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## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 18, 2024



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— JOHN 6:58 —

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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, August 19

7:00 AM Intentions of Mary Scott Grimaldi  
5:30 PM † Maria Mastroianni

#### Tuesday, August 20

7:00 AM Peace & Prosperity For Family & Friends  
5:30 PM NO MASS

#### Wednesday, August 21

NO MASS

#### Thursday, August 22

7:00 AM NO MASS  
5:30 PM † Raymond O'Hara

#### Friday, August 23

7:00 AM In Celebration of Ileana Alarcon's Birthday  
5:30 PM † Catherine Verda (1st Anniversary)

#### Sunday Vigil, Saturday, August 24

5:15 PM † The Mennino & Pagliano Families

#### Sunday, August 25

7:30 AM † For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased  
9:00 AM † Brandon Carson  
11:30 AM † James & Shirley Muro & Dr. Jayme Rolls  
5:00 PM † Nicholas, Lillian, & John Morrone

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
<b>August 12</b>		
Collection	\$3,641.00	\$3,887.00
On-Line	\$2,455.00	\$2,302.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,549.00</u>	<u>\$4,683.00</u>
Votives	\$ 127.23	\$ 156.80

### 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.

Are you entering  
Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> 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: stthomasreleoffice@gmail.com



The Sanctuary Candle burns  
August 18<sup>th</sup> through August 24<sup>th</sup> in memory  
of Maria Bonoddio.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

**Robert Godzeno**      **Toni Pederson**

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

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

*Parker Ann Butler*

*Congratulations to her parents, family, & friends!*



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**

**by Appointment**

### Rectory:

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Parochial Administrator (ext. 19)

### Rectory Staff:

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### Religious Ed Office:

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## TAG SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Now's the time to join the list of volunteers for our 2024 Giant Tag Sale. This is our biggest fundraiser for our parish. We need pre-sale help as well as the sale weekend (September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>) and post-sale help. The pre-sale drop off hours are listed below.

**Any amount of help you can give us is greatly appreciated!**

Please email or call the office with your availability & we will add you to our list.

### Drop Off Dates

<b>Mondays:</b>	<b>August 12, 19, &amp; 26</b>	
	<b>September 9</b>	<b>6 pm - 8:30 pm</b>
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	<b>August 13, 20, &amp; 27</b>	
	<b>September 3 &amp; 10</b>	<b>6 pm - 8:30 pm</b>
<b>Saturdays:</b>	<b>August 17</b>	
	<b>September 7</b>	<b>9 am - 12 Noon</b>
<b>Sundays:</b>	<b>August 18 &amp; 25</b>	
	<b>September 8</b>	<b>9 am - 12 Noon</b>



# SEPTEMBER 14TH & 15TH

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Saturday, September 14, 9:00am - 3:00pm  
Sunday, September 15, 9:30am - 2:00pm

## FROM A TREATISE ON THE INCARNATION OF THE LORD BY SAINT THEODORET OF CYRUS, BISHOP

Of his own free will Jesus ran to meet those sufferings that were foretold in the Scriptures concerning him. He had forewarned his disciples about them several times; he had rebuked Peter for being reluctant to accept the announcement of his passion, and he had made it clear that it was by means of his suffering that the world's salvation was to be accomplished. This was why he stepped forward and presented himself to those who came in search of him, saying: *I am the one you are looking for*. For the same reason he made no reply when he was accused, and refused to hide when he could have done so; although in the past he had slipped away on more than one occasion when they had tried to apprehend him.

Jesus also wept over Jerusalem because by her unwillingness to believe she was bent on her own ruin, and upon the temple, once so renowned, he passed sentence of utter destruction. Patiently he put up with being struck in the face by a man who was doubly a slave, in body and in spirit. He allowed himself to be slapped, spat upon, insulted, tortured, scourged and finally crucified. He accepted two robbers as his companions in punishment, on his right and on his left. He endured being reckoned with murderers and criminals. He drank the vinegar and the bitter gall yielded by the unfaithful vineyard of Israel. He submitted to crowning with thorns instead of with vine twigs and grapes; he was ridiculed with the purple cloak, holes were dug in his hands and his feet, and at last he was carried to the grave.

All this he endured in working out our salvation. For since those who were enslaved to sin were liable to the penalties of sin, he himself, exempt from sin though he was and walking in the path of perfect righteousness, underwent the punishment of sinners. By his cross he blotted out the decree of the ancient curse: for, as Paul says: *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us; for it is written: "Cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree."* And by his crown of thorns he put an end to that punishment meted out to Adam, who after his sin had heard the sentence: *Cursed is the ground because of you; thorns and thistles shall it bring forth for you.*

In tasting the gall Jesus took on himself the bitterness and toil of man's mortal, painful life. By drinking the vinegar he made his own the degradation men had suffered, and in the same act gave us the grace to better our condition. By the purple robe he signified his kingship, by the reed he hinted at the weakness and rottenness of the devil's power. By taking the slap in the face, and thus suffering the violence, corrections and blows that were due to us, he proclaimed our freedom.

His side was pierced as Adam's was; yet there came forth not a woman who, being beguiled, was to be the death-bearer, but a fountain of life that regenerates the world by its two streams: the one to renew us in the baptismal font and clothe us with the garment of immortality, the other to feed us, the reborn, at the table of God, just as babes are nourished with milk.



### 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. 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](http://troop222.norwalk.scoutlander.com).

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

If you are entering kindergarten through 6<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/Sixth Grade, you also need to sign up for First Communion/Confirmation through the St. Thomas program.***

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  
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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 146 gifts worth \$39,113 bringing our parish to 62.28% 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.



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

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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
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Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Hamilton Family
Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Fratloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Anthony Bruno
Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Richard Berg	Jeannetta Torres	Angela McCrae
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Michelle Vittorio	Carolyn Hill	Steve C.	Stefanie Sena	MaryAnn P.	Liz Fox
Vinnie McMahan	Andy Tao	Heather Ribellino	Susan Swick		



**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](mailto:wegiesj@hotmail.com). If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

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