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1st Sunday March 9, 2025

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Lk 4:1-2a

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 10

7:00 AM**+** All Souls

5:30 PM Intentions of Dennis & Mary Grimaldi,

Their Children & Grandchildren

Tuesday, March 11

7:00 AM**+** Joan Gardella 5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, March 12

7:00 AM**†** George A. Tybus

Thursday, March 13

7:00 AM NO MASS 5:30 AM**†** Gilma David

Friday, March 14

Francis Pennacchio 7:00 AM**†** 5:30 PM **†** Albert Bruno 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, March 15

5:15 PM**+** For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

Sunday, March 16

7:30 AM**† Dolores Singer**

The Grey & Owens Families 9:00 AM**†** 11:30 AM**†** Linda Angotto & Gerry Forde Mary Shahhein Dyson

5:00 PM **†**

The Sanctuary Candle burns March 9th through March 15th in memory of Maragaret G. Kelley.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them. O Lord. and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. Please remember in your prayers:

Louis J. Siladi, Jr. Anna Vona Catherine Ruggiano

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

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

Conor James Rinaldi

Congratulations to his parents, family, & friends!

Rectory:

Rev. Ralph Segura Pastor (ext.12)

Rev, Michael Lyons Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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(\$1,547.00)

\$5,122.19

\$ 212.95

\$1,370.00

\$1,501.00

\$2,871.00

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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 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PLEASE JOIN US

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

7:00PM

ARCH 14, 21, 28

PRIL 4, 11, 18

The 2026 MASS BOOK will open

10am until 1pm. Only 2 Saturday

Sanctuary Candles until April 30th.

Please come to the front door of the Rectory. No phone or email

requests until Friday, March 14th.

Vigil or Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4

on Thursday, March 13th, from

March 2

Collection On-Line

Votives

Collection

On-Line

Total

Net Retained

Maintenance

Diocesan Assessment

2024

\$3,650.00 \$2,674.00

(\$1,506.00)

\$4,818.00

\$ 159.05

\$1,162.00

\$2,459.00

297.00

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Many thanks for your generosity. Please remember the following intentions in your prayers In Memory of:

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Every effort has been made to record your intentions accurately: please forgive any typographical errors.

FROM A SERMON BY SAINT LEO THE GREAT, POPE (SERMO 6 DE QUADRAGESIMA, 1-2: PL 54, 285-287)

Purification of spirit through fasting and almsgiving

Dear friends, at every moment *the earth is full of the mercy of God*, and nature itself is a lesson for all the faithful in the worship of God. The heavens, the sea and all that is in them bear witness to the goodness and omnipotence of their Creator, and the marvelous beauty of the elements as they obey him demands from the intelligent creation a fitting expression of its gratitude.

But with the return of that season marked out in a special way by the mystery of our redemption, and of the days that lead up to the paschal feast, we are summoned more urgently to prepare ourselves by a purification of spirit.

The special note of the paschal feast is this: the whole Church rejoices in the forgiveness of sins. It rejoices in the forgiveness not only of those who are then reborn in holy baptism but also of those who are already numbered among God's adopted children.

Initially, men are made new by the rebirth of baptism. Yet there still is required a daily renewal to repair the shortcomings of our mortal nature, and whatever degree of progress has been made there is no one who should not be more advanced. All must therefore strive to ensure that on the day of redemption no one may be found in the sins of his former life.

Dear friends, what the Christian should be doing at all times should be done now with greater care and devotion, so that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin.

There is no more profitable practice as a companion to holy and spiritual fasting than that of almsgiving. This embraces under the single name of mercy many excellent works of devotion, so that the good intentions of all the faithful may be of equal value, even where their means are not. The love that we owe both God and man is always free from any obstacle that would prevent us from having a good intention. *The angels sang:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace.

The works of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts. *From a Sermon by St. Leo the Great, Pope,* The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. II, Lenten Season-Easter Season, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1975, pp. 60-61.





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
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Spc. Daniel Gonzales, US Army
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For further information, contact the Diocesan Director of Music Ministry: Dr. Bill Atwood | Email: William.atwood@diobpt.org | Phone: 203.368.6777 X 22

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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 Soap Toilet Paper Facial Tissues

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ANSWERED OUR REQUESTS! YOU HAVE REALLY HELPED OUR COMMUNITY NEEDY.

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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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
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabrese	Anne Edwards	Phil Tavella
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Terry H.	Paul T.	Christine DiCorato	Hildegard Noonan	Fran DeBease	David Jakaj



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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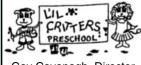
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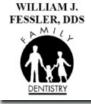
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