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## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 23, 2025



*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

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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, February 24

7:00 AM† George A. Tybus  
5:30 PM Mary Bennett

#### Tuesday, February 25

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

#### Wednesday, February 26

NO MASS

#### Thursday, February 27

7:00 AM NO MASS  
5:30 AM† Filippo Mastroianni

#### Friday, February 28

7:00 AM† Msgr. Henry E. Flanagan  
5:30 PM† Albert Bruno

#### Sunday Vigil, Saturday, March 1

5:15 PM Rosa Morabito

#### Sunday, March 2

7:30 AM† Jeannette Meister  
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased  
11:30 AM† Carm & John Pagliano  
5:00 PM† Lucy DiMeglio

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2025	2024
<b>February 16</b>		
Collection	\$2,709.00	\$4,116.00
On-Line	\$2,122.00	\$2,346.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$3,284.00</u>	<u>\$4,956.00</u>
Votives	\$ 107.43	\$ 197.30

### 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.

## Confession in Church

**Every Saturday**

**4:00pm until 4:30pm**

**Or by Appointment**



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



*The Sanctuary Candle burns  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>  
in memory of Rafael Segura.*



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**PLEASE JOIN US  
FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

**7:00PM  
MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28  
APRIL 4, 11, 18**

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Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

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Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**  
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## DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FREQUENTLY

We update our website as things change in our parish & diocese. There are many useful pages such as "Senior Info", "Events in Our Diocese", & "Useful Links". We have an interactive Google Calendar where you can add to your personal calendar with a simple click on the item. All forms are available as fillable PDFs. Most questions can be answered by visiting the website. **If you know of any organization that may be useful to our community, please contact the office so we may add it to our website upon approval.**

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### Bishop's Scholarship Fund Applications Open February 1, 2025

Foundations in Education is pleased to announce that applications to the Bishop's Scholarship Fund open February 1st.

Families who have a child currently enrolled or are new applicants in a Diocesan-sponsored Catholic elementary school are eligible to apply for 2025-2026 tuition assistance for Grades K-8.

Apply online via the FACTS Grant & Aid, [www.FACTSmgt.com/aid](http://www.FACTSmgt.com/aid), and complete all questions relating to Bishop's Scholarship Fund.

**Deadline: March 15-currently enrolled families, April 15-new families**

For more information, visit [www.foundationsineducation.org](http://www.foundationsineducation.org).

 **FOUNDATIONS IN EDUCATION**



## 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.



The 2026 MASS BOOK will open on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, **from 10am until 1pm**. Only 2 Saturday Vigil or Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until April 30<sup>th</sup>. **Please come to the front door of the Rectory. No phone or email requests until Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.**

# **Regional Middle School** **Youth Ministry Collaboration**

St. Jerome, St. Philip, St. Matthew, and St. Thomas the Apostle churches in Norwalk, have joined forces to enhance our middle school youth ministry. With support from the Seton Collaborative, we are now in our second year of combining talents, resources, and personnel to better serve young people and their families.

**The Meaning of Collaboration in Ministry:** Collaboration in ministry goes beyond operational efficiency; it reflects the unity and love Christ modeled for His followers. Rooted in scripture, collaboration mirrors the Church's communal nature as one body in Christ.

**Practical Application in Norwalk:** The Norwalk parishes collaborate on monthly regional events for middle and high school youth. These initiatives aim to deepen their relationship with faith communities and provide discipleship opportunities. By working together, they foster accountability, encouragement, and a stronger collective impact.

The Pastors of St. Thomas, St. Matthew, St. Jerome, and St. Philip Parish ask that you pray for and support this Ministry that involves the Formation of our sons and daughters as we prepare them for Confirmation, and for their future as Catholics in the Modern World.



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**March 11-13**

Join us for a transformative Eucharistic Retreat this March 2025, offered in both English and Spanish at two locations across the Diocese. These three-day retreats will deeply explore our relationship with the Eucharist through inspiring presentations, daily Mass, Adoration, and opportunities for Reconciliation.



**ENGLISH RETREAT**  
**Notre Dame of Easton**  
655 Morehouse Rd, Easton, CT

Join **Fr. Richard Veras** at Notre Dame in Easton for "The Word Made Flesh," a three-day Eucharistic retreat exploring Christ's presence from Old Testament to present day.

**Day #1:** The Longing of the Heart and the Promise of Israel: Jesus in the Old Testament

**Day #2:** Emmanuel, the Promise Fulfilled: Jesus in the Gospels

**Day #3:** The Promise Remains Present: Jesus in the Church

Both retreats will run from **March 11-13, 2025**, featuring morning and evening sessions each day.



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**SPANISH RETREAT**  
**St. Peter Church**  
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Fr. **Agustino Torres, CFR** leads "Repara mi Casa," (Repair My House) a three-day Eucharistic retreat at St. Peter in Danbury exploring Eucharistic amazement and love of neighbor.

**Day #1:** Asombro Eucarístico (Eucharistic Amazement)

**Day #2:** 2 Cor 2:8 Reafirmar (Reaffirm)

**Day #3:** Amor al Proximo (Love of Neighbor)

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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.**

### Coffee Tea

9oz to 12oz Box of Cereal

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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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**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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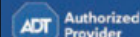
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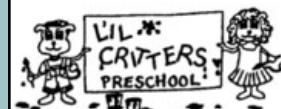
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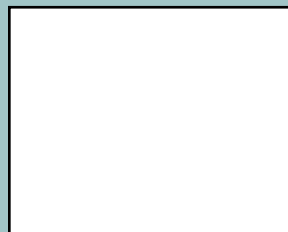

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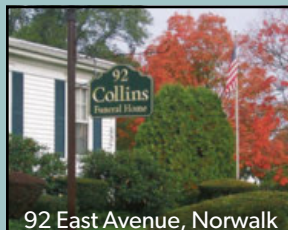





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