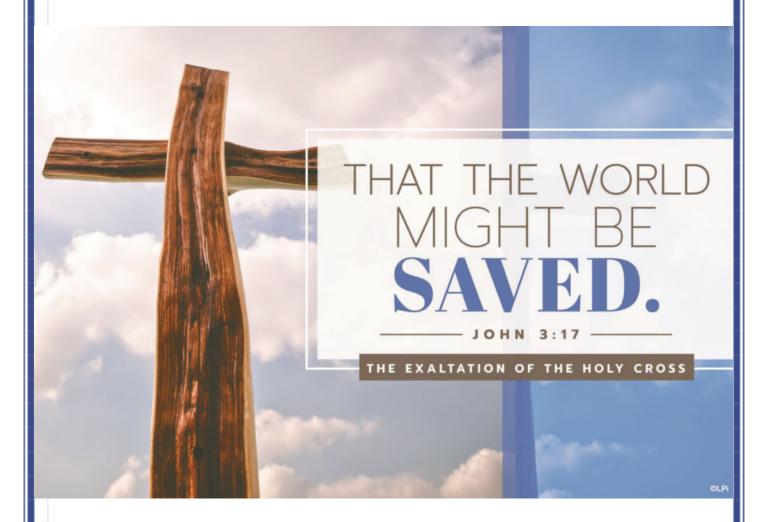


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**September 14, 2025** 



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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, September 15

7:00 AM**†** Gregoire Dumas 5:30 PM **†** Lina Cappello

**Tuesday, September 16** 

7:00 AM† Ellen Morrone 5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, September 17

NO MASS

Thursday, September 18

7:00 AM NO MASS

5:30 PM**†** William T. Cronin, M.D.

Friday, September 19

7:00 AM**†** Christina Steven 5:30 PM**†** James Hanford

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, September 20

5:15 PM**†** Michael Valiante

Sunday, September 21

7:30 AM**†** Margaret Amato, & the Amato, Baressi, &

**Rolland Families** 

9:00 AM**†** For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

11:30 AM**†** Linda Angotto & Gerry Forde

5:00 PM **†** Carmelina Santander



The Sanctuary Candle burns September 14<sup>th</sup> through September 20<sup>th</sup> in memory of James Hanford.

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2025	2024
August 31 Collection On-Line Diocesan Assessment Net Retained	\$3,492.31 \$2,221.00 (\$1,663.00) \$4,050.31	\$4,098.00 \$2,477.00 (\$1,547.00) _\$5,028.00
Votives	\$ 165.00	\$ 145.00
September 7 Collection On-Line Diocesan Assessment Net Retained	\$4,240.67 \$3,335.00 (\$1,663.00) \$5,912.67	\$3,836.00 \$2,556.00 (\$1,547.00) \$4,845.00
Monthly Maintenand Collection On-Line Total	\$1,111.00 \$1,400.50 \$2,511.50	\$1,041.00 \$1,274.00 \$2,315.00

#### **Diocesan Assessment**

The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on <u>all</u> gross receipts. For our 2026 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum Assessment is \$86,481. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,663. This represents an annual increase of \$6,032.00 from the prior year.



#### 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.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Francesco Siano William Spielman

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

Adult Choir Members Wanted! Our Music Director, Marge Kelley, is looking for new members to join our adult choir on Sunday mornings for the 11:30 AM Mass. We rehearse from 10:45-11:20 before Mass. Additional rehearsals for Christmas, Easter and special liturgies take place on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in the church. In the past six months, several of our members have retired or are unable to participate due to serious health issues. We hope to see new faces in the choir for the fall as we prepare for our annual Christmas concert and Christmas Masses! While full time (Sunday) members are our greatest need to present high level music each week, Marge will also accept part time members who wish to sing for Christmas, Easter and special liturgies only. All adult choir members must receive VIRTUS training. No auditions are necessary, just a desire to serve the church in our music ministry! Please see Marge after the 5:15 PM, 9:00 AM or 11:30 AM Masses to fill out a member form or you can access the form on the parish website and return it to stthomasmusicdir@gmail.com.

Rectory: Rev. Ralph Segura Pastor (ext.12)

Rev, Michael Lyons Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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

stthomasnorwalk@gmail.com

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#### **NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM**

#### **FALL SESSION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Wednesday afternoons 2:00 – 3:30pm October 1 – December 3



Your loss may be recent or long ago.

We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment.

God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey through loss to healing.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at: Church of the Assumption

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Meetings are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

Church of the Assumption is partnering with the Bereavement Initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries to offer this program. Please go to their website to submit a Program Inquiry Form or you can contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023.

#### www.Thegrief.org

Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of our bereavement ministers regarding the next steps.





## Confession in Church Every Saturday 4:00pm until 4:30pm



2025 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL We have raised 152 gifts worth \$38,518 bringing our parish to 61.33% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!





## SEPTEMBER 13TH & 14TH

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Saturday, September 13, 9:00am - 3:00pm Sunday, September 14, 9:30am - 2:00pm

#### DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our next meeting is **Thursday, September 25**<sup>th</sup>, **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.

Catholic Charities New Outlook Counseling is here to help!

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## 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 Troop 222, please call the office.

#### FROM A DISCOURSE BY SAINT ANDREW OF CRETE, BISHOP

We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.

Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be canceled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honorable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation—very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honorable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

The cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as his triumph. We recognize it as the cup he longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings he endured for our sake. As to the cross being Christ's glory, listen to his words: Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified, and God will glorify him at once. And again: Father, glorify me with the glory I had with you before the world came to be. And once more: Father, glorify your name. Then a voice came from heaven: I have glorified it and I will glorify it again. Here he speaks of the glory that would accrue to him through the cross. And if you would understand that the cross is Christ's triumph, hear what he himself also said: When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to myself. Now you can see that the cross is Christ's glory and triumph.

#### IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED!

If you are entering kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> 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.* 

#### **GRADE 8TH - 12TH STUDENTS RELIGIOUS FORMATION REGISTRATION**

Registration is now open! Please go to our website homepage for more information.

We are now offering Religious Formation/Education for **Grades 8 - 12 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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults For Adults 18+ (Not attending High School) Registration is now open for OCIA! Please go to our website homepage for more information.

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.

#### **PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country**

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Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army
Sfc. Ramil Penserga, US Army
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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

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

## **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.

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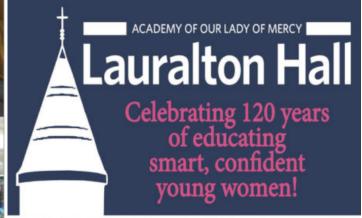
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#### PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

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:

Tim/Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
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Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	John Lima	Denise Cassin
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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 wegiesi@hotmail.com. If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

The Food Pantry is open Tuesdays 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM & Saturdays 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Donations are now being accepted during regular hours or leave NON-PERISHABLE items in the bin at the food pantry entrance. Questions? Call them at (203) 866-1644





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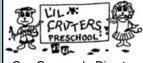
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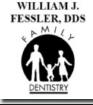
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