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September 27, 2020

26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Congratulations to our 2020 First Communicants

*Alexander Gulemi
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Theodore Austin
Shannon DeLallo
Sasha Frentress
Aliya Gigliotti
Mila Hidalgo
Josephine Iguchi
Andrew Jarboe
John Malvicini*

*Sebastian Maya
Brendan McAllister
Colin McCurdy
Evan Mercer
Leo Montenegro
Jessica Muralles-Garcia
Isaiah Oyomba
Omar Pacheco
Isabella Peter
Megan Prunotto*

*Lillian Siano
Riley Thomas
Damien Vega
Penny White
Jaden Zacccone*

Rev. Mirosław Stachurski, Pastor
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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, September 28

7:00 AM† Jesus Holmes Ocampo
5:30 PM † Joseph Patchen

Tuesday, September 29

7:00 AM Intentions of Dennis & Mary Grimaldi,
Their Children & Grandchildren
5:30 PM † Ginetta Randene (1st Anniversary)

Wednesday, September 30

7:00 AM† Ellen Morrone
5:30 PM Intentions of Catherine Mulvehill

Thursday, October 1

7:00 AM† Edward, Helen, and Robert Onisko
5:30 PM † Maria Daniella

Friday, October 2

7:00 AM† Mariano David
5:30 PM † Andrea Padulo (Parish Mass of Remembrance)

Saturday, October 3

8:00 AM No Mass

Sunday Masses

Vigil, October 3

5:15 PM † Louis Esposito, Sr.

Celebrant

Fr. Ralph

Sunday, October 4

7:30 AM† Philip Murphy, Sr. Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Thomas Brown Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living &
Deceased Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM † Fr. Richard Murphy Fr. Mirek

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2020	2019
September 20		
Collection	\$3,312.00	\$4,408.45
On-Line	\$2,446.00	\$2,136.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	\$3,889.00	\$4,677.45
Votives	\$ 91.00	\$ 120.25

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.

Banns of Marriage

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Alicia Garcia & Mark Gilmartin



FIRST FRIDAY

ADORATION

October 2nd

7:30am to 5:00pm



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 27th through October 3rd
for Peter Izzo, Sr.*

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Michael Sloan Cesar Jimenez

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioners have died in the month of September: Thomas Brown, Ellen Morrone, and Cesar Jimenez. There will be a special mass for them and for all deceased parishioners on **Friday, October 2, at 5:30pm in the church.** Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. If you would like information about the ministry, please contact Jane Eichwald at (203) 838-4590.

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DAY
AND TIME.**

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar

Office Hours:

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

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MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE!!!

Going forward, the Saturday 8:00am mass will no longer be celebrated due to low regular attendance. Additionally, the monthly Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated during the First Friday 5:30pm mass.



FLU CLINIC UPDATE

The Pharmacist at Rite Aid has agreed to host our Flu Shot clinic this year. Please check back for more information as to day & time.



The 2021 MASS BOOK will open on Saturday, October 10th, 9am - Noon
Weather permitting.

Chairs will be placed on the lawn between the church & the rectory for social-distancing.
Only 2 Saturday Vigil/Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until February 1, 2021. No phone or email requests until Tuesday, October 13th.

Fall Parish Clean Up

Saturday, October 10 9am to Noon

Weather Permitting

Please call to let us know you will be there!

(203) 866-3141

Come with your masks, gloves, and tools. We will provide brown waste bags. Our plan is to weed and clean for the fall at the Church and the Parish Center. This will be a socially-distanced community event. We CAN be together while we stay safe!

Stop by, see your fellow parishioners and lend a hand!

IT'S HERE!!
OUR NEW WEBSITE IS UP &
RUNNING. OUR NEW ADDRESS IS
WWW.STTHOMASNORWALK.ORG

When you login to our old site www.stthomasnorwalk.com you will automatically be redirected to the new site.

MEMORIAL MASS OR FUNERAL

With Masses now moved into our church, 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. We are now also allowed to have a funeral in the church. If you would like a full funeral mass, please let your funeral home know your wishes so they can contact us to schedule. If you are not comfortable with a group gathering at this time, we will continue to have a 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.



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. We will work with you to find the best day and time to fit your schedule. The current mass guidelines concerning capacity and social distancing parameters will be followed at all baptisms as well.

REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

Alfred Bernhard Nobel was a chemist, engineer, and inventor who lived from 1833 to 1896 and is the founder of the Nobel Peace Prize. Alfred was a brilliant chemist and inventor who was responsible for the development of numerous substances and materials, with dynamite being among the most well-known.

Along with the development of his many inventions, he also held over three hundred patents, and subsequently became a very successful businessman as well. In fact, after purchasing Bofors, a steel manufacturing company established in the 1870's, he redirected and built-up the company, transitioning it's line of production for the purpose of developing and manufacturing military weaponry.

In 1888, Alfred's brother died while traveling in France, and a French newspaper mistook Alfred's brother for him, and the obituary emphasized that: "the merchant of death is dead." This struck Alfred very deeply and thereafter allocated 94% of his estate to the establishment of the Nobel Peace Prize for the purpose of recognizing and awarding achievements in five categories: physical science, chemistry, medical science or physiology, literature, and the most significant contribution towards international relations in regards to the suppression or reduction of military armament, or the establishment or advancement of peace congresses among nations.

We can only imagine what it must have been for Alfred to suddenly realize that, after so many years of working and building a life of such innovation and success, his contribution to the human condition would be remembered as nothing more than a significant increase of wealth, recognition, power and war.

Throughout the history of the Church, we can point to excellent examples of numerous saints that have had a conversion of heart; and in fact, we could say that every saint and every person that followed Jesus beginning with the Gospels underwent some degree of realization that changed their lives involving a conversion of heart, mind and soul. That is the basic message that we can glean from the Gospel this weekend. As you know, Jesus calls us to contribute to the building up of the Kingdom of God, work in the vineyard of this world, and continue the good work that we have begun. May we, with the help of God's grace, with a continued conversion of heart, answer the invitation to labor when and where Jesus calls us, so that we may continue to produce a fruitful harvest for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Fr. Ralph

HELP WANTED!!



The Religious Formation Department is in need of 2 teachers. We have 2 openings - 1 for 4th grade & 1 for 6th grade. 4th grade meets from 10:15 - 11:30am on Sunday mornings (after the 9:00am Family Mass) & 6th grade meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 - 7:30pm. We follow the Norwalk Public School schedule so our time off coincides with the school calendar. We supply the teaching materials, & lesson plans for all classes. All classes are socially distanced & follow state mandates for safety.

Please consider sharing your faith & love of God with the children of our parish.

For more information, Please contact the Religious Formation office at (203) 866-1189 or email Michelle O'Mara, DRE: stthomasnorwalkreled@gmail.com or Kathryn Grieco: stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com.



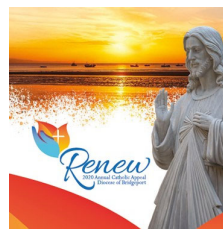
CHILDREN'S BULLETIN ON OUR WEBSITE

Go to the Bulletin tab on the menu bar for a printable PDF children's bulletin.
www.stthomasnorwalk.org.

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

*Ryder Jacob Giannoglou Callie Danielle Braddock
Lorenzo Xavier Rizo*

Congratulations to their parents, families, & friends!

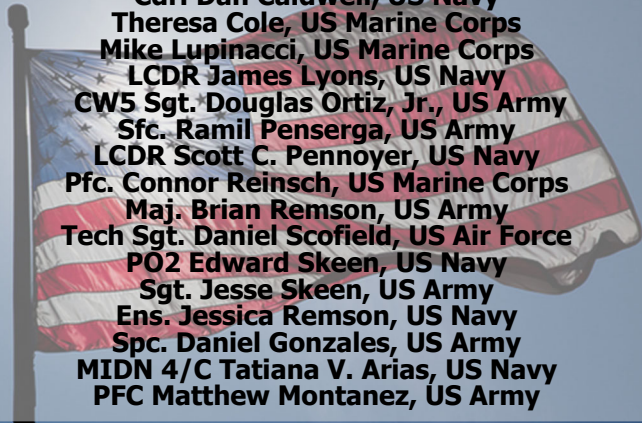


2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

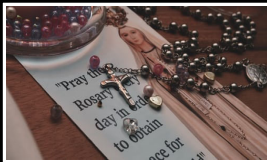
We have raised 151 gifts worth \$33,918 bringing our parish to 32.77% of its \$103,500 goal.

Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country



Cdr. Dan Caldwell, US Navy
Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
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MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
PFC Matthew Montanez, US Army



Sunday Family Rosary

Beginning in October and continuing every Sunday at 7:30 pm, the Diocese of Bridgeport is conducting Sunday Family Rosary. They would like to have one family from each parish and school lead the rosary, which will

guarantee that the schedule would be set for many, many months to come.

Please visit www.formationreimagined.org and click the praying hands image at the top of the screen. Once you sign up to lead, you will receive a confirmation email with complete details.

No registration is necessary for families who simply wish to join in prayer each week at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, please email Rosary@diobpt.org.

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RELIGIOUS FORMATION

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

REMOTE RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
Grade 1: 10:15-11:30 am
Monday
Grade 2: 4:15-5:15 pm
Grade 3: 5:15-6:15 pm
Grade 4: 6:15-7:15 pm
Tuesday
Grade 7: 6:15-7:30 pm
Wednesday
Grade 5: TBD
Grade 6: TBD

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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	Carol Smyth	Karen Miller	Debbie Reddock	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese	James Amrich
Pearl Futo	Jim Sweet	Lou Marcario	Jill Bowman	Anne Edwards	Janina Stachurski	Emily Calabeese
Lynn Lockwood	Ken Pelzolt	Robert Parmalee	Carol Vallee	Grace DeMilo	Linda Spero	Marie Silver
Terry Rooney	Skip Bossone	Mike Torres	Vicki	Tony Cappuccia	Irene Brennan	Jeanette Ralston
Gary Livia	Kimberly Fratoloni	Peggy McDonald	Julia Cade	Jeannetta Torres	Pam Simso	Rick Azillo
Margaret Currie	Michael Walsh	Marianne Schambeck	Merina Deluc	Voroschak Family	George Travers	Helga Garnett
James Verda	Richard Barton	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Betty Lou Heffernan	Jackie Hamilton	Rich Seekamp	Antonio Vescio
Jeannie Maxwell	Cathy Sinica	Diane Turek	Richard Berg	Chuck Scott	Hamilton Family	Kathleen Ford
Trisha Jackson	Thomas Calka	Msgr. Thomas Powers	Phil Tavella, Jr.	Ken Schulman	Chuck Corbo	
Joanna Marvin	Linda Lima	Constance Williams	Tadeusz Stachurski	Lorraine Magazeno		

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Saturday From 10 AM to Noon.

Donations are now being accepted during regular hours or leave in the entrances of the church. Questions? Call them at (203) 866-1644



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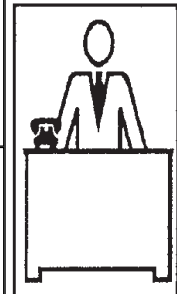
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