

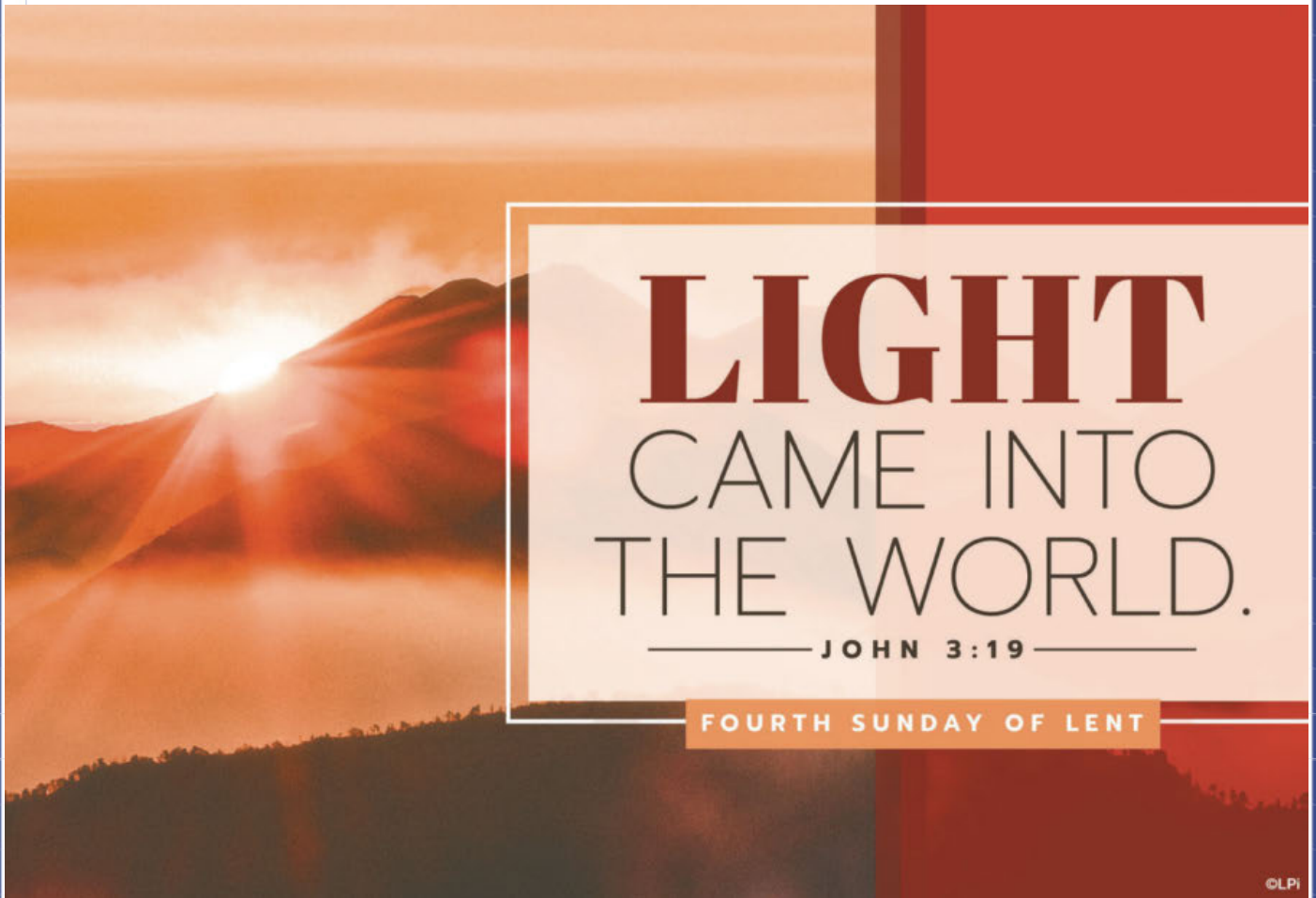


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March 10, 2024



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— JOHN 3:19 —

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 11

7:00 AM† Mario Laracca
5:30 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon,
Terry Cain & Luis Cardenas

Tuesday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 13

7:00 AM† The Sonja Family

Thursday, March 14

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Angelina Vescio

Friday, March 15

7:00 AM Special Intention
5:30 PM† Joan Gardella

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, March 16

5:15 PM† Marge & Jim Plasecyk

Sunday, March 17

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† The Gray & Owens Families
11:30 AM† Catherine Verda
5:00 PM † Mary Shahhein Dyson

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
March 3		
Collection	\$3,650.00	\$5,098.00
On-Line	\$2,674.00	\$2,964.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,818.00</u>	<u>\$6,495.00</u>
Votives	\$ 159.05	\$ 187.73
Monthly Maintenance		
Collection	\$1,162.00	\$1,539.00
On-Line	<u>\$1,297.00</u>	<u>\$1,258.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,459.00</u>	<u>\$2,797.00</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 Cathedralium 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.

Confession in Church Every Saturday

4:00pm until 4:30pm or
by Appointment

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PLEASE JOIN US FRIDAYS DURING LENT

7PM
FEBRUARY 16 & 23
MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29



The Sanctuary Candle burns
March 10th through March 16th in memory of
Margaret G. Kelley.

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

Therese Egan Gorgonio Ong

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

Banns of Marriage

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Youth Singers and Instrument Players wanted!
For: Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, 9:00 AM Family Mass

PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP OR SPEAK TO MARGE KELLEY BEFORE YOU COME!

Instrument signup is open until March 3rd

Choir signup is open until March 10th

Rehearsals are beginning for Youth Choir and Orchestra to prepare to sing and play for Easter Sunday Mass on March 31, 2024! Students in Grades 1-12 are welcome to participate. All rehearsals will take place in St. Thomas the Apostle Church. The Rehearsal Schedule is detailed below and will be available in the parish bulletin and on the parish website. It is only necessary to attend one rehearsal each week.

WEEK 3: Youth Choir & Instruments, 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday, March 13 OR Thursday, March 14

WEEK 4: Youth Choir & Instruments, 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday, March 20 OR Thursday, March 21.

WEEK 5: Final Rehearsal for all participants, 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday, March 27.

(I cannot offer a Thursday rehearsal option on the final week because it is Holy Thursday.)

To sign up to sing or play: see Music Director, Marge Kelley, for a paper sign-up form after the 5:15, 9:00 or 11:30 AM weekend Masses OR complete the fillable pdf form that is on the parish website homepage and send it to Marge Kelley's email address, margaretkelley24@gmail.com.

STUDENTS NEEDING VOLUNTEER HOURS: please consider joining the Youth Choir or playing an instrument for Easter Sunday! I will be happy to sign forms each week at rehearsal and again on Easter Sunday. You will receive a full hour credit for the 45 minute rehearsal. Students playing an instrument can also log practice time at home and show it to me for additional hours.



2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We have raised 28 gifts worth \$4,500 bringing our parish to 7.17% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!

ST. ANN'S CLUB MONDAY NIGHT BINGO (except holidays)

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- 9:45 AM Bus from St. Aloysius, New Canaan
- 12:00 PM Rally and Speakers
- 1:00 PM March for Life around Bushnell Park
- 4:00 PM approximate return to St. Aloysius

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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.

9oz to 12oz box of cereal

14oz to 18oz peanut butter

Shampoo

Tooth Paste

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

Facial Tissues

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

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

Christ is the way to the light, the truth, and the life

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.

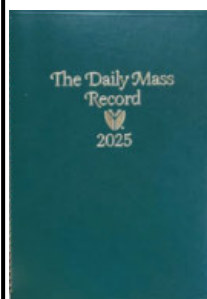
If you love me, follow me. "I do love you," you protest, "but how do I follow you?" If the Lord your God said to you: "I am the truth and the life," in your desire for truth, in your love for life, you would certainly ask him to show you the way to reach them. You would say to yourself: "Truth is a great reality, life is a great reality; if only it were possible for my soul to find them!"



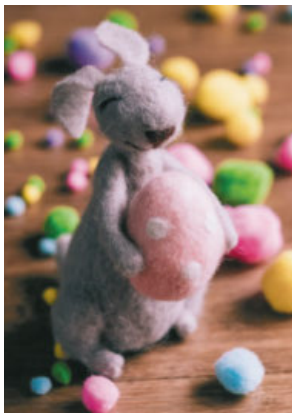
Pray the Rosary in the Church
Monday - Friday: Before Any
Scheduled Morning Mass at 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:45pm



ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM



The 2025 MASS BOOK will open on Thursday, April 4th, **from 10am until 1pm.** Only 2 Saturday Vigil or Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until May 12th. No phone or email requests until Friday, April 5th.



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, March 17th.

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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DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our next meeting is this **Thursday, March 14, 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.

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
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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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- ❖ 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 Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport. Upcoming events include: Ordinations to the Diaconate and Priesthood, and the Mass of Thanksgiving on June 1 at the Fairfield University Arena! For further information, contact the Diocesan Director of Music Ministry, or visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/diocesan-choir/home/.

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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:

Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
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Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Hamilton Family
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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 wegiesj@hotmail.com. If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

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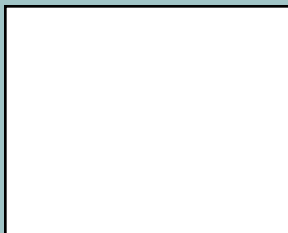
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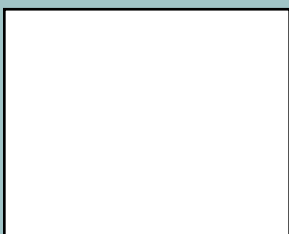
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