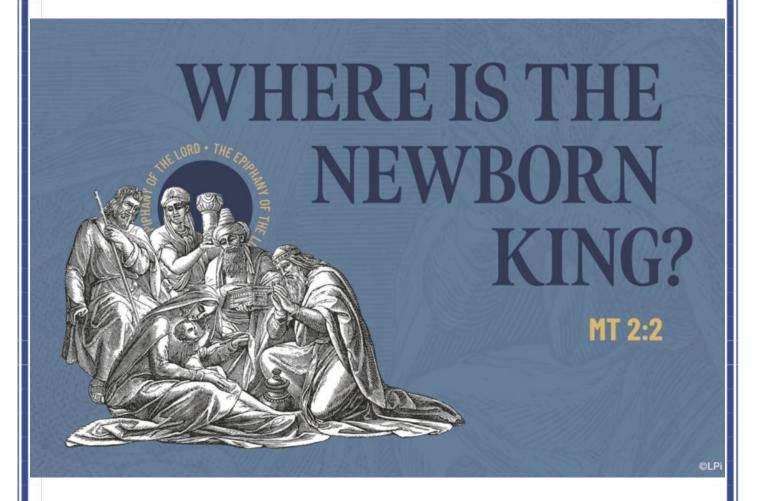


**January 7, 2024** 



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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 8

7:00 AM† All Souls 5:30 PM† Vasco Willis

Tuesday, January 9

7:00 AM† Ralph Festa, Jr. 5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

7:00 AM NO MASS 5:30 PM**†** Mark Fallo

Friday, January 12

7:00 AM**†** Joan Gardella 5:30 PM**†** Maria Mastroianni

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, January 13 Celebrant 5:15 PM+ For Our Parishioners, Living & Fr. Mirek

Deceased

Sunday, January 14

7:30 AM† Cecila David Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM† Lawrence Gallacher Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM† Rose & Bill Close Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM† Paul Martel Fr. Ralph



The Sanctuary Candle burns January 7th through January 13<sup>th</sup> in memory of Carlos Rivera.

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#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Due to early transmission to the printer for the Christmas Holiday, we do not have the collection figures in time for publication of the bulletin. We will report the collection in next week's issue.

The 2024 MASS BOOK is open without restrictions. Phone or email requests are welcome.

JR HIGH/High School Youth Group Meeting
Our Youth Group meeting is today, Sunday,
January 7<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30pm - 6:00pm in the Parish
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Thank you to all who already have pledged or donated!.

## Coming Soon

Our Food Pantry will be starting a "Needed Items List" in our bulletin. 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. That is where this listing will come in. Of course, you can still give items that aren't on the list.

## DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FREQUENTLY

We update our website as things change in our parish & diocese. There are many useful links on our "Senior Info", "Events in Our Diocese", & "Useful Links" pages. We have an interactive Google Calendar where you can add to your personal calendar with a simple click on the item. 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. www.stthomasnorwalk.org

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As it is for so many people, and like so many of the greater events in our culture; the Superbowl, the World Series, and many of the major federal holidays, a significant event has come and gone; and all the cultural hype that preceded the Sacred Mystery of the Nativity has subsided, and the return to the grind leaves it all behind us.

But we must remember that we thus far have observed the Octave of Christmas, the martyrdom of St. Stephen, first martyr; the Holy Innocents; the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph; the Holy Mother of God on the 1st of January; and tomorrow is the Baptism of the Lord.

All of these that follow Christmas are a sign to us that we are just beginning! We are at the beginning of a New Liturgical Year, and the readings that will follow both during the weekday Masses and on Sundays will prepare us to observe the Passion of the Lord and the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

This is the time for us to begin the Journey of Faith by bringing with us, carrying within our hearts, the joy, hope, and promise of our Salvation in Jesus Christ. We may have put away all that glitters and glows; but we must not allow our relationship with Jesus to be like that coin the unprofitable servant buried in the ground, thinking that what we have recently experienced will increase in value on its own; or even worse, fail to be like the woman who swept her entire house to find the lost coin, and worse even still, allow the seed that was planted during this time to be as Jesus taught us in the Parable of the Sower: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear (Mt 13:3-9)."

As we, throughout the year, strive to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, as we face the challenges and the struggles that lay before us; as we eagerly embrace the opportunities and blessings that God will bestow upon us, may we always keep in mind and heart that God loves us, and Jesus will be with us, if we allow him to walk with us. As St. Paul tells us in his Letter to the Romans: "Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer (Rom 12:9-12)."

#### HELP WANTED!!

A long-time parishioner is looking for a housekeeper to come once every other week. Needs vacuuming and other normal heavier cleaning done. She can do the rest. Please call the office for more information.



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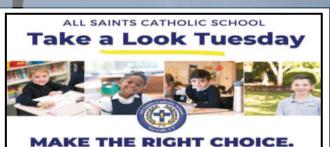




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#### Procedure for Baptisms & Weddings

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.

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If you would like to be added to or removed 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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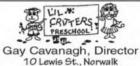
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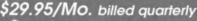
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