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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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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 Strehan

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 Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4 Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

Finance Chair: Ulrike Schambeck (203) 434-6488

(203) 866-3141

(203) 866-1219 Fax

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2025	2024	
March 16 Collection On-Line Diocesan Assessment	\$3,847.73 \$2,097.00 (\$1,547.00)	\$4,616.00 \$2,730.00 (\$1,506.00)	
Net Retained	\$4,397.73	\$5,840.00	
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 <u>all</u> gross receipts. For our 2025 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum 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 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 Rectory, call, or email your requests.

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



ADORATION MONDAY NIGHTS 6PM - 8PM

Religious Ed Office:

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

Parish Bookkeeper Monika Piascik

Facilities: Tito (Jose) Rivera

Youth Ministry:

stthomasyg1@gmail.com Elizabeth Squicciarino, Coordinator **Website:**

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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, <u>margaretkelley24@gmail.com</u>.



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.

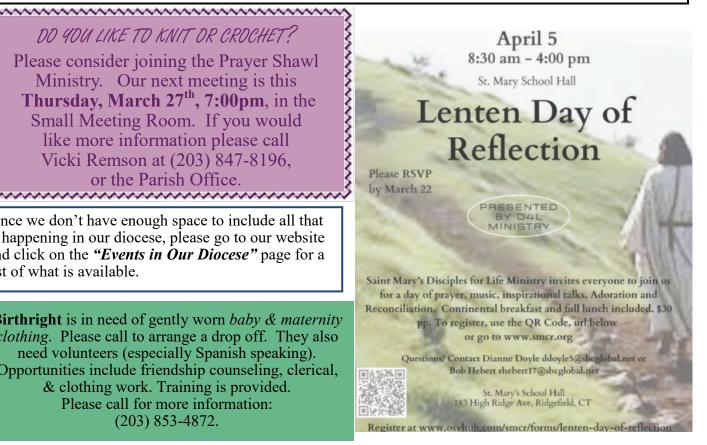
DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

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.

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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.





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.

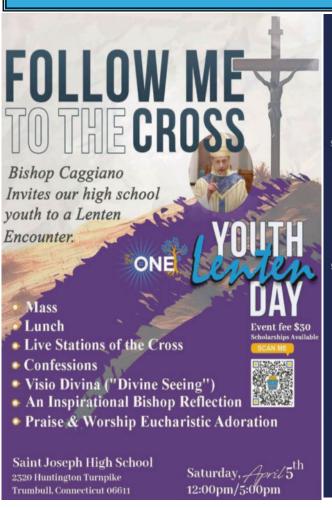
We are seeking an individual with finance/business management experience who might wish to contribute their experience and expertise to the group.

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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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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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:

Tim/Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
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Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Hamilton Family
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Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Richard Berg	Jeannetta Torres	Angela McCrae
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Antonio Vescio	Diane Turek	Debbie Poruban
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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 wegiesi@hotmail.com. If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

The Food Pantry is open Tuesdays & Saturdays 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Donations are now being accepted during regular hours or leave NON-PERISHABLE items in the bin at the food pantry entrance. Questions? Call them at (203) 866-1644





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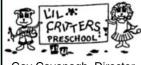
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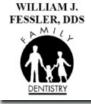
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