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July 7, 2024



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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Rev. Ralph Segura, Parochial Administrator

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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, July 8

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

Tuesday, July 9

7:00 AM† Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, July 10

NO MASS

Thursday, July 11

5:30 PM Intentions of the Michael Sweeney Family

Friday, July 12

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM† William Cronin, MD

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, July 13

5:15 PM† Allen Phelan, Sr. & Allan K. Phelan, Jr.

Sunday, July 14

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† William Lilliedahl
11:30 AM† Carmella Pagliano
5:00 PM† Craig Simandl



The Sanctuary Candle burns
July 7th through July 13th in memory of
Edward J. Kelley, Jr..

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Barbara Capuano

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.



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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

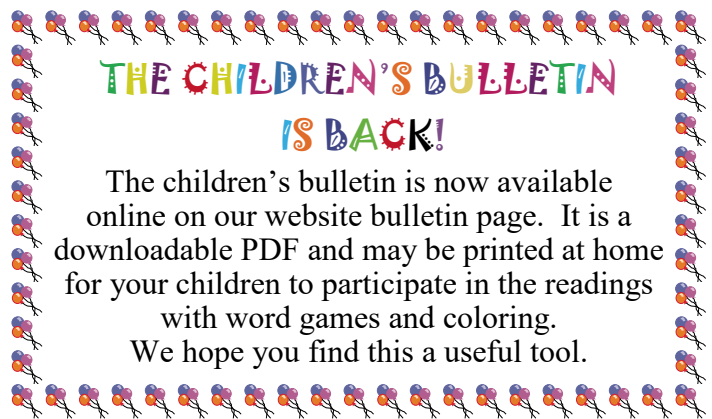
Due to early transmission of the bulletin for the 4th of July holiday, we do not have the collection figures in time for publication of the bulletin. We will report the collection in next week's issue.



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED!

If you are entering kindergarten through 6th grade in September and have not received an email from Rel. Ed, please go to our website homepage and click the link to the Religious Ed Registration page. Kindergarten is not mandatory and is free for all who attend. Please sign up ASAP so we can plan our class sizes and teacher needs.

If you are entering a Catholic school Second Grade, you also need to sign up for First Communion through the St. Thomas program.



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**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**
Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

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(203) 866-1219 Fax



Our Tag Sale Co-Chairs, Lauren Stoops & Pat Hill, are asking for a 3rd person to join them with the behind the scenes setup that makes all of their magic happen on the big weekend. For more information or to volunteer, please call the office and you will be put in contact with Pat & Lauren.

Saturday Volunteer Needed

The Food Pantry needs a volunteer for Saturday mornings from 9:30am to 12 Noon to help bag & distribute food to the needy in our community. If you can give us some time please call the Food Pantry (203) 866-1644 or the office.

VOLUNTEER

All that's missing is **U!**
Can you: **Fold a shirt?**

Wash a glass?

Unpack a box?

If yes, then we could use your help with our Annual GIANT Tag Sale! Drop-Offs begin August 5th. Check the bulletin for the drop-off dates...we could use your help on any day.

Our Annual Parish Tag Sale is the largest fundraiser of the year. These funds are critical to cover our operating costs.

Please contact the Parish Office by phone or by email to let us know your availability or if you would like more information!

Our Giant Tag Sale will be the weekend of September 14th & 15th

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

BY DONATION YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH

SUNDAY JULY 7TH

1:00PM TO 4:00PM

PARISH PARKING LOT



FIGHT HUNGER WITH US!

We will receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold at our selected Stop & Shop in our selected month.

Benefiting Organization:

St. Thomas St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry

Selected Month:

July

Selected Stop & Shop:

380 Main Avenue
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STOP&SHOP



The Daily Mass Record 2025

The 2025 MASS BOOK is now open without restrictions. You may call or email requests to the office.

VACATION TIME IS HERE!

HELP US MAINTAIN OUR WEEKLY LEVELS OF OFFERTORY!!

Sign up for on-line giving and you don't have to worry about remembering to maintain your financial support of our parish. Our expenses continue every month even when classes are over & families are on the move. Sign up for on-line giving on our website, www.stthomasnorwalk.org, or scan the QR code.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE



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EXPERIENCE THE FIRST 4 QUARTERS OF THE ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY IN JUST 2 DAYS

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The mission of the Bishop's Lecture Series is to provide opportunities for compelling adult faith formation regarding catechetical, theological or pastoral issues of contemporary importance. Each year four lectures will be given in various regions of the Diocese.

Light refreshments will be available prior to the start of the program.

After an initial period of prayer, the lecturer will present the talk that will be 45 minutes in length. After a short break, there will be a 30 minute period of conversation and dialogue with participants.

Dr. Shannen Williams to deliver the third Bishop's Lecture




Date Thursday, September 26, 2024
Time 7 pm
Location Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts on Sacred Heart University's Campus
Lecturer Dr. Shannen Williams
Topic In the Shadow of the Cross: Black Women and the Making of American Catholicism

Black women, religious and lay, are overlooked prophets of American Catholicism, especially the traditions free from the most destructive aspects of white supremacy. This talk will chart the epic journey of Black women in the American Catholic Church, paying particular attention to the Afro-feminine foundations of American Catholicism, the monumental barriers broken by Black Catholic women and girls in secular and spiritual arenas, and the transformative promises of Black Catholic women's history.


Dr. Shannen Dee Williams is Associate Professor of History at the University of Dayton. She is the author of Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom Struggle (Duke University Press, 2022), which was named a top five book published in religion by Publishers' Weekly in 2022. Subversive Habits also received the 2022 Letitia Woods Brown Award for Best Book in African American Women's History from the Association of Black Women Historians and the 2023 Wesley-Logan Prize for Outstanding Book in African Diaspora History from the American Historical Association and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

A Distinguished Lecturer for the Organization of American Historians, Dr. Williams authored the award-winning column, "The Grise's Cross," published by the Catholic News Service from 2020 to 2022.

the BISHOP'S LECTURE SERIES 2024



To RSVP to a Bishop's Lecture event, please visit:
www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bls
or email: bishopslecture@diobpt.org




DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT
Wedding Jubilee Mass
For all those married couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th or 50+ year anniversaries are invited to gather at Saint Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport

on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

at 1:30 pm for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano
Space is limited to four guests

To register, contact Patricia Hansen at phansen@diobpt.org or 203.416.1342


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MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024
Golf Registration & Lunch 10:30 AM - 12 PM
Shotgun Start at 12:30 PM SHARP
Tennis Registration 2 PM
Tournament 2:15 - 4:45 PM
Cocktails & Buffet Dinner 5 - 7 PM (Post-golf)



Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference 2024



Join us on Saturday, September 21st, at Northwest Catholic High School for a day that deepens and enriches your faith journey, where each year attendees' spiritual growth is magnified. The theme, "The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell," will be explored by dynamic speakers. The event includes a special procession of over 24 Saint reliquaries, Eucharistic Adoration, Exhibitors, Confession, and closes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne. Doors open at 7:30am, event begins at 8:30am, concluding with the Vigil Mass. Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$30 for Teen Ticket (13 to 19 yrs old).

Visit www.ctcatholicmen.org for tickets and details.

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
MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
Sgt. Matthew Montanez, US Army
CPL Larry Joyce, US Marine Corps



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.

Trustees:
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2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL
We have raised 126 gifts worth \$36,413 bringing our parish to 57.98% 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 [2024 Bishops Appeal.org](http://2024BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.



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Room to Grow Preschool



Room to Grow Preschool provides high quality care and education for children ages 3 to 5 years old. Registration is open to ALL Norwalk residents. Enrollment spots are available on a sliding fee scale based on family income. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Call (203) 831-8200 to find out how to enroll your child.

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.

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| | 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
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Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Antonio Vescio	Diane Turek	Debbie Poruban
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Vinnie McMahan	Andy Tao	Heather Ribellino			



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.

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

**The Food Pantry is open
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Donations are now being accepted during regular hours or leave NON-PERISHABLE items in the bin at the food pantry entrance.

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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.



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