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November 21, 2021

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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, November 22

7:00 AM† Deceased Relatives & Friends of
St. Thomas Parishioners

5:30 PM† Norman J. Smith

Tuesday, November 23

7:00 AM Birthday Celebration of Michelle Maher

5:30 PM† Anna Bonaddio

Wednesday, November 24

7:00 AM† Rose Festa

5:30 PM† Jeffrey Cutuli

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25

7:00 AM† No Mass

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving For All Our Blessings

5:30 PM† No Mass

Friday, November 26

7:00 AM† No Mass

9:00 AM† Joan Gardella

5:30 PM† No Mass

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, November 27

5:15 PM† Famiglietti Family

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, November 28

7:30 AM† Jim Verda

Fr. Ralph

9:00 AM† Robert J. LeBlanc, Sr.
(1st Anniversary)

Fr. Ralph

11:30 AM† Jean Annase

Fr. Mirek

5:00 PM† For Our Parishioners, Living &
Deceased

Fr. Mirek

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2021

2020

November 14

Collection	\$3,785.00	\$2,999.00
On-Line	\$2,436.00	\$2,371.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,636.00)	(\$1,869.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,585.00</u>	<u>\$3,501.00</u>

Votives \$148.00 \$ 90.00

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.

Annual Collection For the Health and Welfare Fund for the Retired Priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport - November 20-21

This collection is used to offset expenses related to the retired priests that are largely incurred by the Diocese, which include insurance benefits (medical and automobile), Convocation and annual retreat costs. This annual collection is *exclusively* for the retired priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport and should not be confused with the Collection for the "Retirement Fund for Religious," which is scheduled this year for December 19-20.



The Sanctuary Candle burns
November 21st through November 27th
for Rose Festa.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Chris Rohlæder James Forezllina

We extend our sympathy to their
families & friends.

PLEASE NOTE:

**THERE WILL BE ONLY 1 MASS ON
THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 25th, &
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, AT 9:00AM.
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON
WEDNESDAY AT 12 NOON.
THE PARISH OFFICES & THRIFT STORE
WILL BE CLOSED ON THANKSGIVING
DAY & FRIDAY. THE FOOD PANTRY
WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 27th. THE THRIFT STORE
WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY.**

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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Cathy Lauder
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Our Scout Troop will be selling beautiful double-sided balsam wreath, decorated with a red velvet bow and pinecones, door sized \$20.

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Orders are now being taken until
December 7th

Orders will be delivered by a Scout. If a no-contact delivery is preferred, just tape an envelope to the door with a check made out to: Troop 222. Please call (203) 847-1794 or email to glupinek@gmail.com with your information and Gwen will take care of your order.

Please support our Scout Troop with your purchase! For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to their web page at troop222nowalk.scoutlander.com.



**2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC
APPEAL**

We have raised 184 gifts worth \$45,823 bringing our parish to 72.97% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. **Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!**



The 2021 Challenge Grant has started. Our benevolent family has agreed to match up \$60,000 of your contributions. The gift envelopes have been mailed. If you did not receive one and wish to contribute, please call the office.



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

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

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

On behalf of the parish staff, and Fr. Ralph, I would like to wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving. May you find the joy of the coming season as you gather with family and friends at your holiday table. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year that you give so willingly. Please join Fr. Ralph at the 9am Mass on Thanksgiving morning so together we may thank God for all we have been given throughout the year as the parish family of St. Thomas the Apostle. We will be giving out blessed bread after the mass for your family to share at your dinner. May God's many blessings be on you, your family, and friends throughout the coming year.

fr. Michael

A PSALM OF THANKSGIVING (Psalm 100: 1-5)

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
serve the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful song.
Know that the LORD is God,
he made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the flock he shepherds.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name;
good indeed is the LORD,
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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.scoutland.com.

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Norwalk

We Stand With Christ Campaign Redemption

Total Pledged:	\$499,110
Total Collected (As of 11/1/21):	\$281,287 (56.36%)

To make a payment on your pledge, please visit GiveCentral.org/WSWC or call 203-648-9050.

Thanksgiving Drive Food Pantry at St. Thomas

The Food Pantry will be open

Tuesdays and Saturdays

9:30 to 11:30 AM

to accept donations, or you may use the donation box in the front of the pantry.

The CT Food Bank/Foodshare and other organizations have already pledged as many turkeys as we need. But **hams** would be appreciated: Other suggested foods:

White rice (1 or 2 lb bags)	Coffee, tea & cocoa
Dried beans (1 or 2 lb bags)	Pasta & cereal
Condiments (mayonnaise, ketchup, jam)	

Thank you for your generosity!

Turkeys will be distributed to families in need on
Saturday - November 20th and Tuesday - November 23rd

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 Nancy Cook-Owens,
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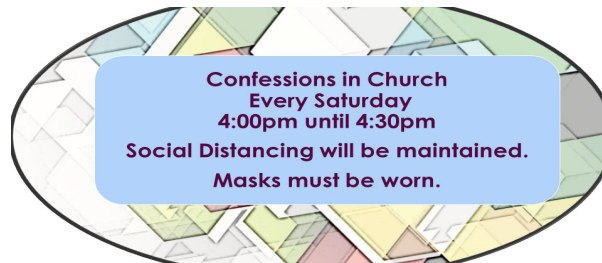
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ADORATION
 MONDAY NIGHT
 6PM - 8PM

Birtheright is in need of gently worn *baby and maternity clothing*. Please call to arrange for a drop off.

Birtheright 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:
 (203) 853-4872.

Lauralton Hall Shadow Visits

8th grade girls are invited to spend a day at Lauralton in their Shadow Program. You'll experience a "day in the life" at Lauralton including attending classes, having lunch in the dining hall, studying in the library, and navigating the hallways with a current student. To schedule your visit, please go to:
www.lauraltonhall.org/admissions/visit-lauralton

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.

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
Terry Rooney	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Jeanette Ralston	Tony Cappuccia	Pam Simso
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Kathleen Dominick	Joe M.	Joan Kennedy	Joanna Marvin	Ken Schulman	John Lima
Janina Stachurski	Donny Cassavechia	Nancy G.	Vinny Massaro	Alessandro Fornara	Anthony Bruno
Greg N.	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Debbie Poruban	Denise Cassin	Jack Cade	Angela McCrae

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Questions? Call them at
(203) 866-1644



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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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