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June 13, 2021

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



Words by God ~ Mark 4:28
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Rev. Mirosław Stachurski, Pastor
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Daily Mass

Monday, June 14

7:00 AM† Souls In Purgatory
5:30 PM† Michael Krar

Tuesday, June 15

7:00 AM† Elvira DiIorio
5:30 PM† Fernando Valle

Wednesday, June 16

7:00 AM† John Gagliano
5:30 PM† Living & Deceased Members of the
Smith & Krawiecki Families

Thursday, June 17

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM† Paul Douglas Hartzell

Friday, June 18

7:00 AM† Anna Daniele
5:30 PM† George & Helen Platt

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, June 19

5:15 PM† James Verda

Sunday, June 20

7:30 AM† Bruno Family
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living
& Deceased

11:30 AM† Fran & John Tierney
5:00 PM† Josephine Sabater

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

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*The Sanctuary Candle burns
June 13th through June 19th
for Jim Bogdany.*

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

Social Distancing will be maintained.

Masks must be worn.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2021

2020

June 6

Collection	\$3,782.00	\$3,464.00
On-Line	\$2,428.00	\$2,654.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	\$4,341.00	\$4,251.00

Votives

\$ 103.00	\$ 41.00
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Monthly Maintenance

Collection	\$1,101.00	\$ 465.00
On-Line	\$1,014.00	\$ 736.00
Total	\$2,115.00	\$1,201.00

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 2021 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum 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.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Luisa Gonzales Bellido Pauline Drozenski

We extend our sympathy to
their families & friends.

The 2022 MASS BOOK

will open on Thursday,
July 1st, from 9:00am -
12:00pm. Only 2 Saturday
Vigil/Sunday weekend
masses may be booked and
no more than 4 Sanctuary
Candles until September 1,
2021. No phone or email
requests until Friday, July
2nd.



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

Dennis John Pierce, V

Congratulations to his parents, family & friends!

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Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura
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**Appointments 10-3 Monday through
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Planning a wedding? Congratulations!!

Call the office to secure your date. We are having ceremonies with all current COVID guidelines in place. We also live-stream your ceremony for those who can't be with you or don't feel comfortable with participating in person. *You need to contact the office at least 9 months prior to your chosen date.*

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Norwalk	
We Stand With Christ Campaign Redemption	
Total Pledged:	\$498,970
Total Collected (As of 5/6/21):	\$254,967 (51%)
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Every effort has been made to record your intentions accurately. Please forgive any typographical errors.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,

A very large part of the teaching of Jesus is given in parables. The thing is, in the modern world, we are more interested in facts and data rather than parables or imagery. The fascinating part of the parables is that they are ambiguous; you can read almost anything you like into them. Parables are examples or stories that you can turn over and over in your mind constantly discovering new insights into them. Jesus was speaking to people living in quite a different age to ours. The main mode of communication was speech, there were no newspapers or television or even very many books. It is, therefore, very understandable that Jesus would use parables to communicate his message in this very largely oral culture. Not all his listeners would fully understand what Jesus meant in every parable, but everyone would be able to find some nugget of wisdom in his stories. Not only this, but parables do transmit down the centuries of wisdom in quite an accessible way; even though we are far removed in time and geography from his listeners, we understand quite well what Jesus means.

The two parables in the Gospel text today are not very complicated; they don't have a particularly hidden meaning and they are fairly straightforward. In the first one, the seed is strewn on the land; it grows, and it is eventually harvested by the farmer in due time. The seed is all of us and the farmer is God. It is our job to grow and to produce a good crop, which the farmer can harvest.

The other parable is very similar. Here the smallest seed of all grows into the biggest tree, which in turn gives shelter to the birds of the air. Here the tiny seed represents the followers of Christ, which grow into a great tree which can give shelter to the rest of creation. Our problem is that most of the time we do everything other than that for which we were intended. We constantly go our own way and ignore the path that is set before us by God. We choose to indulge ourselves and to take the line of least resistance rather than doing what God wants.

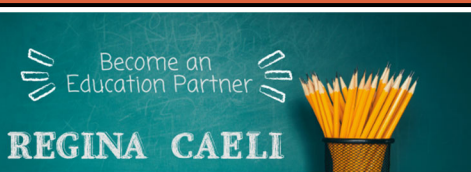
We fool ourselves into believing that we can keep the largest share of our lives for ourselves and give only a small part of it to God. It is as if we are saying, 'An hour on a Sunday will be enough for him.' But God does not want only a small part of us. No, he wants all of us; he wants the lot. He does not want us to keep anything back for ourselves but rather that we should give everything to him. He does not want us to serve him only for an hour here or there. No, he wants us to serve him all the time. The mistake we make is thinking that what we give to God is something that we take away from ourselves. But this is far from the truth. The very words of Jesus tell us that we will be rewarded a hundred fold for whatever we do for God. But somehow we don't believe it.

Perhaps the lesson we need to learn is that God already owns us; he created us, and it is only his power that keeps us alive; everything that we have comes from him in the first place. The lesson of life is that everything comes from God and everything returns to him. It's just a matter of time and a factor of multiplication; how much love and goodness we leave behind.

Fr. Mirek

IN-PEW ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Fr. Mirek will be speaking at all masses the weekend of June 19th & 20th. Please consider contributing to this worthwhile annual fundraiser.



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Please email Michelle at
stthomasnorwalkreled@gmail.com
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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



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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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