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Jesus said:
“I am the living bread
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John 6:51



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June 14, 2020

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 15

7:00 AM In Honor of His Eucharistic Presence
5:30 PM † Joseph & Jenny Festa

Tuesday, June 16

7:00 AM † Jon Marc Krawiecki
5:30 PM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel & All
Who Wear the Scapular

Wednesday, June 17

7:00 AM † Bill Lane
5:30 PM † Elisabeth Valiante

Thursday, June 18

7:00 AM † Angela Nolan
5:30 PM Intentions of Lorraine Magazeno

Friday, June 19

7:00 AM † Paul Sibiskie
5:30 PM † Hilary Rees

Saturday, June 20

8:00 AM † Christine Verda

Sunday Masses

Vigil, June 20

5:15 PM † Frances & John Tierney

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

Sunday, June 21

7:30 AM † Antonio, Maria, & Pasquale Rubbo Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM † Felippo & Maria Mastroianna Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM † For Our Parishioners,
Living & Deceased Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM † Anthony A. Incerto, Sr. Fr. Mirek

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2020

2019

May 31

Collection	\$4,259.00	\$4,551.50
On-Line	\$2,466.00	\$2,051.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,867.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,783.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$4,858.00</u>	<u>\$4,819.50</u>

Votives

\$ 74.00 \$ 155.05

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 2020 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum Assessment is \$89,601. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,867. This represents an annual increase of \$4,026 from the prior year.



RECTORY OFFICE IS NOW OPEN YOU MUST CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT!

Catherine & Cathy will be splitting office hours. Please call for an appointment (or maybe we can assist you by phone) so that we can adhere to the protocols set forth by the state. (203) 866-3141

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Otto Freitag John Sullivan

We extend our sympathy to their
families & friends.



The Sanctuary Candle burns
June 14th through June 20th
for Rita Chiappetta

Banns of Marriage III

Elisabeth McIntosh & Manuel von Däniken

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar

Office Hours:

Appointments 10-3 Monday through
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Resumption of Indoor Mass Updated Guidelines & Information

All church activities will be moved back inside on June 13th, starting with Non-Confessional Confession at 4 p.m.. Masses will be moved back into the Church with a state mandated 65 person limit (on a first come, first serve basis).

- Please do not attend mass if a family member does not feel well.
- Access the church from the side door closest to the Rectory only.
- All participants **must** sign in at the table when you enter the church for contact tracing.
- During Communion, you must stay 6 feet apart.
- You must wear a mask at all times once you enter the church. When receiving Communion, step to the side of the priest after you receive the host, remove one side of your mask, consume the consecrated host and return to your seat. Please do not walk back to your seat until you have done this.
- You may only sit in a numbered pew. Please remember to space yourselves from non-family members in the pews.
- The side Chapel of Mary is reserved for a family of up to 5 people, or someone with underlying health issues who would prefer further distancing.

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REMINDER

Please notify the Parish Office when you change your address, phone number, cell phone number and/or email address so that we can have the most up to date way to reach you should the need arise.

Thank you.

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.***

Guidelines Continued

- You should exit the church using the front doors or the Fitch Street exit. You may not exit using the Rectory side door.
- Please sanitize your hands coming into and exiting the church with the provided sanitizer.
- Please don't linger inside the church after Mass so that we can sanitize it for the next Mass.
- Bring your phone to read along with the service. No church missalettes are allowed. Email the office if you would like a PDF version of the missalette.
- We prefer families not attend the 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass so our seniors will feel safe.
- Weekday Masses will now return to our normal schedule of 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.. Both Masses will be open to the public with the same rules as above.
- We will continue to live-stream 1 Mass every weekend.
- We will resume **Monday Night Adoration** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and **First Friday Adoration** from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. We are required to sign in & wear a mask at all times in the church.
- **The Rosary** will be said (while wearing a mask) in the Church as follows:
Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m. Monday: 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 7:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.
- Saturday Confession will resume inside the church from 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.. The Confessional will not be used at this time.

On behalf of the staff, and Fr. Ralph, WELCOME BACK! Fr. Mirek

ORIGINS OF THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi dates back to the 13th century. In Belgium, following the mystical experiences of Saint Juliana de Cornillon, a local feast dedicated to the Most Holy Eucharist was established in Liège in 1247.

Several years later, in 1263, a Bohemian priest on pilgrimage to Italy was afflicted by doubts about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. While celebrating Mass in the town of Bolsena, he experienced a Eucharistic miracle, when a few drops of blood were shed by the broken Host after the consecration. The very next year, in 1264, Pope Urban IV extended the feast of Corpus Christi to the whole Church.

Dogma of the Church

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ – as it is now known – honours Jesus substantially present in the Blessed Sacrament. The truth of the Real Presence was confirmed in 1215 by the Fourth Lateran Council. Later, in 1551, the Council of Trent definitively re-affirmed the doctrine in a passage quoted verbatim by the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

“Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation” (cf. CCC 1376).

www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-06/pope-to-celebrate-feast-of-corpus-domini-in-st-peter-s-on-sunday.html



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Our website features links to our Sunday morning Live Streamed Mass as well as past Masses, reflections, & videos by Fr. Mirek & Fr. Ralph to help you with your spiritual well-being. Please be sure to check our website for the latest information of how the Coronavirus is affecting our parish activities. Bishop Caggiano has cancelled all public gatherings unless otherwise directed. Please check back frequently as we continue to add to our social media postings.



Join the Bishop in Prayer

Text a selfie, your prayer intention, or
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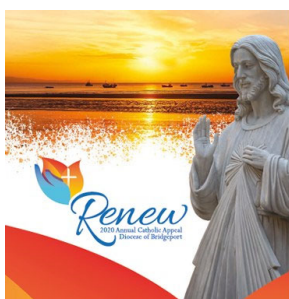
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2020/2021 Religious Formation Registration will begin in July. Watch your email for important updates from the Formation Office.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

At this time, Michelle O'Mara, DRE, & Lisa Castorina, Secretary, are available by appointment only.

Please email Michelle at stthomasnorwalkreled@gmail.com or Lisa at stthomas.lisa@gmail.com.



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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: 4:30 - 5:00 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	John Pagliano	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese
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