

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner
who went out at dawn
to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1



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September 20, 2020

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Mirosław Stachurski, Pastor

(203) 866-3141

203 East Avenue

Norwalk, CT 06855

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00 am.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, September 21

7:00 AM† Jesus Holmes Ocampo
5:30 PM † Elizabeth & Garrett O'Gara

Tuesday, September 22

7:00 AM† Jesus Holmes Ocampo
5:30 PM Intentions of Lonely, Single People

Wednesday, September 23

7:00 AM† Jesus Holmes Ocampo
5:30 PM † Mark Fallo

Thursday, September 24

7:00 AM† Jesus Holmes Ocampo
5:30 PM Intentions of the Poor

Friday, September 25

7:00 AM† Lucille Zoble
5:30 PM Intentions of Cathy Lauder

Saturday, September 26

8:00 AM No Mass

Sunday Masses

Vigil, September 26

5:15 PM † Bruce Tourigny (1st Anniversary) **Celebrant** Fr. Mirek

Sunday, September 27

7:30 AM† For All Our St. Vincent de Paul
Volunteers, Living & Deceased Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living &
Deceased Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM† Marie Calka, Alison Vertucci, &
Sarah Simso-DeMaria Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM † Carmine (Chris) Aitoro Fr. Ralph



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 20th through September 26th
for Joseph Patchen.*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2020	2019
September 13		
Collection	\$3,535.00	\$5,379.82
On-Line	\$2,491.00	\$2,349.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	\$4,157.00	\$5,861.82
Votives	\$ 81.00	\$ 151.12

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 2021 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum Assessment is \$89,705. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,869. This represents an annual increase of \$104.00 from the prior year.

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

Isaiah Benedict Oyomba

Congratulations to his parents, family, & friends!

Banns of Marriage

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Olivia Garcia & Mark Gilmartin

Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm

Social Distancing will be maintained.
Masks must be worn.

Please note that there will be no
Mass on Saturday morning,
September 26, 8:00am. Praying of
the Rosary at 7:30am is canceled.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Madeline Herman Irene Macz

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar

Office Hours:

Appointments 10-3 Monday through
Thursday & Friday 10-12
Closed Saturday & Sunday

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Cathy Lauder
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you will automatically be redirected to the new site.

2021 Mass Book

Due to the virus, the Mass book for next year has not opened yet. Watch for the date in the bulletin. We anticipate it will open in the early fall.

Masses are still available for this year. They are mostly weekday masses but there are still a few weekend masses available. If you would like a mass said for your intention, please call the office during regular business hours. The stipend is \$10.00.

NO FLU CLINIC THIS YEAR

The Visiting Nurse organization is unable to acquire an adequate supply of the vaccine to accommodate their own needs coupled with ours. They urge our parishioners to access local pharmacies such as CVS or Walgreens who currently have adequate supplies. For individuals over the age of 65, it is recommended they receive a high dose vaccine - either Fluzone High Dose or FluAd are both approved for over 65.

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Dick's cell: (239) 463-3993 Betty's cell: (860) 595-6370
or email: holdenband@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL MASS OR FUNERAL

With Masses now moved into our church, we are scheduling Memorial Masses for those who died during the virus period. Anyone who wishes to arrange for a Memorial Mass is asked to call the office in order to set up an appointment to plan the mass. We are now also allowed to have a funeral in the church. If you would like a full funeral mass, please let your funeral home know your wishes so they can contact us to schedule. If you are not comfortable with a group gathering at this time, we will continue to have a graveside only service as an option. Keep in mind that the current regular mass guidelines concerning capacity and social distancing parameters will be followed at all funerals, memorials, and graveside services as well.



If you would like to arrange a baptism, please call the office at (203) 866-3141. If this is your first baby, you will need to complete the Pre-Baptism class with one of our priests. We will work with you to find the best day and time to fit your schedule. The current mass guidelines concerning capacity and social distancing parameters will be followed at all baptisms as well.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas Parishioners,

This weekend's Catholic Lectionary for the celebration of the Most Holy Mass could not sum it up better: **"Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near(...). Let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving."** (Is 55: 6-9) While I look back with great sentiment on all the blessed time I spent with my parents the last few weeks, I feel these words of the Prophet Isaiah will guide me now for a time, and I hope you will share in my prayers, feelings, and work for the better good of our St. Thomas the Apostle Parish here in Norwalk.

In the greater spectrum of things, I could only agree with many of my friends' thoughts that even with the self-imposed restrictions and the best intentions to comply with all the necessary means to protect ourselves and the greater community from the pandemic and its devastating results, as individuals and the church community, we could not simply let ourselves panic or, even worse, be overwhelmed by our feelings of frustration or even a little anger. My Friends, let us seek the LORD while He may be found: The Prophet Isaiah is very practical about the ways to do just that. He tells us very clearly that if we do not try to do our best to find the LORD and all the blessings, meaning of life, love and forgiveness The Almighty pours onto us constantly, the time will come that it might be just simply too late to do so. And what then? To whom are we going to complain then? How many excuses we will come up with? Wouldn't that just sound simply childish or immature, while we now have all the time needed to make all the possible steps toward finding the LORD? Jesus says it also very plainly in this weekend's Gospel that even to those who labored just for a brief hour He is so overwhelmingly generous. Let us take advantage of His generosity this Fall! *fr. Mivosi*



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ALL NEW!!

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WELCOME TO THE 21st CENTURY!!



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Birthright is in need of gently worn **maternity and baby clothing**. Please call (203) 853-4872 to arrange for a drop off.

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OUR WEBSITE**

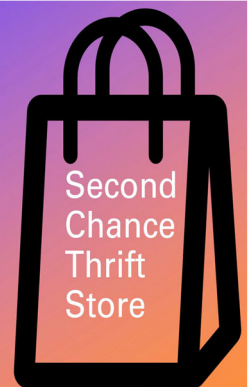
Go to the Bulletin tab on the menu bar for a printable PDF children's bulletin.

www.stthomasnorwalk.org.

PLEASE HELP LIGHTEN OUR LOAD!

Please use your parish offertory envelope or write your envelope # on any loose checks. This will greatly cut down on the entry time of the Parish Offertory every week. ***If you don't know your number, please call the office (203) 866-3141.***

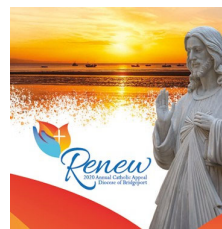
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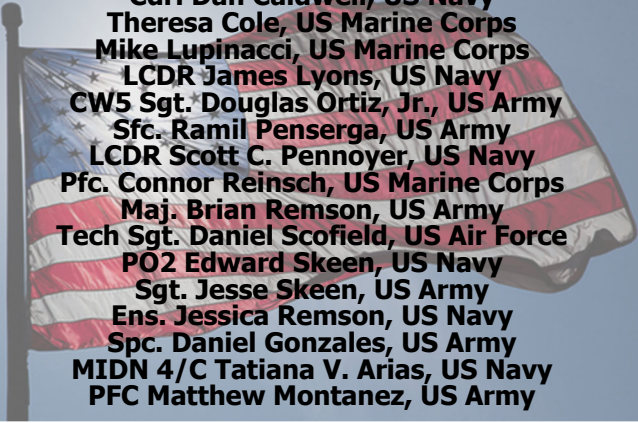
2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have raised 148 gifts worth \$33,515 bringing our parish to 32.38% of its \$103,500 goal.

Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!



PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country



Cdr. Dan Caldwell, US Navy
Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
LCDR James Lyons, US Navy
CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army
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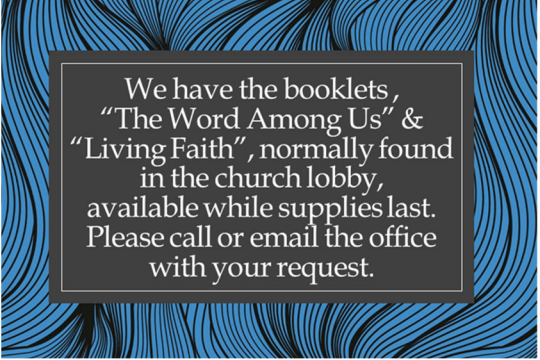
Congratulations to
James Lyons who was
promoted last week to
Lieutenant Commander, US
Navy. He is the son of
long-time parishioners,
Michael & Elizabeth Lyons.
You make us proud!!!



Join the Bishop in Prayer

Text a selfie, your prayer
intention, or the word "pray" to
55778.

Participants will receive a daily
prayer intention from the bishop
that ends with a call to prayer.



We have the booklets,
"The Word Among Us" &
"Living Faith", normally found
in the church lobby,
available while supplies last.
Please call or email the office
with your request.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

At this time, Michelle O'Mara, DRE,
is available by appointment only.
Please email Michelle at
stthomasnorwalkreled@gmail.com
to arrange the meeting.

Regina Caeli Academy

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Principal
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SACRAMENTS

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday: 10:00am to 3:00pm Friday: 10:00am to 12 Noon

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.

Baptisms or Weddings

Please call the Rectory during regular weekday business hours for more information or to make arrangements. 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



DID YOU KNOW....you must complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, 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 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program is for you! Just call the Faith Formation Office at (203) 866-1189 for more information.

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:

Carm Pagliano	Carol Smyth	Karen Miller	Debbie Reddock	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese	James Amrich
Pearl Futo	Jim Sweet	Lou Marcario	Jill Bowman	Anne Edwards	Janina Stachurski	Emily Calabeese
Lynn Lockwood	Ken Pelzolt	Robert Parmalee	Carol Vallee	Grace DeMilo	Linda Spero	Marie Silver
Terry Rooney	Skip Bossone	Mike Torres	Vicki	Tony Cappuccia	Irene Brennan	Jeanette Ralston
Gary Livia	Kimberly Fratoloni	Peggy McDonald	Julia Cade	Jeannetta Torres	Pam Simso	Rick Azillo
Margaret Currie	Michael Walsh	Marianne Schambeck	Merina Deluc	Voroschak Family	George Travers	Helga Garnett
James Verda	Richard Barton	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Betty Lou Heffernan	Jackie Hamilton	Rich Seekamp	Antonio Vescio
Jeannie Maxwell	Cathy Sinica	Diane Turek	Richard Berg	Chuck Scott	Hamilton Family	Kathleen Ford
Trisha Jackson	Thomas Calka	Msgr. Thomas Powers	Phil Tavella, Jr.	Ken Schulman	Chuck Corbo	
Joanna Marvin	Linda Lima	Constance Williams	Tadeusz Stachurski	Lorraine Magazeno		

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Donations are now being accepted during regular hours or leave in the entrances of the church. Questions? Call them at (203) 866-1644



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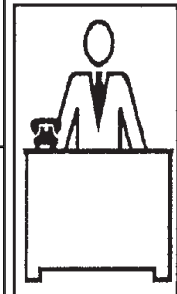
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