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October 20, 2024



WHOEVER WISHES TO
BE GREAT WILL BE
YOUR SERVANT.

— MARK 10:43 —

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Rev. Ralph Segura, Pastor
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stthomasnorwalk@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00AM.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, October 21

7:00 AM† Michael Joseph O'Dwyer
5:30 PM† Mario Laracca

Tuesday, October 22

7:00 AM† Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, October 23

NO MASS

Thursday, October 24

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM Special Intention

Friday, October 25

7:00 AM Intentions of Mary Scott Grimaldi
5:30 PM† John & Bridget Butler

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, October 26

5:15 PM† Bridget & Michael O'Gara & Clare Beggan

Sunday, October 27

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† Robert Michek
11:30 AM† Norma Telesco
5:00 PM† Judith Platt



The Sanctuary Candle burns
October 20th through October 26th in
memory of Mario Laracca.

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

Joseph Venturs Rita Smith Mary Sznec
Loriz Guthman Miller

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

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)

Finance Chair:

Ulrike Schambeck
(203) 434-6488

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4

Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

Religious Ed Office:

(203) 866-1189
Patty Frattaroli, DRE
stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2024

2023

October 13

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| Collection | \$3,511.54 | \$4,030.00 |
| On-Line | \$2,322.00 | \$2,283.00 |
| Diocesan Assessment | (\$1,547.00) | (\$1,506.00) |
| Net Retained | <u>\$4,286.54</u> | <u>\$4,807.00</u> |

Votives

\$ 173.89 \$ 133.09

Hurricane Relief

Collection \$1,234.00

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.



**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.



**Pray the Rosary in the Church
Monday - Friday:**

**Before Any Scheduled Morning
Mass at 6:30am**

Monday: 7:00pm Saturday: 4:45pm

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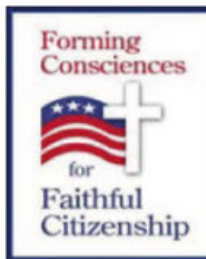
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Election Day, November 5th, is Quickly Approaching

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.



St. Mary Parish D4L Retreat

Seton-Neumann Center in Danbury

Rooms are singles unless requested otherwise. Reservations limited, so don't delay.

OCT | 25-27 | 2024

Starts Friday at 7PM and concludes Sunday, after the 5PM Mass in the Church
Contact Marilyn Kain, kainma56@gmail.com, 203-994-7808, for more info or questions.

Send \$175 check (payable to St. Mary Parish) to St. Mary Parish, Attn: D4L, 55 Catoanah St, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Parish: _____

A confirmation letter with more details will be mailed to you one week before the retreat.

**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.

**Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries of the
Diocese of Bridgeport Bereavement Ministry**
Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents Whose Children
of Any Age Have Died by Any Cause, No Matter How
Long Ago.

One-Day Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, December 7

Registration is required. Please call 203-404-0023 or
go to www.ctcemetries.org

<https://ctcemetries.org/bereavement-support/emmaus-ministry/>



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:

Birthright of Greater Norwalk
71 East Ave, Suite E
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.

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

I have explained what it means to consume milk. Now let us consider what it means to clothe with wool. One who gives milk gives sustenance, while one who gives wool gives honor. These are precisely the two things that pastors, who feed themselves and not the sheep, look for from the people—the benefit of having their wants supplied as well as the favor of honor and praise.

Yes, clothing can well be taken to mean honor, since it covers nakedness. For every man without exception is weak. And who is any man placed over you except someone just like yourself. Your pastor is in the flesh, he is mortal, he eats, sleeps and awakens; he was born and he is going to die. In himself he is, when you think of it, simply a man. But it is true that you make him something more by giving him honor; it is as if you were covering what is weak.

Consider the nature of the clothing that the apostle Paul received from God's good people. He said: *You have received me like an angel of God. I testify that if it were possible you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me.* Indeed great honor was shown to him. But did he then spare sinners because of that honor, perhaps out of fear that it would be refused and that he would receive less praise when he gave blame? Had he done so, he would be among those shepherds who feed themselves and not the sheep. He would then say to himself: "What has this to do with me? Let everyone do what he will; my sustenance is safe, and my honor too. I have enough milk and wool, so let each one do as he likes." But then are things really secure for you if each one does as he pleases? I do not want to make you a leader over the people but one of them. *If one member suffers, all the members suffer with him.*

In recalling how they treated him, the Apostle does not want to appear forgetful of the honor they did him. Therefore he gives testimony that they received him like an angel of God, that if it were possible, they were willing to tear out their eyes and give them to him. Yet he still comes to the sheep that is ill, to the one that is diseased, to cut the wound and not to spare the diseased part. He says: *Have I then become your enemy by preaching the truth?* He took from the milk of the sheep, as I mentioned a short time ago, and he was clothed with their wool, but he did not neglect his sheep. He did not seek what was his but what was Christ's.



DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

Wedding Jubilee Mass

For all those married couples

celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th or 50+ year anniversaries
are invited to gather at Saint Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport

on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024**

at 1:30 pm for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano
Space is limited to four guests

To register, contact Patricia Hansen at phansen@diobpt.org or 203.416.1342



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.

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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Mrs. Michelle Rowe, O.P.
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prapronohis20@gmail.com
203 218 6882

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 157 gifts worth \$40,323 bringing our parish to 64.21% 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.

Catholic203.com

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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.

Trustees:

Robert Lametta
Christopher Jarboe

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**Room To Grow
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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.

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| | 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.

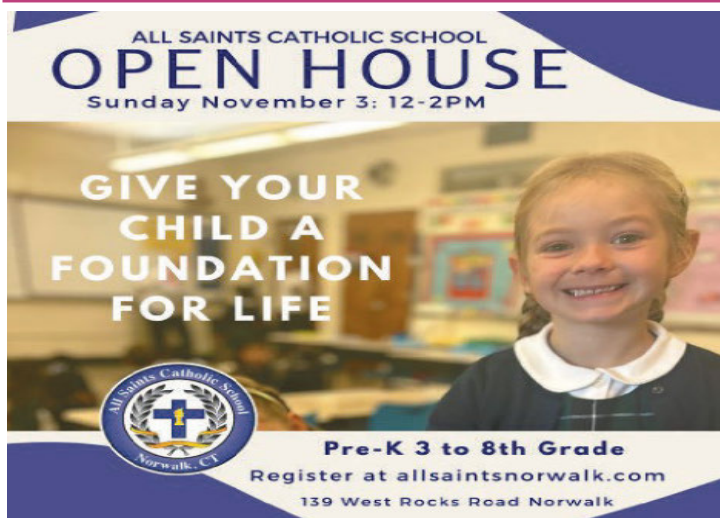


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PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

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:

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| Debbie Reddock | James Amrich | Theresa Buono | Linda Lima | Merina Deluc | George Travers |
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| 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.

**The Food Pantry is open
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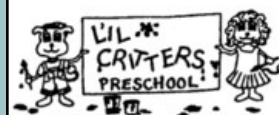
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