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ST. THOMAS
THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 15, 2024

Catechetical Sunday

"LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY?"

MATTHEW 25:37

Our theme reflects our call to missionary discipleship. As St. John Paul II reminded us: The universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission. Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and to mission. We are called to be eucharist by word and action to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our times cry out for this kind of holiness, one inflamed by the ardent determination to bring as many of our brothers and sisters as possible to Christ.

Today, we formally commission our Catechists and Aides for ministry to the community. Please pray today and throughout the year for our Catechists and Aides who work so diligently with our children. Pray also that the continued leadership and guidance given by Fr. Ralph Segura, and our Director of Religious Ed, Patty Frattaroli, will give our children the support they need in all they do.

Liz Guzman

Charlotte Snyder

Maggie Curran

Ed Bocchino

Molly Powers

Jessica Putetti

Mary Vladimirov

Kevin Knight

Alice Hurley

MaryAnn Madaffari

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, September 16

7:00 AM† Ellen Morrone
5:30 PM† Lina Cappello

Tuesday, September 17

7:00 AM† Rosa Padula
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, September 18

NO MASS

Thursday, September 19

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM Christina Steven

Friday, September 20

7:00 AM† Bridget Knudsen
5:30 PM† Michael Valiante

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, September 21

5:15 PM† Elizabeth & Garrett O'Gara

Sunday, September 22

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† Mary Frances Walsh
11:30 AM† Bridget Knudsen
5:00 PM† Matthew Horan



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 8th through September 15th in
memory of the Amato, Baressi, &
Rolland Families.*

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

Reverend Michael J. Bachman
We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.



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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
September 1		
Collection	\$4,098.00	\$3,590.00
On-Line	\$2,477.00	\$2,618.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$5,028.00</u>	<u>\$4,702.00</u>

Votives \$ 145.00 \$ 156.81

Monthly Maintenance

Collection	\$1,041.00	\$1,162.00
On-Line	\$1,274.00	\$1,253.00
Total	<u>\$2,315.00</u>	<u>\$2,415.00</u>

September 8

Collection	\$3,836.00	\$4,008.00
On-Line	\$2,556.00	\$2,439.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,845.00</u>	<u>\$4,941.00</u>

Votives Could not be counted this week. Will be combined with next week's amount

Catholic University

Collection	\$ 951.00
On-Line	\$ 41.00
Total	<u>\$ 992.00</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 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.



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

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)

Religious Ed Office:
(203) 866-1189
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Youth Ministry:
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Elizabeth Squicciarino, Coordinator

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www.stthomasnorwalk.org

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Monika Piascik

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Tito (Jose) Rivera

Finance Chair:
Ulrike Schambeck
(203) 434-6488

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

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SEPTEMBER 14TH & 15TH

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**EARLY BIRD ENTRY
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Saturday, September 14, 9:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday, September 15, 9:30am - 2:00pm

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?
JOIN THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We supply all the materials at our meetings and discuss if there have been any special requests made. **The next meeting is Thursday, September 26th, at 7:00pm, in the Small Meeting Room.** Come meet our group and pick up your supplies! Our shawls are free gifts meant to warm, comfort and embrace.

To request a shawl or if you would like more information about our ministry, please call Vicki Remson, (203) 847-8196 or the Rectory, (203) 866-3141.



**September 21st
9am-4pm**

Free Admission

St. Philip Church
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Vendors & Crafts
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Raffle Baskets



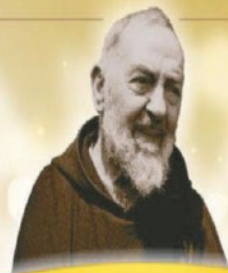
Train & Hay Rides
Children's Games
Face Painting
Pumpkin Painting



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.

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THE RELICS OF SAINT PIO



at St. Matthew Church

Monday, Sept. 30, 2024

Veneration of Relics: 1pm-10pm | Mass: 7pm followed by the Rosary

StMatthewNorwalk.org | St. Matthew Church | 216 Scribner Avenue | Norwalk, CT 06854

Holy Hour for Vocations

Second Thursday of every month

7:00-8:00pm, St. Theresa Church

August 8th

September 12th

October 10th

November 14th

December 12th

Please join us. Bring a friend.

All are welcome.



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203 218 6882

FR. RALPH TO BE INSTALLED AS PASTOR OF ST. THOMAS CHURCH

It is with great honor and in all humility that I formally publish to the people of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish that Bishop Caggiano will be installing me as your Pastor.

As you know, I have been with you as a Parochial Vicar here at St. Thomas Church for seven years with your former pastor Fr. Mirek Stachurski, to whom I am grateful for his excellent example of stewardship as shepherd of the people of St. Thomas Church, as well as his talent, devotion and labor in his priestly ministry.

I am also very grateful for the most excellent example of discipleship I have experienced since I have been with you. You have provided me with both instruction and inspiration to be a better disciple, steward, shepherd, priest and spiritual father.

I ask you to continue to pray for me, as I do for you, so that we may continue to make the Journey of Faith together, living and witnessing the Gospel of Jesus Christ as Catholics here at St. Thomas Parish, in the City of Norwalk, and the Diocese of Bridgeport.

May God continue to bless you in all things, and I invite you to the Installation Mass that will take place on Saturday, November 16th, at the 5:30 pm Mass with Bishop Frank Caggiano presiding. Thank you, and God bless you.

John Ralph



The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) is proposing *dramatic* revisions to existing abortion regulations in Connecticut.

Help Stop These Changes.

The Open Comment Period Ends September 20th.

The proposed changes to the abortion regulations would **remove** sections that:

- 1) protect a medical provider's right not to participate in an abortion based on religious beliefs,
- 2) require medical care for a baby that survived an attempted abortion, and
- 3) prohibit abortions in the third trimester, with an exception for the mother's health.

Without any direction from the legislature, the Department of Public Health is planning on remove these reasonable provisions that have existed in Connecticut for over fifty years.

Whether one is pro-choice or pro-life, the removal of these regulations is an extreme act and an abuse of administrative authority. The legislature, not unelected administrators, holds the power to remove such long-held protections.

TAKE ACTION

Learn more about these changes and express your opposition to the elimination of these common sense regulations to the Department of Public Health by visiting ctcatholicpac.org or scanning the QR code below. Deadline: September 20th.

Only elected officials, through an open legislative process, should be able to make such significant changes to existing law.

Thank you for your assistance in helping to stop this abuse of bureaucratic power.



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.

REMINDER: No priest will ever send you an email asking for a purchase of gift cards or anything else. These are scam emails & should be moved to your spam folder. Please do not respond to these emails. **If you are ever unsure of anything please do not hesitate to call the office or ask Fr. Ralph after mass.**

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 149 gifts worth \$39,463 bringing our parish to 62.84% 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](http://2024BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.



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216 Scribner Avenue, Norwalk

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3 PM	• Check-in and games
4 PM	• Vigil Mass with Bishop Caggiano
5 PM	• Tailgate barbecue and games
6 PM	• Keynote and Conversation with Bishop Caggiano
6:45 PM	• Service project
8 PM	• Confession and Holy Hour with Lee Roessler Presided by Father Ferry Galbert
9 PM	• Youth Procession
9:30 PM	• Departure

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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
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabrese	Anne Edwards	Phil Tavella
Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Hamilton Family
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Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	Jackie Hamilton	Denise Cassin
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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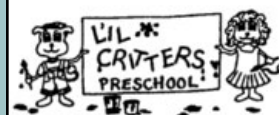
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