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LUKE 23:38



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NOVEMBER 20, 2022

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Rev. Miroslaw 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, November 21

7:00 AM† Ryan Dudek
5:30 PM† Joan Gardella

Tuesday, November 22

7:00 AM† Living & Deceased Members of the
Audet & Perreault Families
5:30 PM† Deceased Relatives & Friends of
St. Thomas Parishioners

Wednesday, November 23

7:00 AM† Dr. Steven Sferlazza
5:30 PM† Anna Bonaddio

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24

9:00 AM† In Thanksgiving For All Our Blessings
5:30 PM No Mass

Friday, November 25

9:00 AM† Rose Festa
5:30 PM No Mass

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, November 26

5:15 PM† John & Mary Bove

First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, November 27

7:30 AM†	John Dominick	Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM†	Robert LeBlanc, Sr. (2 nd Anniversary)	Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM†	Mario Buono	Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM†	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Mirek

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph



The Sanctuary Candle burns
November 20th through November 26th
for Francesca Romano.

Banns of Marriage

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Melissa O'Rourke & Joseph Pollard

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2022	2021
November 13		
Collection	\$5,713.00	\$3,785.00
On-Line	\$2,182.00	\$2,436.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$6,328.00</u>	<u>\$4,585.00</u>
Votives	\$ 200.22	\$ 148.00

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 Cathedral 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.

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

Luca Tommaso 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:

Patricia Balding Peter Madaffari

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE ONLY 1 MASS
ON THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 24th, & FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 25th, AT 9:00AM.**

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Offices will close at 12 Noon on Wednesday,
November 23rd, & reopen on Monday, November 28th, at
9:00am.

The Food Pantry will be closed on Saturday, November
26th, & Tuesday, November 29th.

The Thrift Store will be closed on Wednesday, November
23rd, & Thanksgiving. They will reopen on Saturday,
November 26th, for their regular business hours.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day 9:00am Mass is a great way to start your holiday. Come give praise & thanks for all that God has given us as a parish and individually. Blessed bread for your dinner table will be provided for each family.

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
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Pick a tag from our annual giving tree for our senior citizens located in the church starting the weekend of December 3rd & 4th. Take the flyer with gift suggestions (or use your imagination). Bring your wrapped gift back, with the tag attached, by December 17th.

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FROM A NOTEBOOK ON PRAYER BY ORIGEN, PRIEST

The kingdom of God, in the words of our Lord and Savior, does not come for all to see; nor shall they say: Behold, here it is, or behold, there it is; but the kingdom of God is within us, for the word of God is very near, in our mouth and in our heart. Thus it is clear that he who prays for the coming of God's kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it might grow and bear fruit and become perfect. For God reigns in each of his holy ones. Anyone who is holy obeys the spiritual laws of God, who dwells in him as in a well-ordered city. The Father is present in the perfect soul, and with him Christ reigns, according to the words: *We shall come to him and make our home with him.*

Thus the kingdom of God within us, as we continue to make progress, will reach its highest point when the Apostle's words are fulfilled, and Christ, having subjected all his enemies to himself, will hand over his kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all. Therefore, let us pray unceasingly with that disposition of soul which the Word may make divine, saying to our Father who is in heaven: *Hallowed be your name; your kingdom come.*

Note this too about the kingdom of God. It is not a sharing of justice with iniquity, nor a society of light with darkness, nor a meeting of Christ with Belial. The kingdom of God cannot exist alongside the reign of sin.

Therefore, if we wish God to reign in us, in no way should sin reign in our mortal body; rather we should mortify our members which are upon the earth and bear fruit in the Spirit. There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with his Christ. In us the Lord will sit at the right hand of that spiritual power which we wish to receive. And he will sit there until all his enemies who are within us become his footstool, and every principality, power and virtue in us is cast out.

All this can happen in each one of us, and the last enemy, death, can be destroyed; then Christ will say in us: *O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?* And so what is corruptible in us must be clothed with holiness and incorruptibility; and what is mortal must be clothed, now that death has been conquered, in the Father's immortality. Then God will reign in us, and we shall enjoy even now the blessings of rebirth and resurrection. From a notebook On Prayer by Origen, Priest, The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. IV, Ordinary Time, Weeks 18-34, Catholic Book Publishing Co, NY, 1975, 576-577.

Student Singers and Instruments wanted for Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Family Mass!

Let's have a festive 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Mass this year with music provided by our talented student singers and instrument players! Please contact Music Director, Marge Kelley, if you would like your child to sing in the Christmas Choir (Grades 1-12) or play an instrument (Grades 5-12). Rehearsals will take place in the church following the schedule below.

To sign up: parents can speak to Marge Kelley after the 5:15 PM, 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM Masses to complete a sign-up sheet OR send an email to margaretkelley24@gmail.com typing Christmas Eve Family Mass in the subject line and providing the following information: student name, grade, age and whether they are singing in the youth choir or what instrument they will play in the youth orchestra. Please provide a parent cell phone number that I can have on file for emergency purposes during rehearsals and I will then share mine in return.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: all rehearsals will take place in St Thomas the Apostle Church

Week 1 Schedule:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30: youth choir rehearsal, 4:15-5:00

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1: youth instrument rehearsal, 4:15-5:00 (pick up music, stay to sight read with Miss Margie or take the music home to practice.)

Week 2 Schedule: singer and instrument rehearsals reverse days

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7: youth instrument rehearsal, 4:15-5:00

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8: youth choir rehearsal, 4:15-5:00

Week 3 Schedule: choose your preferred day

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14: youth choir and instrument combined rehearsal, 4:15-5:00

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15: youth choir instrument combined rehearsal, 4:15-5:00

DRESS REHEARSAL: Friday, December 23, 3:30-4:30: all instruments and singers

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
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 Christopher Jarboe
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SACRAMENTS

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.

New 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 KNOWyou 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:

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Stefanie Sena	Elizabeth Malerba	Alyssa Collier			

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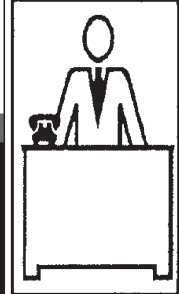


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