



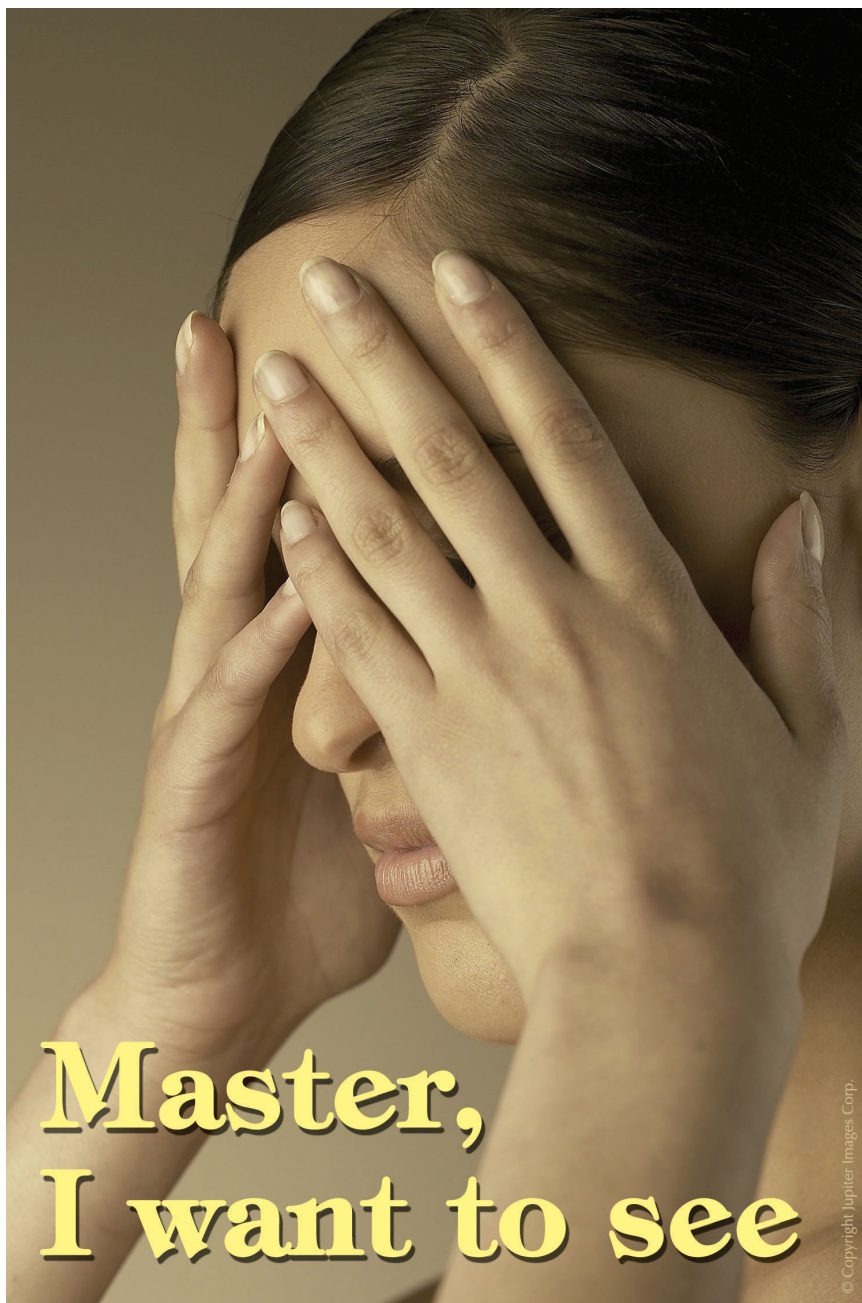
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THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 24, 2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Master,
I want to see**

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Words by God Mark 10: 51

Rev. Mirosław Stachurski, Pastor
(203) 866-3141

203 East Avenue
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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 25

7:00 AM Intentions of Mary & Joseph Remlin
5:30 PM † Bridget & Michael O'Gara

Tuesday, October 26

7:00 AM Intention of Marcela Fornara
5:30 PM † Pamela Riordan (3rd Anniversary)

Wednesday, October 27

7:00 AM Our Lady's Peace to come to the World
5:30 PM Special Intention

Thursday, October 28

7:00 AM † Joan Gardella
5:30 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon

Friday, October 29

7:00 AM † Daniel J. Deering
5:30 PM No Mass - Confirmation

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, October 30

5:15 PM † For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, October 31

7:30 AM † Geraldine Lovas Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM † Jane Schmitt Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM † Mark Ballard Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM † Rev. Edward A. Colohan Fr. Mirek

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2021

2020

October 17

Collection	\$3,937.00	\$3,715.00
On-Line	\$2,526.00	\$2,461.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,636.00)	(\$1,869.00)
Net Retained	\$4,827.00	\$4,307.00

Votives

\$111.00 \$ 235.36

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 2022 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum Assessment is \$85,072. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,636. This represents an annual decrease of \$4,633.00 from the prior year.

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

Ronald John Kellogg

Sophia Mary Pollard

Congratulations to their parents, families & friends!

**NO 5:30 PM MASS ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29th,
DUE TO OUR CONFIRMATION CEREMONY
CELEBRATION.**

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Please remember in your prayers:
John Carroll - Mona Cavanagh
Ronald Coreillo
We extend our sympathy to
their families & friends.



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
October 24th through October 30th
for the Intentions of
the Michael Sweeney Family.*

**SPECIAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 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

Rectory:

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Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar

Office Hours:

**Appointments 10-3 Monday through
Thursday & Friday 10-12
Closed Saturday & Sunday**

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2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have raised 176 gifts worth \$45,238 bringing our parish to 72.04% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!



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 a minimum of 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to their web page at troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com.

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Planning a wedding? Congratulations!!

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Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Norwalk

We Stand With Christ Campaign Redemption

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Total Collected (As of 10/1/21):	\$279,615 (56%)
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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. ***Pre-Baptism classes are the 3rd Saturday of every month.***

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Can't make it? We're hosting private tours too!

Admissions@sasnct.org for info.

Now accepting applications for 2022-2023.



**ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM**



Pray the Rosary in the Church
Monday - Friday: 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:45pm

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas Parishioners,

For several weekends now, we have been reflecting on **Jesus' Proposition**, as Our Lord answers the question for those who ask Him: **Good teacher, what should I do to inherit Eternal Life?** If you want to be great, Jesus said, you must lower yourself to be the servant of everyone. Not the usual way of looking at power and greatness, even today, though it seems to me we have traveled a very long way to be where we are today, and still with only a handful of lessons learned. The reason might be indicated in today's Gospel: What makes me blind? Of course, Christ cures a physical blindness, healing that man from today's Gospel to utmost joy. Yet you and I, not allowing Jesus to heal our own blindness might be causing the effect of being stuck, instead of knowing and doing much better in our lives as Catholic believers. Look, what makes a husband blind to all of his wife's universe or what she is asking him for? What makes a wife blind to her husband's world? What makes a mom blind to her teenage daughter's troubles, joys and hopes? What makes a son or daughter blind to their parent's love and hard work while providing for the family? Or maybe we could look at it from yet another angle; What blinds me? Is it the consumerism and all its traps? Is it the lure of a better life with more friends in virtual reality? It cannot be my own reflection in the mirror, please tell me that is not true ☺, Mirror, mirror on the wall...., no, I refuse to believe that is what really blinds us. What is it then?

You see, My Friends, maybe the example of all the students that will be **CONFIRMED** by Bishop Caggiano just in two weeks at Saint Thomas Parish will help us to see more clearly the great need of **Jesus' Proposition**? How hard and how often I pray that they can be the *beacon of hope, the mercy, the Gospel, the helping hand* to all in need around them. Especially today when more and more things and ideas seem to blind us everywhere? I wonder, at times, what happened to that Blind Man after he was cured by Jesus? Was he also healed? Did he follow Christ? What was he doing to inherit Eternal Life? Think this week: What could I possibly do to open my eyes to the new reality? How can I open my eyes to something new Jesus proposes on the pages of the Gospel? What could possibly blind me less this week so I could spend more time with my inner – self, or my husband, or my wife, or my Family?

fr. Michael

Cardinal Kung Academy 948 Newfield Avenue, Stamford Open House for High/Junior High School November 8th 6:00pm – 8:00pm

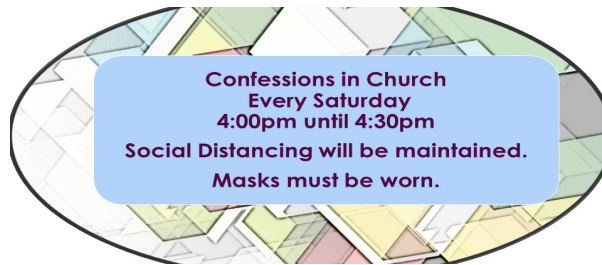
We are a diocesan school offering a co-ed classical education for grades 7-12. Meet the faculty, administration, family, and students that make CKA an exceptional experience for your teen. RSVP required to: info@cardinalkungacademy.org.

Interested in visiting immediately? Call the school at 203-329-8296 or visit <http://www.cardinalkungacademy.org> to schedule a tour or shadow day.

The 2022 MASS BOOK is now open. Please call or email the office to reserve your masses and candles. *We do not have any masses available for this year.*



Confessions in Church
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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 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.

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www.lauraltonhall.org/admissions/visit-lauralton

September 22 - October 31

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES!

Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign for an end to abortion! Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired more than 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results of 26 coordinated campaigns:

- **18,855 babies** saved from abortion
- **221 abortion workers** converted
- **112 abortion centers** closed

Take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Sidewalk at entrance to Commerce Park 4697 Main St. Bridgeport (Planned Parenthood is located within Commerce Park)
- **Vigil hours:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily
- **Local contact:** Barbara Grabowski tgrabows@aol.com
- **Learn more** and sign up for prayer times by visiting the link below.

<https://www.40daysforlife.com>

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
 SEPT 22- OCT 31, 2021

Join us for the next life-saving campaign in Danbury!
 Will you speak for those who cannot speak for themselves?

Danbury Location
 Public right-of-way outside
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For more information and to sign up for vigil hours
 visit 40daysforlife.com/danbury

Contact: Sharon & Pegi
 Danbury40DFL@protonmail.com

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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 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	Jim Sweet	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese
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Mike	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Merina Deluc
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Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Frataloni	Rick Azillo	Jeannetta Torres	George Travers
Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Michael Walsh	Richard Berg	Diane Turek	Phil Tavella
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Antonio Vescio	Jackie Hamilton	Hamilton Family
Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Cathy Sinica	Kathleen Ford	Chuck Scott	Chuck Corbo
Kathleen Dominick	Chris Rohleder	Joan Kennedy	Joanna Marvin	Ken Schulman	John Lima
Janina Stachurski	Donny Cassavechia	Nancy G.	Vinny Massaro	Wayne Embry, Jr.	Anthony Bruno
Jack Cade	Joe M.	Greg N.	Alessandro Fornara		

**The Food Pantry is open
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Questions? Call them at
(203) 866-1644



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