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November 24, 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, November 25

7:00 AM† Rose Festa
5:30 PM† Mary Donofrio

Tuesday, November 26

7:00 AM† Robert LeBlanc (4th Anniversary)
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, November 27

NO MASS

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28

7:00 AM NO MASS
9:00 AM In Thanksgiving For All Our Blessings
5:30 PM NO MASS

Friday, November 29

7:00 AM NO MASS
9:00 AM† Mariano David
5:30 PM NO MASS

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, November 30

5:15 PM† Joy Sinise

1st Sunday of Advent, December 1

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† Natasha & Jacob Nasciszewski
11:30 AM† Clifford Myers
5:00 PM† Agnes & John Cole

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Due to early transmission of the bulletin for the Thanksgiving 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.



ELECTRONIC GIVING

is available through our parish website:

www.stthomasnorwalk.org.

Your use of electronic giving saves the parish money and helps keep our volunteers & staff safe.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE ONLY 1 MASS ON THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 28th, & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29th, AT 9:00AM.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Offices will be closed Wednesday, November 27th, & reopen on Monday, December 2nd, at 9:00am.

The Food Pantry will be closed on Saturday, November 30th, & Tuesday, December 3rd.

The Thrift Store will be closed on Wednesday, November 27th, & Thanksgiving. They will reopen on Saturday, November 30th, for their regular business hours.

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

Carmelo Amir Winston

Congratulations to his parents, family, & friends!



The Sanctuary Candle burns
November 24th through November 30th in
memory of Billy & Bethy Buejrle.

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

Georgio Migliaccio Rev. William Carey
We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.



**ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHTS
6PM - 8PM**

Confession in Church

Every Saturday

4:00pm until 4:30pm

Or by Appointment

Rectory:

Rev. Ralph Segura
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Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**

Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

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Student Singers and Instruments wanted for Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Family Mass!

All rehearsals will take place in St Thomas the Apostle Church

Let's have a festive 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Mass this year with music provided by our talented student singers and instrument players! Please contact Music Director, Marge Kelley, if you would like your child to sing in the Christmas Choir (Grades 1-12) or play an instrument (Grades 5-12). Rehearsals will take place in the church following the schedule below.

To sign up: Parents can speak to Marge Kelley after the 5:15 PM, 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM Masses to complete a paper copy of the sign-up sheet and to ask questions. OR

Parents can complete the online form or provide the information required in the form and email to margaretkelley24@gmail.com typing Christmas Eve Family Mass in the subject line.

ANNUAL WREATH SALE TO BENEFIT BOY SCOUT TROOP 222

AFTER ALL MASSES November 30th & DECEMBER 1st

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Our Boy Scout Troop will be selling beautiful double sided balsam wreaths, decorated with a red velvet bow and pinecones - door sized \$25.

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Giving Tree



The Tree with the tags is up this weekend, November 23rd & 24th. Please bring your wrapped gift **with tag attached** to the church during any regularly scheduled mass **by Sunday, December 8th**. We need time to sort & deliver!!

Please do not leave your gift in the church when there is no mass. Bring it to the office during regular business hours.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL OF YOU, THE FAITHFUL OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, FOR YOUR WITNESS, YOUR PRAYERS, AND YOUR EXAMPLE THAT HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE ASSIGNED THE PASTOR OF ST. THOMAS PARISH. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU, AND MAY WE TOGETHER, CONTINUE, TO LIVE AND WITNESS THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE WORLD, IN THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT, AND THE CITY OF NORWALK. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! *John Ralph*

SEMINARIAN & VOCATIONS DRIVE

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS & YOUNG MEN CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD

A Blessing and a Challenge

Our diocese is witnessing an extraordinary blessing—a remarkable surge in vocations. Over the past decade, our number of seminarians has more than doubled! After six priests ordained in 2023, we are thrilled to welcome 11 new seminarians this year, bringing our total to 33. This blessing, however, comes with a challenge. Each seminarian's education costs more than \$60,000 per year, and we anticipate total formation costs will rise to \$3 million per year within five years. Bishop Caggiano has announced a special drive to fund these rising costs. Will you give to support our future priests? www.bridgeportpriest.org/give

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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 177 gifts worth \$50,231 bringing our parish to 79.99% 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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**Room To Grow
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in the Church**

Monday - Friday:

Before Any
Scheduled Morning
Mass at 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:45pm

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
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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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David Franco	Laura Wave	Joe Garrity			



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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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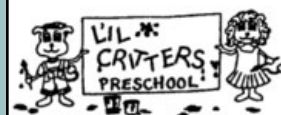
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