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[stthomasyg1@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasyg1@gmail.com)  
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## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2025

2024

### February 23

Collection	\$3,618.00	\$4,108.00
On-Line	\$2,381.00	\$2,532.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,452.00</u>	<u>\$5,134.00</u>

Votives \$ 137.10 \$ 136.50

### 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 Cathedralium 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.

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

**Mavrick Travis Maher**  
**Brooks Evan Maher**

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



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

Please remember in your prayers:

**Maryann Agu** **Marie Cicala**  
**Mary Faith Riley**

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PLEASE JOIN US  
FRIDAYS DURING LENT

7:00PM  
MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28  
APRIL 4, 11, 18

**ONE in Christ**  
2025 Bishop's Appeal  
DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT!

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### FAST AND ABSTINENCE

**F**ast Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Catholics over the age of 14 years are required to abstain from meat every Friday during Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required by Church law to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is permitted to persons in this age group on this day, plus two lighter meals.

The 2026 MASS BOOK will open on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, **from 10am until 1pm**. Only 2 Saturday Vigil or Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until April 30<sup>th</sup>. ***Please come to the front door of the Rectory. No phone or email requests until Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.***

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2025 Bishop's Appeal  
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**2025 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**  
We have raised 24 gifts worth \$5,115 bringing our parish to 8.14% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.  
**Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!**

*A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR*

It is with great pleasure  
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Welcome Father!



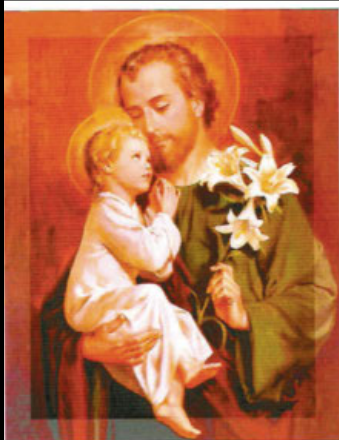
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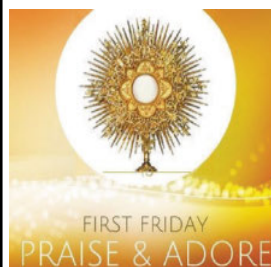
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gym and follow the school year calendar. We need  
at least 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings.  
For more information about Troop 222, please call  
the office.



**FIRST FRIDAY  
ADORATION  
March 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:30am to 5:00pm**

FIRST FRIDAY  
PRAISE & ADORE



**PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country**

Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps  
Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps  
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LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy  
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- ❖ Are you looking to enrich your involvement in the Church?
- ❖ Would you like to represent your parish community in a special way at Diocesan events?
- ❖ Would you like to be part of a new community of faith, friendship, and music? If so,

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The **DIOCESAN CHOIR** sings regularly for special liturgical events of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Rehearsals are held on select Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport beginning March 3. Events for the spring season include the Rite of Election, A Lenten Concert, Diaconate Ordination and Diocesan Confirmation.

For further information, contact the Diocesan Director of Music Ministry:  
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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 Bar  
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**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE  
ANSWERED OUR REQUESTS! YOU HAVE REALLY  
HELPED OUR COMMUNITY NEEDY.**

## DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our next meeting is this **Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**, in the Small Meeting Room. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, or the Parish Office.

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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
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 Fratoloni	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
Ginny DeMarco	1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Alessandro Fornara	David R.	John Lima	Paul Rohan
Michelle Vittorio	Andy Tao	Jackson P.	Holly Sanders	Robert Podlaski	Jeff Mallory
Vinnie McMahon	Heather Ribellino	Susan Swick	Stefanie Sena	MaryAnn P.	Liz Fox
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Lazarus Massey	Joan Malkin	Joan Milone	Tim Cole	Tim Brosnan	Mary Chaloupa
Terry H.	Paul T.	Christine DiCorato	Hildegard Noonan	Fran DeBease	David Jakaj





**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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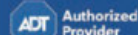
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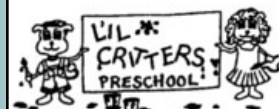
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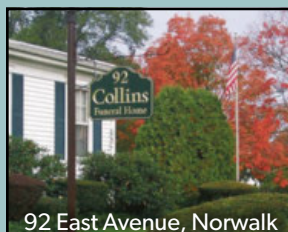




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