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JESUS SAID TO THE PHARISEES,
"REPAY TO CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR
AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD."

MATTHEW 22:21

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 18, 2020

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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, October 19

7:00 AM† Mark Fallo
5:30 PM† Barbara & Mary Boldizar

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 AM† Michael Joseph O'Dwyer
5:30 PM Special Intention

Wednesday, October 21

7:00 AM† Antonio, Maria, & Pasquale Rubbo
5:30 PM Intentions of the Alarcon Family

Thursday, October 22

7:00 AM† David Dudek
5:30 PM Special Intention

Friday, October 23

7:00 AM† Eileen Cleary
5:30 PM In Thanksgiving

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, October 24

5:15 PM† Claire Beggan & Family

Sunday, October 25

7:30 AM†	Luigi DiScala	Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM†	Zoltan Novak (20 th Anniversary) & Richard Novak (1 st Anniversary)	Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM†	Marie Calka, Alison Vertucci, & Sarah Simso-DeMaria	Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM†	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Ralph

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2020	2019
October 11		
Collection	\$3,417.00	\$4,460.10
On-Line	\$2,416.00	\$2,226.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	\$3,964.00	\$4,819.10

Votives \$ 79.00 \$ 86.95

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.

Banns of Marriage

III

Krista Mirmina & Thomas Garcia



SPECIAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st AT 11:30 A.M.
For all members of St. Thomas the Apostle
who have died in the past year.

Come participate in this opportunity as a community to remember all our loved ones, especially those who have died in the past year. We remember them in a special way by using the very symbol that Christ used to proclaim his presence among us. And so, we will honor our loved ones in a "Ceremony of Light." Please join us at this most memorable occasion. If you would like more information about the Mass or the Bereavement Ministry, call Jane Eichwald at (203)838-4590. Mass can also be viewed on St. Thomas the Apostle website:

www.stthomasnorwalk.org. Live Stream Masses



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
October 18th through October 24th
for Dr. Joseph Sciarillo.*

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

Emeline Christine Damato

Congratulations to her parents, family & friends!

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Kathleen Hagerty

David Dudek

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar

Office Hours:

**Appointments 10-3 Monday through
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OUR WEBSITE

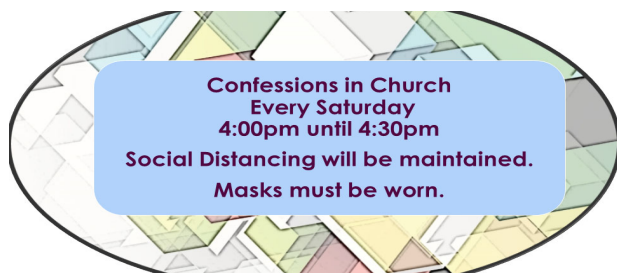
Go to the Bulletin tab on the menu bar for
a printable PDF children's bulletin.
www.stthomasnorwalk.org.

The Food Pantry is open

Saturday From 10 AM to Noon.

Donations are now being accepted
during regular hours or leave in the
entrances of the church.

Questions? Call them at
(203) 866-1644



Join the Boy Scouts!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 222

will be meeting every other Sunday from 3 - 4:30 pm
starting October 10th. For more information about Boy
Scout Troop 222, please go to their web page at
troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com.

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.

We just changed the camera in the
church & have a new link.



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The 2021 MASS BOOK is open.
Only 2 Saturday Vigil/Sunday
weekend masses may be booked and
no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles
until February 1, 2021.

IT'S HERE!!
OUR NEW WEBSITE IS UP &
RUNNING. OUR NEW ADDRESS IS
WWW.STTHOMASNORWALK.ORG

When you logon to our old site www.stthomasnorwalk.com
you will automatically be redirected to the new site.

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

Below is a letter from Bishop Caggiano regarding the latest changes that we are able to enact during the Phase III opening in Connecticut. We will not be able to have a choir at this point due to space constraints of our church but will be implementing some of the new guidelines as listed below. On behalf of Fr. Ralph, the parish staff, & myself, stay well and hope to see you all soon!

fr. mivosi

To: All Clergy

From: Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Re: Liturgical Updates

I am writing today to inform you of some updates regarding liturgies in the Diocese of Bridgeport now that Connecticut has entered Phase III of the Reopen Plan for the State.

Effective immediately:

1. Processionals and recessionals are now allowed during the celebration of Mass. This applies for weekday and Sunday Masses, as well as indoor and outdoor Masses. However, everyone in the processional or recessional must wear a mask, walk single file and be spaced six feet apart. When greeting parishioners, maintain proper social distancing and wear a mask.
2. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may assist at Mass if necessary. They must, along with priests and deacons who distribute Holy Communion, wear masks and sanitize their hands as required. There are no age restrictions.
3. Collections may be taken at the offertory by volunteers wearing masks using a basket attached to a long handle. Passing individual baskets is not allowed.

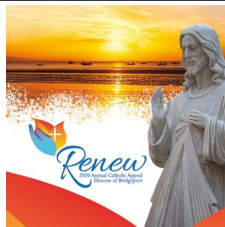
Given that there have been several iterations of liturgical protocols during the pandemic, I am providing the following summary of what is currently permitted:

1. Masks are required for everyone who attends Mass, including outdoor Masses.
2. Masks are optional for clergy while they are in the sanctuary, but they must wear a mask (and/or a face shield) while distributing Holy Communion.
3. Two servers and one Master of Ceremony may assist at Mass. There are no age restrictions.
4. Readers should wear masks when coming to and going from the ambo, but they may remove their masks while reading. There are no age restrictions.
5. One cantor and one musician are allowed. They must remain six feet apart from each other and twelve feet from the congregation.
6. Congregational singing is not allowed. However, the cantor may sing all Mass parts including the Opening Hymn, Kyrie, Gloria, Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, Offertory Hymn, Sanctus, Mystery of Faith, Lamb of God, Communion Hymn and the Recessional Hymn.
7. A four-voice choir and musician may assist at Mass with the permission of the Bishop. They must remain six feet apart from each other and twelve feet from the congregation.
8. Holy Communion may be received in the hand or on the tongue, however clergy and EMHCs must sanitize their hands after each communicant who receives on the tongue.
9. Printed bulletins may be made available at the end of Mass, preferably on tables to be picked up.
10. Disposable worship aids, but not hymnals or missalettes, can be used. They should be picked up from tables at the beginning of Mass and disposed of or taken home after Mass.

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Please know how deeply grateful I am to all of you for your continued cooperation and leadership during this extraordinary time in the life of the Church and the world.

Be assured of my daily prayers.



2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
We have raised 159 gifts worth \$35,623 bringing our parish to 34.42% of its \$103,500 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!



Pray the Rosary in the Church!

Monday - Friday:
6:30am

Monday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:45pm

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
Sfc. Ramil Penserga, US Army
LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy
Pfc. Connor Reinsch, US Marine Corps
Maj. Brian Remson, US Army
Tech Sgt. Daniel Scofield, US Air Force
PO2 Edward Skeen, US Navy
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MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
PFC Matthew Montanez, US Army



Sunday Family Rosary

Beginning in October and continuing every Sunday at 7:30 pm, the Diocese of Bridgeport is conducting Sunday Family Rosary. They would like to have one family from each parish and school lead the rosary, which will guarantee

that the schedule would be set for many, many months to come.

Please visit www.formationreimagined.org and click the praying hands image at the top of the screen. Once you sign up to lead, you will receive a confirmation email with complete details.

No registration is necessary for families who simply wish to join in prayer each week at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, please email Rosary@diobpt.org.

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RELIGIOUS FORMATION

At this time, Michelle O'Mara, DRE, is available by appointment only.

Please email Michelle at stthomasnorwalkred@gmail.com to arrange the meeting.

REMOTE RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Grade 1: 10:15-11:30 am

Monday

Grade 2: 4:15-5:15 pm

Grade 3: 5:15-6:15 pm

Grade 4: 6:15-7:15 pm

Tuesday

Grade 7: 6:15-7:30 pm

Wednesday

Grade 5: 6:15-7:15 pm

Grade 6: 5:15-6:15 pm



Birthright

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

Birthright is also in need of volunteers (especially Spanish speaking).

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Nancy Cook-Owens,
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Principal
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**Birthright of
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(203) 853-4872

**Catholic
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(203) 416-1307

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

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	Linda Lima	Emily Calabeese
Lynn Lockwood	Ken Pelzolt	Robert Parmalee	Carol Vallee	Grace DeMilo	Linda Spero	Marie Silver
Terry Rooney	Skip Bossone	Mike Torres	Constance Williams	Tony Cappuccia	Irene Brennan	Jeanette Ralston
Gary Livia	Kimberly Frataloni	Peggy McDonald	Lorraine Magazeno	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
Vicki	Julia Cade					

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