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December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent



*Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths.*

Words by God ~ Luke 3:4

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, December 6

7:00 AM† Rev. Edward A. Colohan
5:30 PM† Felix & Veronica Krawiecki & Family

Tuesday, December 7

7:00 AM† Deceased Members of the Verda Family
5:30 PM† Connie Szabo

The Immaculate Conception, Wednesday, December 8

7:00 AM† Caterina Bemonte
12:05 PM† Andrew Caruso
5:30 PM† For Our Parishioners

Thursday, December 9

7:00 AM Intentions of All Those Fighting Addiction
5:30 PM† Nassa Sam

Friday, December 10

7:00 AM† Peter Baldino, Jr.
5:30 PM† Barbara, Joan, & Edward Gillespie

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, December 11

5:15 PM† Paul Sibiskie

Celebrant

Fr. Ralph

Sunday, December 12

7:30 AM† Lucille Applegate Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Jennie & Joe Annase Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Fr. Mirek
Deceased
5:00 PM† Crescenzo Piro Fr. Mirek

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2021

2020

November 28

Collection	\$3,498.00	\$2,902.00
On-Line	\$2,511.00	\$2,456.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,636.00)	(\$1,869.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,373.00</u>	<u>\$3,489.00</u>

Votives \$141.00 \$ 70.00

November 21

Collection	\$3,661.00	\$2,701.00
On-Line	\$2,514.00	\$2,456.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,636.00)	(\$1,869.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,539.00</u>	<u>\$3,288.00</u>

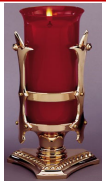
Votives \$216.00 \$ 89.00

DOB Retired Priests

Collection	\$ 949.00	\$ 625.00
On-Line	\$ 160.00	\$ 252.00
Total	<u>\$1,109.00</u>	<u>\$ 877.00</u>

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 Sanctuary Candle burns
December 5th through December 11th
for Arthur, Mary, & Sharon Amato, and
the Rolland Family.

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. Please call to reserve your space.**

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and
let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers:

Robert Prescott

We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times

7:00AM 12:05PM 5:30PM

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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Monday: 7:00pm

Saturday: 4:45pm

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

From a pastoral letter by Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop:

Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced at last to see. This is the season that the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery. In his infinite love for us, though we were sinners, he sent his only Son to free us from the tyranny of Satan, to summon us to heaven, to welcome us into its innermost recesses, to show us truth itself, to train us in right conduct, to plant within us the seeds of virtue, to enrich us with the treasures of his grace, and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life.

Each year, as the Church recalls this mystery, she urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us. This holy season teaches us that Christ's coming was not only for the benefit of his contemporaries; his power has still to be communicated to us all. We shall share his power, if, through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us, and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ.

The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace.

From A Pastoral Letter by St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop, The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. 1, Advent Season-Christmas Season, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1975, pp. 152-153.



The 2021 Challenge Grant has started. Our benevolent family has agreed to match up to \$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.

Accountability Sunday

As has been announced, Bishop Caggiano has instituted an "Accountability Sunday" on which all parishes and the Diocese, along with its related entities, will publish annual financial statements in a pre-set format. The purpose of "Accountability Sunday" is to ensure financial transparency, to communicate to all parishioners and donors that good stewardship is being practiced and to provide a standard report that is consistent and straightforward. This new method of reporting comes after many months of preparation and is intended to ensure that the financial transparency already in place will be manifest in a new and more uniform presentation.

The annual consolidated financial statements of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish for the year ended June 30, 2021, may be seen on our website. You may use this link to access the reports:

<https://stthomasnorwalk.org/financial-information>

The Parish Quarterly Financial Reports will be available on the same page and will not be printed for the bulletin. If you would like a hard copy of either report, please call the office.

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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.

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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



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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:

Carm Pagliano	Jim Sweet	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese
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Janina Stachurski	Donny Cassavechia	Nancy G.	Vinny Massaro	Alessandro Fornara	Angela McCrae
Greg N.	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Debbie Poruban	Denise Cassin	Jack Cade	

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