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January 14, 2024



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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Rev. Mirosław Stachurski, Pastor

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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 15

7:00 AM† Msgr. G. Robert Hanover
5:30 PM† Linda Caruso

Tuesday, January 16

7:00 AM† Margaret Torre
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, January 17

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

Thursday, January 18

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 PM† Carlo D. Cavaliere

Friday, January 19

7:00 AM† The Dessances Family
5:30 PM† Michael Nikitaidis

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, January 20

5:15 PM† Catherine Verda

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, January 21

7:30 AM† Marie Devine	Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Barbara Giancaspro	Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† Nancy Cannon	Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Mirek



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
January 14th through January 20th in memory
of Janina Stachurska.*

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

Matteo Gianni Labriola

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:

Kerwin Baker	Mary Bennett
James Plascyk	Paul Lerow

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
December 24		
Collection	\$8,690.00	\$4,441.00
On-Line	\$2,558.00	\$2,572.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$9,742.00</u>	<u>\$5,446.00</u>
Votives	\$ 260.96	\$ 145.60
Christmas		
Collection	\$13,974.00	\$11,854.00
On-Line	\$ 2,051.00	\$ 1,744.00
Total	<u>\$16,025.00</u>	<u>\$13,598.00</u>
December 31		
Collection	\$3,662.00	\$4,145.00
On-Line	\$2,363.00	\$2,992.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,519.00</u>	<u>\$5,570.00</u>
Votives	\$ 191.75	\$ 178.61
2024		
January 7		
Collection	\$5,695.00	\$5,310.00
On-Line	\$2,466.00	\$2,310.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,506.00)	(\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$6,655.00</u>	<u>\$6,053.00</u>
Votives	\$ 113.60	\$ 230.16
Monthly Maintenance		
Collection	\$1,149.00	\$1,060.00
On-Line	\$1,229.00	\$1,303.00
Total	<u>\$2,378.00</u>	<u>\$2,363.00</u>

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 Cathedralicum 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.

Confession in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm or
by Appointment

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext.19)

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Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**

Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

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2023 Challenge Grant

The 2023 Challenge Grant is now in progress. Our benevolent family has agreed to match up to \$60,000 of your contributions. The gift envelopes have been mailed. If you did not receive one and wish to contribute, please call the office.

Thank you to all who already have pledged or donated!.

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FIGHT HUNGER WITH US!

We will receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold at our selected Stop & Shop in our selected month.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas Parishioners,

It is with heavy heart that I write this weekend's bulletin column because I realize how fast our ten years together have come to an end. Even though I anticipated my transfer from Saint Thomas Parish for some time now, when it finally comes, it makes me think of how much I will miss our parish. So many families that make St. Thomas a very vibrant and known community of faith, families that are the fiber of our faith community, and way too many to thank each and every one of you individually. Thank you, Father Ralph, for all your dedicated work and good luck with your leadership role here at St. Thomas. Thank you to our Parish and Religious Ed Staff, thank you Margie and our Choir, our Finance Board and Parish Council, our Liturgical Ministries and parish groups, thank you Saint Vincent Food Pantry volunteers and so many more, that every day, makes this parish what it is. I will keep you in my prayers, and please, from time to time say a prayer for me.

fr. merrill

Free to a Good Home!
One of our wheelchair bound parishioners is getting a new motorized wheelchair. He would like to pass on his older model to someone in need. Please call the office for more information.

HELP WANTED!!
A long-time parishioner is looking for a housekeeper to come once every other week. Needs vacuuming and other normal heavier cleaning done. She can do the rest. Please call the office for more information.

St. Thomas Folks,
I am a resident of the Marvin and was so pleased to hear the youth choir sing here Christmas carols recently and to receive a lovely sweater for Christmas from St. Thomas. Thank you so much, I moved in July 1st and it's been an adjustment, so know I will pray for you.
Sincerely, Ann Vargo



YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE
Saturday, January 20th &
Sunday, January 21st
Purchases may be made before & after the following masses:
5:15pm, 9:00am, & 11:30am
Please support our youth!



Pray the Rosary in the Church
Monday - Friday: Before Any Scheduled Morning Mass at 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:45pm


Birthright is in need of gently worn baby & maternity clothing. Please call to arrange for a drop off. They also need volunteers (especially Spanish speaking). Opportunities include friendship counseling, clerical, and clothing work. Training is provided. Please call for more information: (203) 853-4872.

Coming Soon
Our Food Pantry will be starting a "Needed Items List" in our bulletin. Just as there are some items that we are able to get free from different government sources or at a greatly reduced cost, there are some items we need to buy. That is where this listing will come in. Of course, you can still give items that are not on the list.

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
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
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JOIN THE SCOUTS! SCOUT TROOP 222

We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center gym. We need at least 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. We follow the school year calendar. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to our web page: troop222.norwalk.scoutlander.com.

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Robert Lametta
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 4:00pm

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.

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.

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	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabrese	Anne Edwards	George Travers
Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Phil Tavella
Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Fratoloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Hamilton Family
Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Rick Azillo	Jeannetta Torres	Anthony Bruno
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**The Food Pantry is open
Tuesdays & Saturdays
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.**

Donations are now being accepted during regular hours or leave **NON-PERISHABLE** items in the bin at the food pantry entrance. Questions? Call them at (203) 866-1644



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