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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 23, 2025

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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, March 24

7:00 AM In Celebration of Brid Connors's Birthday
5:30 PM † Charlie Charles

Tuesday, March 25

7:00 AM † Bridget Knudsun
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, March 26

7:00 AM † Albert Bruno

Thursday, March 27

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 AM † Carlton G. Fenderson

Friday, March 28

7:00 AM † Rose & Reginald Festa
5:30 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon,
Terry Cain & Luis Cardenas
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, March 29

5:15 PM † Deacon Joseph Gagne

Sunday, March 30

7:30 AM † For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM † Bill & Betty Buehrle
11:30 AM † Barbara Ballard
5:00 PM † Joe Fandel



The Sanctuary Candle burns
March 23rd through March 29th
in memory of Fran & John Tierney.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord,
and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Please remember in your prayers:

Victor Hidalgo Robert Jessup
Charles Strzhan

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

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

Cameron Graf Fetteroll

Congratulations to his parents, family, & friends!

Rectory:

Rev. Ralph Segura
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Michael Lyons
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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2025	2024
March 16		
Collection	\$3,847.73	\$4,616.00
On-Line	\$2,097.00	\$2,730.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,397.73</u>	<u>\$5,840.00</u>
Votives	\$ 183.27	\$ 142.61

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PLEASE JOIN US
FRIDAYS DURING LENT

7:00PM

MARCH 14, 21, 28 APRIL 4, 11, 18



The 2026 MASS BOOK is open
with restrictions until April 30th.
Only 2 Saturday Vigil or Sunday
weekend masses may be booked
and no more than 4 Sanctuary
Candles. *Please come to the
Rectorry, call, or email your
requests.*

Confession in Church

Every Saturday

4:00pm until 4:30pm

Or by Appointment



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

Youth Singers and Instrument Players wanted!
Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, 9:00 AM Family Mass

Rehearsals will begin soon for Youth Choir and Instruments to prepare to sing and play for Easter Sunday Mass. All rehearsals will take place in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

YOUTH INSTRUMENT REHEARSALS: for students in Grades 6-12 will be scheduled individually with Music Director, Marge Kelley. Students should have at least 3 years of experience on their instrument and be taking lessons with a music teacher privately or in school.

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: for singers Grades 1-12: choose one rehearsal each week.

WEEK 1: 4:30-5:15 PM: Wednesday March 26 OR Thursday, March 27

WEEK 2: 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday, April 2 OR Thursday, April 3

WEEK 3: 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday, April 9 OR Thursday, April 10

WEEK 4: Dress Rehearsal: 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday, April 16. (*I cannot offer a Thursday rehearsal option on the final week because it is Holy Thursday.*)

To sign up to sing or play: see Music Director, Marge Kelley for a paper sign-up form after the 5:15, 9:00 or 11:30 AM weekend Masses OR click below to complete the fillable pdf form and send it to Marge Kelley's email address, margaretkelley24@gmail.com.



40 Days for Life Spring 2025 Campaign – March 5 – April 13, 2025 - Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign for an end to abortion! Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has saved thousands of lives and inspired millions of volunteers! Your help is needed in being a peaceful presence. Consider signing up for one hour with a friend, church group or Knights of Columbus Council this Lent. Hours are available at the Bridgeport or Stamford prayer vigil locations. To find out more information or to sign up for vigil hours at these locations visit: www.40daysforlife.com.

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our next meeting is this **Thursday, March 27th, 7:00pm**, in the Small Meeting Room. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, or the Parish Office.

Since we don't have enough space to include all that is happening in our diocese, please go to our website and click on the "**Events in Our Diocese**" page for a list of what is available.

Birthright is in need of gently worn *baby & maternity clothing*. Please call to arrange a drop off. They also need volunteers (especially Spanish speaking). Opportunities include friendship counseling, clerical, & clothing work. Training is provided. Please call for more information: (203) 853-4872.

April 5
8:30 am – 4:00 pm
St. Mary School Hall

Lenten Day of Reflection

Please RSVP by March 22


PRESENTED BY D4L MINISTRY

Saint Mary's Disciples for Life Ministry invites everyone to join us for a day of prayer, music, inspirational talks, Adoration and Reconciliation. Continental breakfast and full lunch included. \$30 pp. To register, use the QR Code, url below or go to www.smcr.org

Questions? Contact Dianne Doyle ddoyle5@sbeglobal.net or Bob Hebert rhebert17@sbeglobal.net

St. Mary's School Hall
183 High Ridge Ave, Ridgefield, CT

Register at www.osvhub.com/smcr/forms/lenen-day-of-reflection



2025 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL
We have raised 39 gifts worth \$8,982 bringing our parish to 14.30% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.
Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!

We currently have an open position on the Finance Council of
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

The Finance Council advises the Pastor on the management and
stewardship of church financial resources.

We are seeking an individual with finance/business management
experience who might wish to contribute their experience and
expertise to the group.

Members of the Finance Council must be registered parishioners who
attend Mass on a regular basis.

Please call the office at (203) 866-3141 if you are interested or would
like more information.

You will be provided with information to contact Linda O'Shaughnessy
who will be happy to answer any questions.

Thank you, and God bless you!

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TO THE CROSS**


*Bishop Caggiano
Invites our high school
youth to a Lenten
Encounter.*

**ONE
Lenten
DAY**

- Mass
- Lunch
- Live Stations of the Cross
- Confessions
- Visio Divina ("Divine Seeing")
- An Inspirational Bishop Reflection
- Praise & Worship Eucharistic Adoration

Event fee \$30
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Saturday, April 5th
12:00pm/5:00pm

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Join us for a night of fellowship, dinner, and giving in support of All
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PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

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 Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
 CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army
 Sfc. Ramil Penserga, US Army
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- Senior Nutrition - Norwalk and Stamford
- The NEW Thomas Merton Family Center - Bridgeport

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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

Shampoo Tooth Paste Paper Towel Bar
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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:

Tim/Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
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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. If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

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