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October 27, 2024



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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 28

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM† Lazarus Anthony

Tuesday, October 29

7:00 AM† Mark Ballard
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, October 30

NO MASS

Thursday, October 31

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Frank Longo

All Saints Day, Friday, November 1

7:00 AM† Brittany Marie Reith
12:10 PM† Crescenzo Piro
6:00 PM† Filippo Mastroianni

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, November 2

5:15 PM† Francesco Longo

Sunday, November 3

7:30 AM Intentions of Mary Scott Grimaldi
9:00 AM† Anna Mary Charles
11:30 AM† For All St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners
Who Have Died in the Past Year
5:00 PM† Souls in Purgatory

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
October 20		
Collection	\$3,296.44	\$3,146.00
On-Line	\$2,295.00	\$2,566.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,044.44</u>	<u>\$4,206.00</u>
Votives	\$ 118.17	\$ 95.60
World Mission Sunday		
Collection	\$1,308.00	\$1,055.00
On-Line	\$ 61.00	\$ 300.00
Total	<u>\$1,369.00</u>	<u>\$1,355.00</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 2025 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum 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.

ALL SAINTS DAY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

Masses
7:00am 12:10pm 6:00pm



The Sanctuary Candle burns
October 27th through November 2nd in
memory of the DiPietro Family.

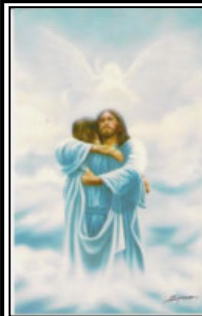
Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord,
and let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Please remember in your prayers:

**Fulgenzio Casinelli Elizabeth Fox
Charles DeLong, Sr.**

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.



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



SPECIAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 11:30 A.M.

For all members of St. Thomas
the Apostle Parish who have
died in the past year.

Come participate in this opportunity
as a community to remember all our
loved ones, especially those who
have died in the past year. We remember them in a
special way by using the very symbol that Christ
used to proclaim his presence among us. And so, we
will honor our loved ones in a "Ceremony of Light."
Please join us at this most memorable occasion. If
you would like more information about the Mass or
the Bereavement Ministry, call Jane Eichwald at
(203) 838-4590.

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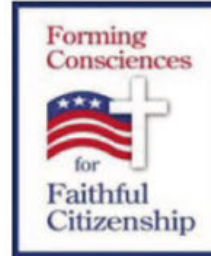
COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

As of September 1st, Fr. Ralph Segura was officially appointed the Eighth Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. His formal installation will be Saturday, November 16th, by Bishop Frank Caggiano at the 5:15pm Mass. Come celebrate the day by attending the Mass and join the Parish for a reception in his honor at the Parish Center Gym.



Election Day, November 5th, is Quickly Approaching

How do the Positions of the Presidential Candidates Compare to Catholic Teaching?



In keeping with its mission, the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference (CCPAC) aims to educate and inform Catholics about a wide range of issues. The issues appear here in alphabetical order for informational purposes only and do not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. The CCPAC neither supports nor opposes any candidate or political party.

Go to ctcatholicpac.org or use the **QR code** to read about their positions.



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:

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Norwalk CT 06851



If you would like to volunteer or donate baby clothes, please call (203) 853-4872. Thank you for helping us provide a haven of warmth and comfort for expectant mothers.

A photograph of various autumn-themed decorations, including pumpkins, gourds, pinecones, acorns, and red berries, arranged on a white surface.

**The St. Thomas St. Vincent de Paul
Food Pantry
Turkey & Ham Drop Off Day
Sunday, November 17th from
8:30am - 1:30pm**

We are also in need of the trimmings, especially *cranberry sauce & stuffing*. These non-perishable items may be left in the bin outside the pantry at any time. If you can not make a delivery during these hours, please call the office to make arrangements for a drop off.

From the beginning of a sermon On Pastors By Saint Augustine, Bishop Third Installment

After the Lord had shown what wicked shepherds esteem, he also spoke about what they neglect. The defects of the sheep are widespread. There are very few healthy and sound sheep, few that are solidly sustained by the food of truth, and few that enjoy the good pasture God gives them. But the wicked shepherds do not spare such sheep. It is not enough that they neglect those that are ill and weak, those that go stray and are lost. They even try, so far as it is in their power, to kill the strong and healthy. Yet such sheep live; yes, by God's mercy they live. As for the wicked shepherds themselves, they kill the sheep. "How do they kill them?" you ask. By their wicked lives and by giving bad example. Or was God's servant, who was high among the members of the chief shepherd, told this in vain: *Show yourself as an example of good works toward all men*, and, *Be an example to the faithful*?

Even the strong sheep, if he turns his eyes from the Lord's laws and looks at the man set over him, notices when his shepherd is living wickedly and begins to say in his heart: "If my pastor lives like that, why should I not live like him?" The wicked shepherd kills the strong sheep. But if he kills the strong one what does he do to the rest? After all, by his wicked life he kills even the sheep he had not strengthened but had found strong and hardy.

I appeal to your love, and again I say, even if the sheep have life and if they are strong in the word of the Lord, and if they hold fast to what they have heard from their Lord, *Do what they say but not what they do*. Still, as far as he himself is concerned, the shepherd who lives a wicked life before the people kills the sheep under his care. Let such a shepherd not deceive himself because the sheep is not dead, for though it still lives, he is a murderer—just as when the lustful man looks on a woman with desire, even though she is chaste, he has committed adultery. For the Lord said in plain truth: *Whoever has looked upon a woman with desire has already committed adultery with her in his heart*. He has not entered her bedroom, yet he has ravished her within the bedroom of his heart.

Therefore anyone who lives wickedly before those who have been placed under his care kills, as far as he himself is concerned, even the strong. Whoever imitates him, dies; whoever does not, has life. But as for him, he kills both of them. *You kill what is healthy and you do not pasture my sheep*.

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.

JOIN US ON
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10- 4 PM

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Grab a bite at the St Ann's Café

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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

2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We have raised 165 gifts worth \$42,148 bringing our parish to 67.12% 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.

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**Catholic
Charities:**

(203) 416-1307

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.

Coffee Tea

14oz to 19oz Jelly 9oz to 12oz Box of Cereal
Shampoo Tooth Paste Paper Towel
Bar Soap Toilet Paper Facial Tissues

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

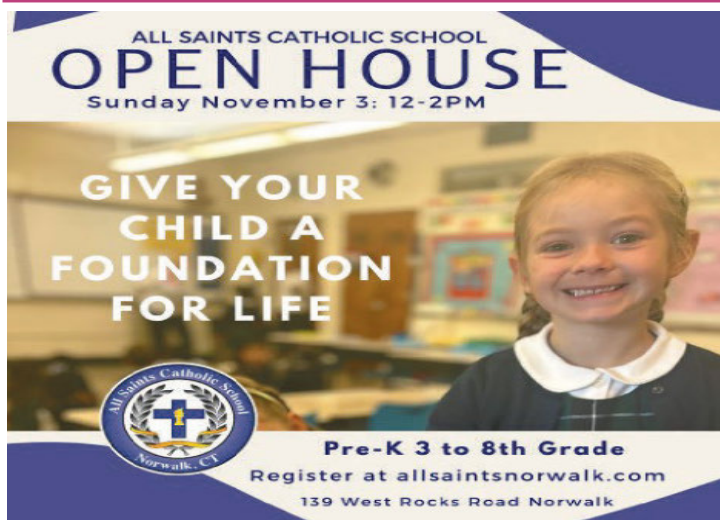


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PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

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
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Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Fratloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Anthony Bruno
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Vinnie McMahon	Andy Tao	Heather Ribellino	Susan Swick	Aidan Kane	Mary Anne Lagana
David Franco					



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.

**The Food Pantry is open
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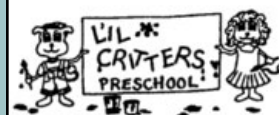
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