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## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 21, 2024



### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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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 22

7:00 AM† Catherine Verda  
5:30 PM† Anthony Donofrio

#### Tuesday, January 23

7:00 AM† Ann Bucciarelli  
5:30 PM NO MASS

#### Wednesday, January 24

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

#### Thursday, January 25

7:00 AM NO MASS  
5:30 PM† Michael Cianciullo

#### Friday, January 26

7:00 AM† The Jean Family  
5:30 PM† Salvatore Treglia

#### Sunday Vigil, Saturday, January 27

5:15 PM† Catherine Verda

#### Sunday, January 28

7:30 AM†	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM†	Frank Longo	Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM†	Gaetano & Teresa Cecere	Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM	Intentions of Patrick McLain	Fr. Ralph

**Celebrant**  
Fr. Mirek



*The Sanctuary Candle burns  
January 21<sup>st</sup> through January 27<sup>th</sup> in memory  
of Jean Montana.*

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

*William Henry Petrides*

*Congratulations to his parents, family, & friends!*

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

Please remember in your prayers:

**Angelina Vesco Leo Karl  
Ernesto Cadavid**

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

#### Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski  
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura  
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**

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Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,387.00</u>	<u>\$5,087.00</u>
Votives	\$ 169.14	\$ 281.12

### 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 2024 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralium Assessment is \$78,324. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,506. This represents an annual decrease of \$3,148.00 from the prior year.



## YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> &  
Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

Purchases may be made before & after  
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5:15pm, 9:00am, & 11:30am

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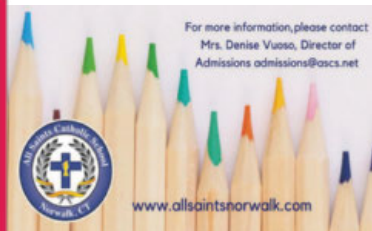
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Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.

Indeed, in this great work which gives perfect glory to God and brings holiness to men, Christ is always joining in partnership with himself his beloved Bride, the Church, which calls upon its Lord and through him gives worship to the eternal Father.

It is therefore right to see the liturgy as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, in which through signs addressed to the senses man's sanctification is signified and, in a way proper to each of these signs, made effective, and in which public worship is celebrated in its fullness by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and by his members.

Accordingly, every liturgical celebration, as an activity of Christ the priest and of his body, which is the Church, is a sacred action of a pre-eminent kind. No other action of the Church equals its title to power or its degree of effectiveness.

In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle. With the whole company of heaven we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; we wait for the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, until he, who is our life, appears, and we appear with him in glory.

By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord's day. On Sunday the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God who has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Lord's day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year. (Sacrosanctum Concilium, nn. 7-8. 106)



Pray the Rosary in the Church  
Monday - Friday: Before Any  
Scheduled Morning Mass at  
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Monday: 7:00pm  
Saturday: 4:45pm



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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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### Prayer Requests!

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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.**

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory anytime.

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Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:30 PM      Weekdays: By appointment



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## PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

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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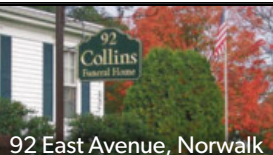
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