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THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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

203 East Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06855

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00 am.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, July 26

7:00 AM Intentions of Mary & Joseph Remlin
5:30 PM † Amerigo DiRenzo

Tuesday, July 27

7:00 AM For all Non-Practicing Catholics to Return to the Church
5:30 PM † Joe & Mary Remlin

Wednesday, July 28

7:00 AM † Joan Gardella
5:30 PM † Ernestine Santaniello

Thursday, July 29

7:00 AM † Genevieve Cerutti & John Pagliano
5:30 PM † John Pagliano (1st Anniversary)

Friday, July 30

7:00 AM Intentions of Sarah Best & Jim Smith
5:30 PM Special Intention

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, July 31

5:15 PM † Jeanne Walsh Scarpone

Celebrant

Fr. Ralph

Sunday, August 1

7:30 AM † Loretta Spezzano Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM † For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Ralph

11:30 AM † Msgr. John J. Toomey Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM † Helen Onisko (1st Anniversary) Fr. Mirek



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
July 25th through July 31st
for Genevieve Cerutti.*

Please check the parish website for the latest updates to traffic on East Avenue & the surrounding area. We will post all announcements given to us as they are received.

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

Lucas Theodore Ellis

Congratulations to his parents, family & friends!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2021	2020
July 18		
Collection	\$3,214.00	\$3,072.00
On-Line	\$2,453.00	\$2,666.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,636.00)	(\$1,869.00)
Net Retained	\$4,031.00	\$3,869.00
Votives	\$ 137.00	\$ 79.00
Co-Op Mission		
Collection	\$ 873.00	\$ 386.00
On-Line	\$ 245.00	\$ 285.00
Total	\$1,118.00	\$ 671.00

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 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.



The 2022 MASS BOOK is now open. Only 2 Saturday Vigil/Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until September 1, 2021. Phone or email requests may also be made.



Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm
Social Distancing will be maintained.
Masks must be worn.



We still have Masses & Candles available for 2021. Please call or email the office to reserve your masses and candles.

Rectory:

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Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We supply the materials - you supply the Love!! We meet once a month (usually on a Thursday) for about an hour to pray over the completed shawls and to pick up supplies. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 9th, at 7:00pm, in the Small Meeting Room of the Parish Center. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, or the Parish Office at (203) 866-3141, or go to our website and click on Parish Life, Ministries.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SECOND CHANCE THRIFT STORE

The store will be closed for vacation from August 1st through the 14th. It will re-open Tuesday, August 17th.



2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have raised 157 gifts worth \$41,653 bringing our parish to 66.33% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,

This Sunday's Gospel reading is St. John's account of the miracle of the multiplication of bread to feed a multitude. It is a miracle also related by the three other Evangelists. In all four gospels, this miracle is seen as a foreshadowing of the Eucharistic meal which Christ was to provide miraculously for the multitude of His followers. In St. John's account, this is clearly indicated, for it was the occasion of Christ's discourse on the Eucharist (Jn. 6). In the other gospels, certain phrases, like "blessed, broke, gave to His disciples," occur which would remind the readers already familiar with the Eucharistic liturgy, of the institution of the Eucharist. This miracle also brought out the messiahship of Christ, for the miraculous feeding of the hungry was to be one of the gifts of the messianic age. Perhaps you recall the last two weekends of how, during our Sunday Liturgies, we tried to relate to the reason that Jesus took His disciples out into a deserted place, a place of human loneliness, hunger, and thirst. Hungry and thirsty people followed him out there. When the day was getting long, His disciples told Him the obvious, "They are hungry". And Jesus' response? "Feed them yourselves." Which is what He is telling us, His "Modern - Day" disciples. We are likely to reply, as did His disciples back then, "All we've got are five measly barley loaves and only two fish. What good is that in the face of all that has to be done?" You and I live amongst the shattered dreams of the last two centuries. We have material progress beyond anything that people living before us ever imagined. But spiritually, we hunger and thirst. Many have turned to gurus, psychics, crystals, New Age offerings, and even witchcraft. Pop-psych religions abound, and in the spirit of it all, many lead lives of quiet desperation. What should we do?

Well, have you tried the following?

- The first thing we need to do is to seek the Lord in quiet times of prayer.
- To do this we have to turn off our cell phones, our I-pads, and all of our electronic gizmos that fill us up with nothing but noise.
- Are we afraid of silence? Are we afraid that we will have nothing to say to God in our moments of prayer?
- Are we afraid that God will have nothing to say to us? Why don't we just pray?
- Are we simply too busy or, on a deeper level, do we fear the silence of prayer? Perhaps our prayers are filled with too much self-accusation, and so, in our shame, we avoid being close to God. But God offers Himself to us in the midst of our failures and sins.
- Apart from prayer, what about some moments of thoughtful self-reflection?
- Summertime provides us with opportunities to see mountains, or rivers, or lakes, and to contemplate the beauties of nature. But, wonderful as all that may be, it's all *outside* of ourselves.
- If we are to nourish our hearts and souls, we need to take a look at what's *inside* ourselves instead of focusing on all that's outside and around us. If we don't have times of self-reflection we will really hunger and thirst. We live lives with plenty of distractions only to discover that they do not satisfy our real hunger.

Finally, we need to ask ourselves: "What really sustains us?"

- What is our true sustenance? Just what sort of food is feeding us? Junk food? Food that doesn't nourish us?
- Are our bodies bloated and seriously overweight while our souls are lean and hungry? Why should we go on living in spiritual starvation?

Do not leave this weekend's Holy Mass thinking you have nothing to give others. Do not think you have nothing to give them in order that they might overcome their hunger and thirst. Jesus is here to give you the Bread of Life, not so that you can keep it all to yourselves but so that you can feed countless numbers of those around you who are looking for the same thing you are – a life of meaning, a purpose, a life lived in the closeness of God.

M. Minouli

Is your child entering 1st grade this school year?
Are you new to the parish with school aged children?

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St. Thomas the Apostle
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Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open!!

An email link was sent to all previously enrolled students by Religious Formation. Please fill in one form for each child to be enrolled as soon as possible so that we can plan our classroom & catechist needs. *If you are new to the parish or have a child entering the 1st grade, please email Michelle or Mary at stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com.*

Payment is due in full by September 30th through the online giving link provided.

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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.

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Please call the Rectory anytime.

Reconciliation

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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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