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January 1, 2023

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*The shepherds
went in haste to
Bethlehem and found
Mary and Joseph,*

*and the infant
lying in the manger.*

Luke 2:16

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, January 2

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM Special Intention

Tuesday, January 3

7:00 AM† Giuseppe Annetta
5:30 PM Intentions of Katie Garych & Family

Wednesday, January 4

7:00 AM† Vartulli Felicia
5:30 PM Intentions of Christopher Webb

Thursday, January 5

7:00 AM† Michele Dominelli
5:30 PM Special Intention

Friday, January 6

7:00 AM† Gregoire Dumas
5:30 PM † No Mass

Saturday, January 7

5:15 PM† Gaetano & Teresa Cecere

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, January 8

7:30 AM† John Dominick Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Michael Walsh Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM † Attilio Mangels (1st Anniversary) Fr. Ralph

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2022	2021
December 18		
Collection	\$3,978.00	\$3,915.00
On-Line	\$2,572.00	\$2,884.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,983.00</u>	<u>\$5,163.00</u>
Votives	\$ 138.30	\$ 258.00

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 Cathedralricum 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.

Due to a scheduling conflict, there will not be a 5:30PM Mass on First Friday, January 6th. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will end at 3PM. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



FIRST FRIDAY
ADORATION
November 6th
7:30am to 3:00pm



The Sanctuary Candle burns
January 1st through January 7th
for the Amatos: Arthur, Sr., Mary,
Sharon, L. Arthur, Jr., L.
the Rolland Family.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and
let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Please remember in your prayers:

Mary D'Orio - Luisa Labraga
Elizabeth Guadalupe

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

Now through January 31, 2023
2022 Challenge Grant

The 2022 Challenge Grant is now in progress. 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!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS COMING SOON! The members are elected by parishioners for a term of 3 years to assist the pastor in long and short term planning for the parish usually meeting once a month in the evening. Please give some thought to whom you would like to nominate.

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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FROM A LETTER BY SAINT ATHANASIUS, BISHOP

The Apostle tells us: The Word took to himself the sons of Abraham, and so had to be like his brothers in all things. He had then to take a body like ours. This explains the fact of Mary's presence: she is to provide him with a body of his own, to be offered for our sake. Scripture records her giving birth and says: She wrapped him in swaddling clothes. Her breasts, which fed him, were called blessed. Sacrifice was offered because the child was her firstborn. Gabriel used careful and prudent language when he announced his birth. He did not speak of "what will be born in you" to avoid the impression that a body would be introduced into her womb from outside; he spoke of "what will be born from you" so that we might know by faith that her child originated within her and from her.

By taking our nature and offering it in sacrifice, the Word was to destroy it completely and then invest it with his own nature, and so prompt the Apostle to say: This corruptible body must put on incorruption; this mortal body must put on immortality.

This was not done in outward show only, as some have imagined. This is not so. Our Savior truly became man, and from this has followed the salvation of man as a whole. Our salvation is in no way fictitious, nor does it apply only to the body. The salvation of the whole man, that is, of soul and body, has really been achieved in the Word himself.

What was born of Mary was therefore human by nature, in accordance with the inspired Scriptures, and the body of the Lord was a true body: It was a true body because it was the same as ours. Mary, you see, is our sister, for we are all born from Adam.

The words of Saint John: The Word was made flesh, bear the same meaning, as we may see from a similar turn of phrase in Saint Paul: Christ was made a curse for our sake. Man's body has acquired something great through its communion and union with the Word. From being mortal it has been made immortal; though it was a living body it has become a spiritual one; though it was made from the earth it has passed through the gates of heaven.

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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 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:

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