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January 19, 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, January 20

7:00 AM† Elizabeth Usher
5:30 PM † Linda Caruso

Tuesday, January 21

7:00 AM† Joseph Henwood
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, January 22

NO MASS

Thursday, January 23

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 AM† Anna Bucciarelli

Friday, January 24

7:00 AM† Antonio Rubbo, Maria Ciambrella, &
Pasquale Rubbo
5:30 PM† Patsy Mappa

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, January 25

5:15 PM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

Sunday, January 26

7:30 AM† The Amato, Baressi, & Rolland Families
9:00 AM† Angelina Vescio
11:30 AM† The Stenger & Kenefic Families
5:00 PM † Richard Heath

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2025	2024
January 12		
Collection	\$4,252.00	\$3,544.00
On-Line	\$2,171.00	\$2,349.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,876.00</u>	<u>\$4,387.00</u>
Votives	\$ 200.50	\$ 169.14

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 Cathedralicum 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.



The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20th, in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr..



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
January 19th through January 25th
in memory of Fred Roldan.*

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

Charlotte Avery Tavello
Congratulations to her parents, family, & friends!

Confession in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm
Or by Appointment



CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY OF ST. SEBASTIAN
Next Saturday, January 25th
12:00pm Mass
followed by a reception in the Parish Center gym.
Sponsored by the Charles Family.
All are invited!!!



ADORATION MONDAY NIGHTS
6PM - 8PM

<p>Rectory: Rev. Ralph Segura Pastor (ext.19)</p> <p>Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4 Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday</p>	<p>Rectory Staff: Cathy Lauder Parish Secretary (ext. 10)</p> <p>Finance Chair: Ulrike Schambeck (203) 434-6488</p>	<p>Religious Ed Office: (203) 866-1189 Patty Frattaroli, DRE stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com</p> <p>Parish Bookkeeper Monika Piascik</p> <p>Facilities: Tito (Jose) Rivera</p>	<p>Youth Ministry: stthomasyg1@gmail.com Elizabeth Squicciarino, Coordinator</p> <p>Website: www.stthomasnorwalk.org Like us on Facebook: St. Thomas Norwalk Instagram: StThomasNorwalk</p>
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Now through January 31, 2025

2024 Challenge Grant

The Challenge Grant is currently in progress. Our benevolent family has, once again, agreed to match up to \$60,000 of your contributions. The gift envelopes have gone out. If you have not received one & wish to contribute, please use this form or take a donation card located at the entrances of the church. Thanks to all of you have already pledge or donated.



BISHOP'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2024-2025 RECIPIENTS

- \$2,851,855 awarded
- 1,319 students
- \$64,605 avg. family income

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, 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.

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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 LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS BY SAINT CLEMENT I, POPE AND MARTYR
(NN. 59, 2—60,4;61,3: FUNK I, 135-141)**

For his chosen ones scattered throughout the world, we shall make our constant prayer to the Creator of the universe. May he allow none of them to fall away, but preserve them all through his beloved Son, Jesus Christ, through whom he called us out of darkness into light, out of ignorance to the knowledge of his glorious name.

Give us grace, Lord, to hope in your Name, to which all creatures owe their being. Open the eyes of our heart to know you alone, *the Most High in the highest heavens, the holy One, whose dwelling is in the holy. You abase the arrogance of the proud, frustrate the designs of the godless, exalt the lowly and humble the lofty. You give men wealth and take it away; you slay them, save them and give them new life.* Alone the Benefactor of *spirits and God of all flesh, your gaze penetrates the depths, you observe the doings of men.* Helper of those in peril, *Savior of those in despair,* you created and still keep watch over all that draws breath. You cause the peoples on the earth to multiply, and from them all choose those who love you through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son. Through him you have instructed us, sanctified us, honored us.

Lord, we entreat you to help us. Come to the aid of the afflicted, pity the lowly, raise up the fallen, show your face to the needy, heal the sick, convert the wayward, feed the hungry, deliver the captives, support the weak, encourage the fainthearted. Let all nations know that you alone are God; Jesus Christ is your Son, and *we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.*

Lord, you created the world according to the eternal decree now revealed in your works. Faithful throughout all generations you are just in judgment, wonderful in power and majesty. You formed your creation with wisdom, established it with prudence. Everything we see proclaims your goodness. You are kind and compassionate, and never fail those who put their trust in you. Forgive us for our failings and for our sins.

Do not hold all the transgressions of your servants against them, but purify us by your truth, and so *guide our footsteps that by walking in holiness and justice and simplicity of heart we may do what is good and pleasing* in your sight and in the sight of our leaders.

Lord, *let the light of your face shine upon us,* so that we may enjoy your blessings in peace, protected by your strong hand, and freed from all sin by your outstretched arm; and deliver us from those who hate us unjustly.

Give peace and concord to us and to all mankind, even as you gave it to our ancestors *when they devoutly called upon you in faith and truth.* Lord, you alone are able to bestow these and even greater benefits upon us. We praise you through Jesus Christ, our high priest and the champion of our souls. Through him be glory and majesty to you now and throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

From a letter to the Corinthians by Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr, The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. III, Ordinary Time, Weeks 1-17, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1975, pp. 54-56.



Holy Hour for Vocations
Second Thursday of every month
7:00-8:00pm, St. Theresa Church

5301 Main Street Trumbull

Sponsored by the Lay Dominicans, Our Lady of Fatima Fraternity. All are welcome to attend. For more information about the Lay Dominicans, please contact Mrs. Michelle Rowe, O.P. Formation Director, by phone, (203) 218-6882, or email, orapronobis20@gmail.com.

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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.

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 189 gifts worth \$62,990 bringing our parish to 100.30% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who gave or pledged! To make a gift, or for more information, please visit 2024 BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470.



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

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

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.



The Connecticut Hospice, Inc., Homecare Volunteers Needed

The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. is accepting applications for new volunteers! Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. If you have an interest in companionship, light housekeeping or making meals, please contact Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers at (203) 315-7510.

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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:

Tim/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
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Vinnie McMahon	Heather Ribellino	Susan Swick	Frank & Ellen Tuttle	Aidan Kane	Mary Anne Lagana
David Franco	Laura Wade	Joe Garrity	Tim Cole	Tim Brosnan	Mary Chaloupa
Ramona Bouffard	Joan Malkin	Joan Milone	Christine DiCorato	Hildegard Noonan	Lazarus Massey



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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