



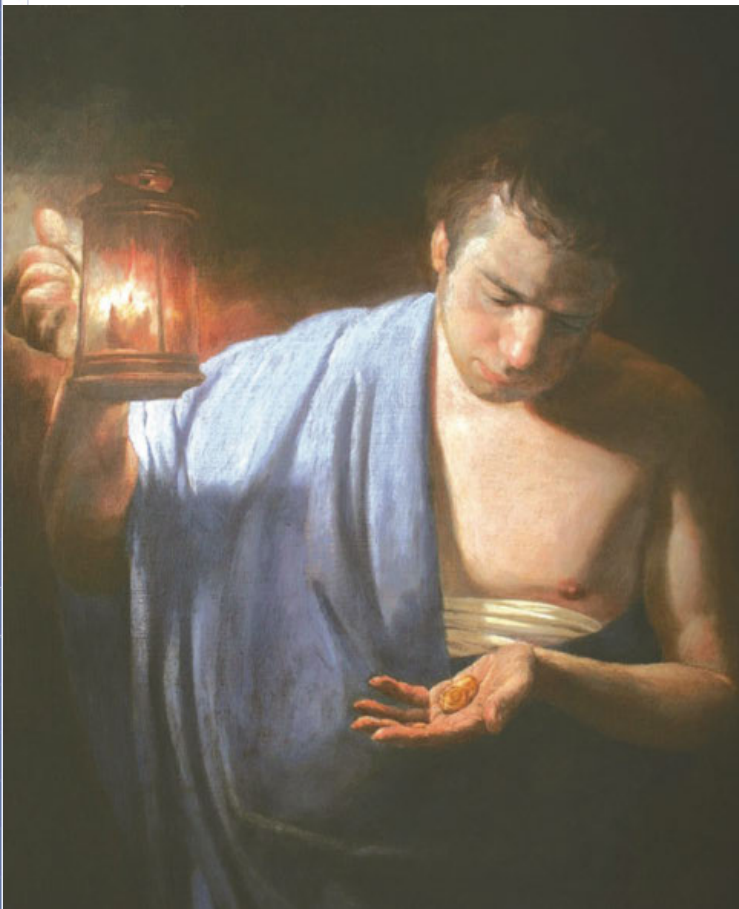
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## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 19, 2023

*Happy Thanksgiving*



33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

– Mt 25:21

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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, November 20

7:00 AM† Fred Hill (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
5:30 PM† Annette Festa, Rose Izzo, &  
James & Catherine Verda

#### Tuesday, November 21

7:00 AM† Deceased Relatives & Friends of  
St. Thomas Parishioners  
5:30 PM NO MASS

#### Wednesday, November 22

7:00 AM NO MASS  
5:30 PM NO MASS

#### Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23

7:00 AM NO MASS  
9:00 AM In Thanksgiving For All Our Blessings  
5:30 PM NO MASS

#### Friday, November 24

7:00 AM NO MASS  
9:00 AM Rose Festa  
5:30 PM NO MASS

#### Sunday Vigil, Saturday, November 25

5:15 PM† Famigliett Family

#### Sunday, November 26

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living &  
Deceased  
9:00 AM† In Celebration of Michelle Maher's Birthday  
11:30 AM† In Celebration of Javier & Maria Posada's 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary  
5:00 PM † Martha Goldner



*The Sanctuary Candle burns  
November 19<sup>th</sup> through November 25<sup>th</sup> in  
memory of the Festa, Verda,  
& Izzo Families.*

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

Please remember in your prayers:

**Peter Siladi**      **Richard Smith**

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

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Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski  
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## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Due to early transmission to the printer, we do not have the collection figures in time for publication of the bulletin. We will report the collection in next week's issue.



ADORATION  
MONDAY NIGHT  
6PM - 8PM

## CONFESSION IN CHURCH

Every Saturday 4:00pm until 4:30pm  
or by appointment

## DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FREQUENTLY

We update our website as things change in our parish & diocese. There are many useful links on our "Senior Info", "Events in Our Diocese", & "Useful Links" pages. We have an interactive Google Calendar where you can add to your personal calendar with a simple click on the item. Most questions can be answered by visiting the website. **If you know of any organization that may be useful to our community, please contact the office so we may add it to our website upon approval.** [www.stthomasnorwalk.org](http://www.stthomasnorwalk.org)

## Banns of Marriage II

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***Student Singers and Instruments wanted for Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Family Mass!***

Please contact Music Director, Marge Kelley, if you would like your child to sing in the Christmas Choir (Grades 1-12) and/or play an instrument (Grades 5-12). Rehearsals will take place in the church following the schedule below.

Sign-up options:

- Parents can speak to Marge Kelley after the 5:15 PM, 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM Masses to complete a sign-up sheet and ask questions.
- Complete the online form or provide the information required in the form and email to [margaretkelley24@gmail.com](mailto:margaretkelley24@gmail.com) typing Christmas Eve Family Mass in the subject line.

**REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: all rehearsals will take place in St Thomas the Apostle Church *Week***

*1 Schedule: Choose one rehearsal; both rehearsals will cover the same music* WEDNESDAY,

NOVEMBER 29: Youth choir and instrument rehearsal, 4:30-5:15 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30:

Youth choir and instrument rehearsal, 4:15-5:00

*Week 2 Schedule: Choose your preferred day*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6: Youth choir and instrument rehearsal, 4:30-5:15 THURSDAY,

DECEMBER 7: Youth choir and instrument rehearsal, 4:15-5:00

*Week 3 Schedule: Choose your preferred day*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13: Youth choir and instrument rehearsal, 4:30-5:15 THURSDAY,

DECEMBER 14: Youth choir instrument rehearsal, 4:15-5:00

**DRESS REHEARSAL: Friday, December 22, 3:00-4:00: all instruments and singers**

**ADDITIONAL OPTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS:** High school singers may participate at either the Christmas Eve Family Mass on December 24, at 4:00 PM or the Adult Choir Christmas Mass on December 25, at 11:30 AM. Please fill out the youth choir form as directed above. A separate schedule will be provided to parents of students who wish to sing with adult choir. Adult choir rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00.

*DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?*

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our next meeting is **Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 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, or go to our website and click on Parish Life, Ministries.

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You are holy, Lord, the only God,  
and Your deeds are wonderful.

You are strong.

You are great.

You are the Most High.

You are Almighty.

You, Holy Father are King of heaven and earth.

You are Three and One, Lord God, all Good.

You are Good, all Good, supreme Good, Lord God, living and true.

You are love. You are wisdom.

You are humility. You are endurance.

You are rest. You are peace.

You are joy and gladness.

You are justice and moderation.

You are all our riches, and You suffice for us.

You are beauty.

You are gentleness.

You are our protector.

You are our guardian and defender.

You are our courage. You are our haven and our hope.

You are our faith, our great consolation.

You are our eternal life, Great and Wonderful Lord,

God Almighty, Merciful Saviour.

From all of us here at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, we wish you and your families a most  
Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

*John Ralph*



### Holy Land Bethlehem Artworks December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Beautiful hand-made olive wood religious articles made by Christian families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be available for purchase December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> after all masses. This organization provides assistance to over 100 suffering families each week. Handmade rosaries, statues, crosses, and nativities are wonderful gifts for family and friends; or an opportunity to add a beautiful hand carved religious item for your home to be cherished through generations. The religious articles are made by the suffering Christian families in the Holy Land, and are their means of spreading the word of Jesus, a goal that began two thousand years ago. The population in the Holy Land has dropped from over 65% to under 1% just within the last ten years. Crafting the religious articles is the primary means for providing for the livelihood of Christian families in the Holy Land.

**PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country**

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**JOIN THE SCOUTS!  
SCOUT TROOP 222**

We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center gym. We need at least 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. We follow the school year calendar. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to our web page: [troop222.norwalk.scoutlander.com](http://troop222.norwalk.scoutlander.com).

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## SACRAMENTS

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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](mailto:wegiesj@hotmail.com). If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

### 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



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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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