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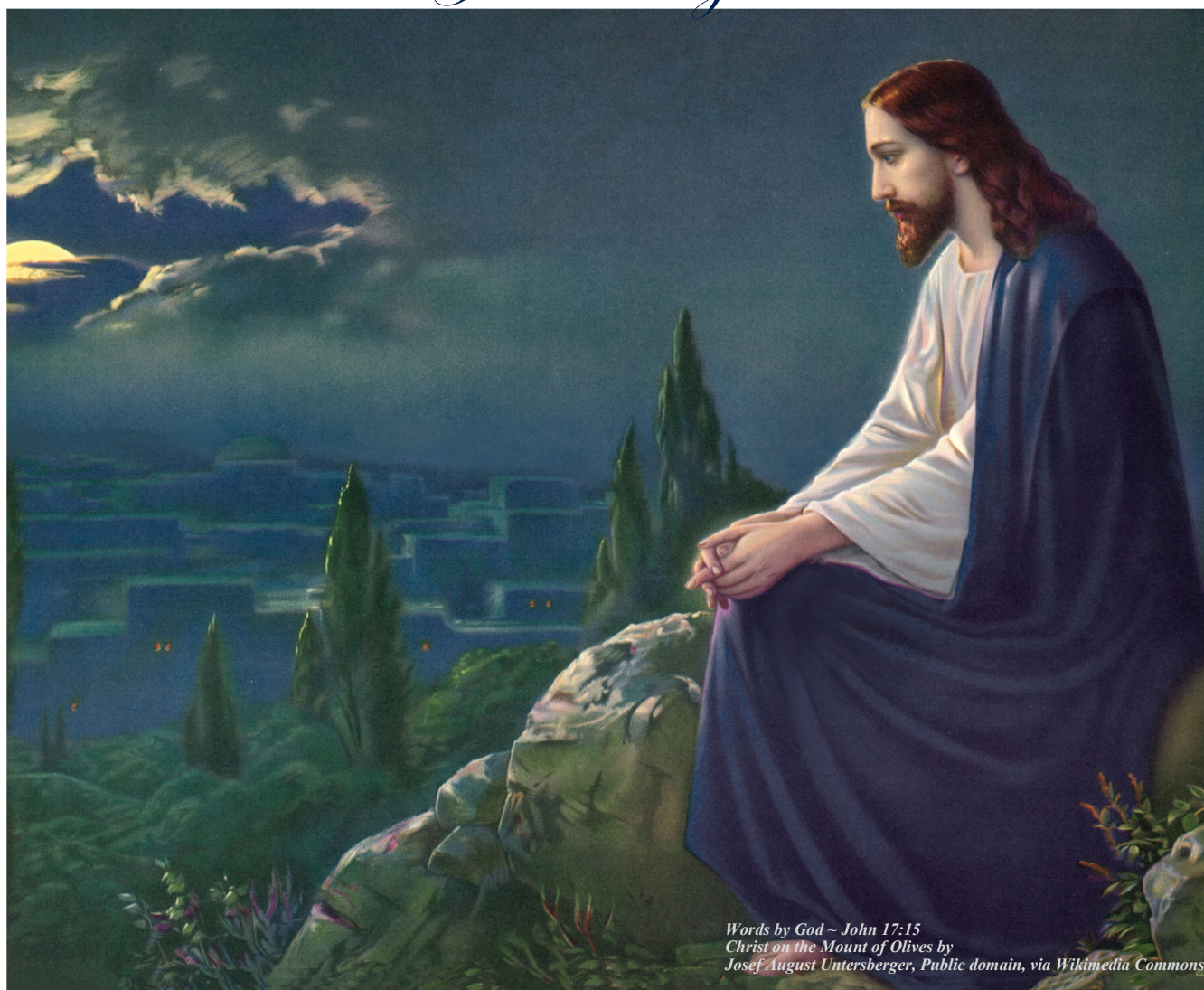
ST. THOMAS

THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Jesus Prayed



Words by God ~ John 17:15
Christ on the Mount of Olives by
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*“I do not ask that you take them out of the world but
that you keep them from the evil one.”*

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, May 17

7:00 AM† Ellen Morrone
5:30 PM † Joan Gardella

Tuesday, May 18

7:00 AM† Michele Valiante
5:30 PM† Natale Sposato

Wednesday, May 19

7:00 AM† Arthur Pinto (35th anniversary)
5:30 PM † Maria Concetta Trani

Thursday, May 20

7:00 AM† John Gagliano
5:30 PM † Allison Steeves (1st Anniversary)

Friday, May 21

7:00 AM† Souls in Purgatory
5:30 PM Peace, Health, & Prosperity in Our Country

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, May 22

5:15 PM† Dolores Ballard

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

Sunday, May 23

7:30 AM†	Pat D'Orio (5 th Anniversary)	Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM†	Dee Arnone	Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM†	Palma Sweet	Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM †	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Ralph



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
May 16th through May 22nd
for Ellen Morrone.*

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Roy Gendreau

We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.



The 2021 MASS BOOK is open.
Please call or email the office to
reserve your masses and candles.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2021

2020

May 9

Collection	\$3,247.00	\$
On-Line	\$2,473.00	\$2,661.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$3,851.00</u>	<u>\$ 794.00</u>
752.00		

Votives

\$ 126.00 \$

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 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.



**MAY IS THE MONTH
OF MARY
PRAY THE ROSARY!**



**Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm**

**Social Distancing will be maintained.
Masks must be worn.**

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.***

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Rev. Ralph Segura
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A Special Diocesan Celebration of Mass in Recognition of Our Healthcare Workers
Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM
Saint Joseph Church, Brookfield

Bishop Frank Caggiano will be celebrating this mass to honor all healthcare worker for their efforts during the pandemic. In-Church capacity is limited to 150 participants, so registration is required. To register, go to www.signupgenius.com/go/healthcare-workers. In order to accommodate everyone, the Mass will also be livestreamed, both on the diocesan website (www.bridgeportdiocese.org) and the parish website of Saint Joseph Church in Brookfield (www.stjosephbrookfield.com).

INTERESTED IN STRENGTHENING YOUR MARRIAGE?

Join the Five-week webinar - True Love That Lasts - beginning Thursday, May 27 - 2pm or 7 pm.
Presented by the Bridgeport Diocese Leadership Institute - Register at
www.formationreimagined.org.

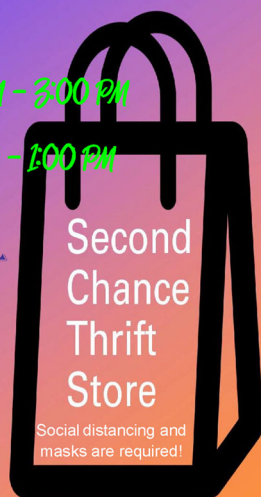
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Call the office to secure your date. We are having ceremonies with all current COVID guidelines in place. We also live-stream your ceremony for those who can't be with you or don't feel comfortable with participating in person. ***You need to contact the office at least 9 months prior to your chosen date.***

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.

MEMORIAL MASS OR FUNERAL

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. If you would like a full funeral mass, please let your funeral home know your wishes so they can contact us to schedule. We will continue to have 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.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas Parishioners,

On the pages of St. John's gospel, Jesus is portrayed as a manifestation of the eternal Word of God. This gospel is more focused on the relationship of the Son to the Father than the other gospels. It also focuses on the relationship of the Redeemer to believers, the announcement of the Holy Spirit as the Comforter (Greek *Paraclete*), and the prominence of love as an element in the Christian character. In the Synoptic Gospels, Jesus speaks often about the Kingdom of God; his own divine role is obscured (for instance Messianic secret). Yet in the Gospel of John, Jesus **talks openly** about his divine role. He says, for example, that he is the way, the truth, and the life. He echoes Yahweh's own statements with several "I am" declarations that also identify him with symbols of major significance. He says, "I am": "the bread of life", "the light of the world", "the gate of the sheep", "the good shepherd", "the resurrection and the life", "the way, the truth, and the life" and "the true vine". All of these claims represent the Christian community's faith in Jesus' divine authority, and we here at St. Thomas for the next several Sundays will try to make these claims relevant again. Very soon we will celebrate Pentecost; a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit as it has happened Two Millenia ago, it will be the same Holy Spirit calling us by name to be SEALED and SENT for the very specific mission of proclaiming Christ's Good News to everyone willing to listen.

fr. Minors



Pray the Rosary in the Church!

Monday - Friday: 6:30am

Monday: 7:00pm

Saturday: 4:45pm



Birthright

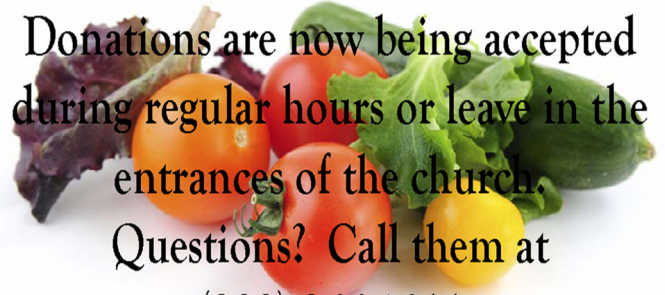
Birthright is in need of gently worn **maternity and baby clothing**. Please call (203) 853-4872 to arrange for a drop off.

Birthright is also in need of volunteers (especially Spanish speaking). Opportunities include friendship counseling, clerical, and clothing work. Training is provided. Please call the Norwalk Chapter for more information.

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The Food Pantry is open
Tuesdays & Saturdays
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Donations are now being accepted
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entrances of the church.
Questions? Call them at
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CHILDREN'S BULLETIN ON
OUR WEBSITE

Go to the Bulletin tab on the menu bar for a
printable PDF children's bulletin.
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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

- ♦ Saturday, September 25 - Annual CT Catholic Men's Conference: www.ctcatholicmen.org
- ♦ Saturday, May 29 - Mass in Honor of All Healthcare Workers:
www.signupgenius.com/go/healthcare-workers
- ♦ Five-week webinar - True Love That Lasts - for anyone interested in strengthening their marriage - beginning Thursday, May 27 - 2pm or 7 pm - Presented by the Bridgeport Diocese Leadership Institute - Registration www.formationreimagined.org.
- ♦ Saturday, September 25 - Wedding Jubilee Mass - Save the Date - St. Matthew Parish - 10:30 am and 1:00 pm. Watch the bulletin for registration information

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 Pensergera, US Army
LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy
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Maj. Brian Remson, US Army
Tech Sgt. Daniel Scofield, US Air Force
PO2 Edward Skeen, US Navy
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Ens. Jessica Remson, US Navy
Spc. Daniel Gonzales, US Army
MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
PFC Matthew Montanez, US Army

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

At this time, Michelle O'Mara, DRE,
is available by appointment only.
Please email Michelle at
stthomasnorwalkreled@gmail.com
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SACRAMENTS

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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 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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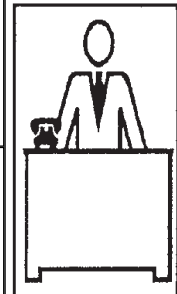
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