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April 2, 2023

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

“Hosanna!  
Blessed is he who  
comes in the  
name of  
the Lord,  
the king  
of Israel.”

Words by God—John 12:13  
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Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor

(203) 866-3141

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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, April 3

7:00 AM† Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.  
5:30 PM† Bridget & Michael O'Gara

#### Tuesday, April 4

7:00 AM† Judy Bruer  
5:30 PM† Brian Horne

#### Wednesday, April 5

7:00 AM† Reginald Festa  
5:30 PM No Mass

#### Holy Thursday, April 6

7:00 AM No Mass  
7:30 PM Supper of the Lord

#### Good Friday, April 7

7:00 AM No Mass  
3:00 PM Passion of the Lord  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

#### Easter Sunday Vigil, Holy Saturday Vigil, April 8 Celebrant

8:00 PM† Easter Vigil

#### Easter Sunday, April 9

7:30 AM† Living & Deceased Members of Fr. Ralph  
the Perreault & Audet Families  
9:00 AM† Marie Calka, Tom Calka, & Fr. Mirek  
George Vassallo  
11:30 AM† Samantha Maher Fr. Ralph  
5:00 PM NO MASS



The Sanctuary Candle burns  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup>  
for the Alfred Palumbo, Sr.

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

*Michael Andrew Simonetti*  
*Amelia Antoinette Gurnari*

*Congratulations to their parents,  
families & friends!*

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
<b>March 26</b>		
Collection	\$3,600.00	\$3,665.50
On-Line	\$2,273.00	\$2,570.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,567.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,636.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$4,306.00</u>	<u>\$4,599.50</u>
Votives	\$ 125.89	\$ 156.00

### 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 2023 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralium Assessment is \$81,472. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,567. This represents an annual decrease of \$3,600.00 from the prior year.



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Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Catholics over the age of 14 years are required to abstain from meat every Friday during Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required by Church law to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is permitted to persons in this age group on this day, plus two lighter meals.

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**Palm Sunday Weekend, April 1/2**

Confessions: Saturday: 4:00 – 4:30 PM  
 Vigil for Palm Sunday at 5:15 PM  
 Sunday Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (*Family Mass*),  
 11:30 AM, and 5:00 PM

**Monday, April 3**

Masses at 7:00 AM and 5:30 PM  
 Adoration from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
 Confessions from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**Tuesday, April 4**

Masses at 7:00 AM and 5:30 PM  
 Confessions from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 5**

Masses at 7:00 AM  
No 5:30 PM

**Holy Thursday, April 6**

*No Regularly Scheduled Masses*  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Immediately following until 11:00 PM

**Good Friday, April 7**

*No Regularly Scheduled Masses*  
 Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM (Main Service)  
 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM

**Holy Saturday, April 8**

*No Regularly Scheduled Masses*  
 Blessing of Easter Food at 11:30 AM  
 The Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM

**Easter Sunday, April 9**

Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (*Family Mass*), 11:30 AM  
No 5:00 PM Mass

**Easter Monday, April 10**

Mass at 9 AM  
No 5:30 PM Mass No Adoration

The Parish Offices, Thrift Store, & Food Pantry are all closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, & Easter Monday. All will reopen for their regular business schedule on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Ann Spring Craft Fair**

16 Hendricks Ave., Norwalk, CT

**Sunday, April 30, 2023**

10:00am - 4:00pm

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**Contact**

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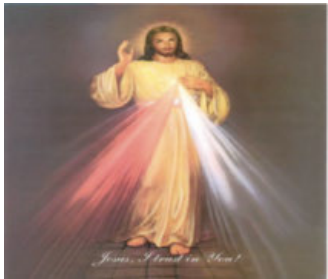
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**REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH**

Dear St. Thomas Parishioners,

The Paschal Mystery, that is, the Passion, Death, and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, is deeply rooted in the Jewish lunar calendar, guided by the faith of the chosen people as it comes to them from the times of Moses. Different accounts of the Holy Week sequence are based on the calculations following the Hebrew holiday catalogue and the cycles of the moon. Regardless of which scenario we are most comfortable with, the timeline of events describing the last week or so of Our Lord's life among us, it is our understanding is that Easter each year follows the festivities of the Jewish Passover. To understand it better, Easter each year follows the solemn sabbath (sabbath is a weekly celebration for faithful Jews, that starts at sunset on Fridays, and ends at sunset on Saturdays) after the first full moon of the spring. It usually falls roughly between March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> and since Easter is the morning after that solemn sabbath of the first full moon of the spring, it could fall as late as April 25<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, we call our Easter "a Movable Feast", and yet it always begins with the preceding Sunday we call Palm Sunday in our catholic tradition. That is this weekend; again, this year, we re-enact the procession with the palm branches as we commemorate the solemn entry of Jesus to His own city of Jerusalem, and everything that followed. After the glory of Palm Sunday, when Jesus is recognized and proclaimed by the crowds as the Messiah, it takes only a shorth three days before He is arrested and charged after the Last Supper in the Upper Room on Thursday, we call Holy Thursday. Why? Let's find out together. I challenge you to please, come and join us yet again this year at the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter here at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church. Together as we pray and meditate, let's live through this year's celebrations of the Paschal Mystery with a new light of encouragement, hope, and thanksgiving to the Lord for all He did for us.

*fr. mirak*



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 16**  
**Fr. Mirek will have an hour of prayer and devotions in Church at 3:00 pm.**

Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday), is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, this feast was extended to the entire



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### 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](mailto:wegiesj@hotmail.com). If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

### 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

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### Reconciliation

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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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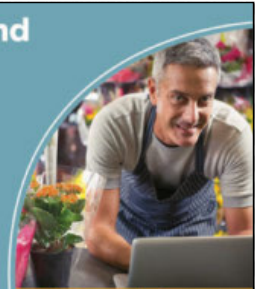
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