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September 25, 2022

TWENTY-SIXTH Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Lying at his door
was a poor man
named Lazarus.

Luke 16:20

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

203 East Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06855

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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, September 26

7:00 AM† Anthony Buono
5:30 PM† St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Volunteers,
Living & Deceased

Tuesday, September 27

7:00 AM† Anthony Buono
5:30 PM† Louis Caruso

Wednesday, September 28

7:00 AM† Eugene DeAngelis
5:30 PM† Catherine Grassia

Thursday, September 29

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM† Mocker Family

Friday, September 30

7:00 AM† Jeanette DeAngelis
5:30 PM† Maria Daniela

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, October 1

5:15 PM† James G. Hurley

Sunday, October 2

7:30 AM† Mariano David Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM† Andrea Padulo Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM† Jean Montana Fr. Ralph

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

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Fr. Ralph
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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2022	2021
September 18		
Collection	\$3,510.15	\$3,683.00
On-Line	\$2,322.00	\$2,551.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,265.15</u>	<u>\$4,598.00</u>
Votives	\$ 193.02	\$ 202.00

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.



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

Volunteers needed!

Please help us with our children's religious formation this year. Any help that you would be able to offer would be greatly appreciated. You must be Virtus trained. We can set you up with the training if you haven't already done so. Please contact Mary Vladimirov at (203) 866-1189 or email stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com.



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 25th through October 1st
for John Porada.*



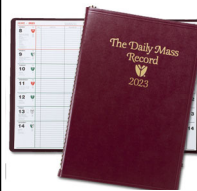
**ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM**

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

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

Lilah Civita Jordan

Congratulations to her parents, family, & friends!



The 2023 MASS BOOK is open.
Only 4 Saturday Vigil/Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 6 Sanctuary Candles until November 1st.

Rectory:
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Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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Mary Vladimirov, DRE
stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

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Selected Month:

October

Selected Stop & Shop:

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Dear St. Thomas Parishioners,

Once again, I would like to send a Thank you note to all of you who so generously responded to our plea for joining (or maybe even re – joining) our Parish Ministries. So far, we have received notifications from 14 parishioners willing to be part of the different activities and ministries in our parish. As you could see, each one of our ministries here at St. Thomas has been significantly tested by the pandemic restrictions and as a result significantly depleted. This past weekend I started to address the possibilities of all of you to find some way to become involved in some of the many aspects of our parish operations. I hope and pray every day that the Holy Spirit will gently whisper to your heart, your soul, so you find the courage to commit some time to many of our groups and ministries. Please be open to such a calling; I can only speak for myself, but hearing countless testimonials from people involved in parish life, I can assure you of how much fulfilment and joy it brings to us.

Thank you very much for your generous YES! to St. Thomas Parish.

fr. Mervin



Young Adult Dance and Pizza Party!
 Open to anyone from age 21 to 40
 Saturday, October 1 7:00pm - 10:00pm
 Church of the Holy Spirit
 403 Scofieldtown Road
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Come celebrate the launch of the new show on Veritas Catholic Network, The Tangent, and the milestone of 100 episodes of Restless! Learn the basics of ballroom dance from a pro and enjoy an evening of dance party FUN to support your local Catholic radio station!

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2022 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL
 We have raised 168 gifts worth \$43,014 bringing our parish to 68.49% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. **Thanks to all who gave or pledged!**

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,

Each year, each month, and each day, the celebration of the Eucharist recalls the ultimate END toward which the entire - as we call it - **Salvation History** is directed. The history, for the people of the Bible, unfolds in the Mesopotamian City of Ur with the calling of Abram (an exalted Father - his name later changes into Abraham - Father of many nations); a history that, at a particular moment in time, is changed by Jesus Christ completely, elevating it to a **Kairos** (a word that describes the **Time of Fulfillment**); and finally, the history that the full realization of will comes with **Parousia (Christ's Second Coming)** at the end of times as we know it. The certainty that everything is oriented towards the END is at the heart of the Christian Faith and Hope. The story Jesus tells in today's Gospel testifies to that. Look, even the ancient Egyptians stated it so beautifully: *"The waters flow north, the wind blows south, (...) And each man goes to his hour(...)"* as we read in the opening verses of the Book of Coming Forth by Day better known as the **Egyptian Book of the Dead**. How often it pains me to see many of our fellow Catholics not taking full advantage of our FAITH. We have all this time here on this earth, on this journey to the place we call HOME, aided by the Word of God and the Sacraments (the Signs of His Real Presence among us) and only a few of us use that awesome help to our Salvation. After all, my friends, one of the primary advantages of being a person of faith, more specifically of Christian faith, is the ability to live a balanced and hopeful life between our past and the future. It is the ability, or the advantage, of not losing our faith even in the face of evil and difficulties. For us Catholics who are serious about our faith, Jesus Christ moves from being a subject of historical debate or a glorious plan for the future to a living reality - that is when we discover Him in the present - here and now. And these two aspects are realized now, NOW - in the present; that's how powerful and transforming Jesus is. He let's me - here and now - do everything I possibly can, along with Him, as I try my best to transform myself and the people I am sent into a fraction of His Kingdom.

fr. Michael

NEED TO REGISTER WITH THE PARISH? DO YOU NEED PROOF OF SACRAMENTS? A SPONSOR CERTIFICATE? NEED TO SCHEDULE A BAPTISM, OR A WEDDING? THEN HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE.

All of these items are available by filling in the form on the website and emailing it to the office. Once received, we will let you know we have it and will call or email you when your request is completed.

If you are 18 and out of school, you should be registered by yourself, not with your parents.

Bible Study with Kevin Knight

kevinkgroup@gmail.com or (203) 722-7713

Come deepen your relationship with the Lord! Our parishioner, Kevin Knight, will be moderating a series of mini-Biblical topics. The sessions will be discussing The Kingdom of God (Essential message of Jesus); Mary (Favored by God), Forgiveness (Choosing to Receive and to Give) and Mary Magdalene (Apostle to the Apostles). Each topic will take about two, 90 minute sessions. The readings are very light and it is a mix of learning and reflection. This, as well all scripture study, is intended to move us closer to Christ and be imbued with the Grace of God. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Kevin Knight. Our first session will be October 14th, at 7:00pm, in the Small Meeting Room of the Parish Center. These studies are all based on scripture and presented by Little Rock Scripture Study.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We supply the materials - you supply the Love!! We meet once a month for about an hour to pray over the completed shawls and to pick up supplies. Our next meeting is **Thursday, October 13th, at 7:00pm**, in the Small Meeting Room. 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.

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to have girls at the meetings. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to our web page:

troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com.



Birthright

Birthright is in need of gently worn *baby and maternity clothing*. Please call to arrange for a drop off. They also need 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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Fairfield Prep is a Catholic, Jesuit high school for boys located on the campus of Fairfield University. We cordially invite all 8th grade families to join us for our *Open House on Sunday,*

October 2nd, at 1:00 pm. Come visit our beautiful campus and meet our students, teachers and coaches to learn more about what makes Fairfield Prep unique.

We ask our guests to pre-register for Open House, so we can properly manage the size of the event. To register please visit www.fairfieldprep.org/visit or call the Admissions Office at (203) 254-4210

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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The Connecticut Hospice, Inc., Homecare Volunteers Needed

The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. is accepting applications for new volunteers! Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. If you have an interest in companionship, light housekeeping or making meals, please contact Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers at (203) 315-7510.



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