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October 6, 2024

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHAT GOD
HAS JOINED
TOGETHER.

— MARK 10:9 —

Rev. Ralph Segura, Pastor
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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, October 7

7:00 AM† Antonio Rubbo, Maria Ciambrella, &
Pasquale Rubbo
5:30 PM Intentions of the Michael Sweeney Family

Tuesday, October 8

7:00 AM Intentions of Mary Scott Grimaldi
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, October 9

NO MASS

Thursday, October 10

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Josefa Dec

Friday, October 11

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

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, October 12

5:15 PM† Michael Cianciullo (11th Anniversary)

Sunday, October 13

7:30 AM† The Amato, Baressi, & Rolland Families
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
11:30 AM† Giovanni Ferraro
5:00 PM† Albert DeLuca & Robert DeLuca

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
September 29		
Collection	\$3,274.00	\$3,893.00
On-Line	\$2,257.00	\$3,448.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$3,984.00</u>	<u>\$5,835.00</u>
Votives	\$ 195.72	\$ 118.83

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.



The Connecticut Hospice, Inc., Homecare Volunteers Needed

The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. is accepting applications for new volunteers! Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. If you have an interest in companionship, light housekeeping or making meals, please contact Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers at (203) 315-7510.



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
October 6th through October 12th in
memory of the Laracca Family.*

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

Aida Manabat Dr. John McNamara

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.



THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 14th,
COLUMBUS DAY.

THERE WILL BE TWO MASSES:
7AM & 5:30PM

**AS WELL AS OUR REGULAR
MONDAY NIGHT ADORATION FROM 6PM - 8PM.**



Pray the Rosary in the Church

Monday - Friday:

Before Any Scheduled Morning

Mass at 6:30am

Monday: 7:00pm Saturday: 4:45pm

Confession in Church

Every Saturday

4:00pm until 4:30pm

Or by Appointment

Rectory:

Rev. Ralph Segura
Pastor (ext.19)

Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

Finance Chair:

Ulrike Schambeck
(203) 434-6488

Religious Ed Office:

(203) 866-1189
Patty Frattaroli, DRE
stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

Parish Bookkeeper

Monika Piascik

Facilities:

Tito (Jose) Rivera

Youth Ministry:

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Elizabeth Squicciarino, Coordinator

Website:

www.stthomasnorwalk.org

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October is Respect Life Month!

Since 1980, Birthright of Greater Norwalk has been helping pregnant women choose LIFE. At Birthright, we strive to help each woman mobilize her own resources and those of her community, so that she can plan constructively for her future.

We are asking for donations so that we can reach out to more pregnant women, including print ads, brochures, and expanding our internet presence. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to Birthright, and mail to:

Birthright of Greater Norwalk
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ST. ANN'S CLUB MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

(except holidays)

16 Hendricks Avenue

Doors open at 5:30pm First game at 6:45pm

Refreshments available to purchase.

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.



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.

Are you entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade?

Then, now's the time to start your religious education, too. Please contact the Religious Formation Office for more information or go to our website for a link to our registration page. Classes are on Sundays starting in September. Kindergarten is not required but serves as an introduction and is free to all.

Phone: (203) 866-1189

Email: stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



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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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at 1:30 pm for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano
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PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

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LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy
Tech Sgt. Daniel Scofield, US Air Force
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Spc. Daniel Gonzales, US Army
MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
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2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We have raised 157 gifts worth \$40,243 bringing our parish to 64.08% 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, call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.



Go to our website & click on "Events in Our Diocese" for more happenings at our diocesan churches.

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A networking group designed for 18 to 35 year olds, both single and married. Scan below to see what we are all about.



**GRADES 7TH - 12TH STUDENTS
RELIGIOUS FORMATION REGISTRATION**

Registration is now open!

We are now offering Religious Formation/Education for 7th - 12th grade students who desire to join the Catholic faith and a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments.

- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith.
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO ENROLL

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

For Adults 18+(Not attending High School)

Registration is now open for OCIA!

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. OCIA can also be a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments.

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith.
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith.
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

Trustees:

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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.
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
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Ginny DeMarco	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Alessandro Fornara	David R.	John Lima	Paul Rohan
Mike D.	Nancy G.	Jackson P.	Holly Sanders	Robert Podlaski	Jeff Mallory
Michelle Vittorio	Carolyn Hill	Steve C.	Stefanie Sena	MaryAnn P.	Liz Fox
Vinnie McMahon	Andy Tao	Heather Ribellino	Susan Swick	Aidan Kane	Mary Anne Lagana



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. If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

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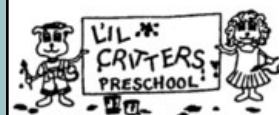
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