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I give you a new commandment:
love one another.

John 13:34



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MAY
15
2022

FIFTH SUNDAY

OF

Easter

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor
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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, May 16

7:00 AM† Frank & Roslyn De Bellis
5:30 PM† Natale Sposato

Tuesday, May 17

7:00 AM Intentions of Joseph & Mary Remlin &
All Married Couples Who Want to Start a
Family
5:30 PM† Ryan Dudek

Wednesday, May 18

7:00 AM† Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.
5:30 PM† Janina Stachurski

Thursday, May 19

7:00 AM† Maria Concetta Trani
5:30 PM† Paul Douglas Hartzell

Friday, May 20

7:00 AM In Celebration of the 90th Birthday of
Consuelo Garcia
5:30 PM† Frank Bonaddio

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, May 21

5:15 PM† Joseph Kovacs

Sunday, May 15

7:30 AM† Honorata Draus
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living &
Deceased
11:30 AM† Helene Gradia
5:00 PM Intentions of John & Linda Lima



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
May 15th through May 21st
for Jim Verda.*

**BLESSING OF ALL NEW
TEEN DRIVERS
SATURDAY, MAY 14TH &
SUNDAY, MAY 15TH**

**After the 5:15 pm, 11:30 am,
and 5:00 pm Masses**

**Please drive up to the priest in
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	2022	2021
May 8		
Collection	\$4,439.00	\$3,247.00
On-Line	\$2,365.00	\$2,473.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,636.00)	(\$1,869.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$5,168.00</u>	<u>\$3,851.00</u>
Votives	\$ 141.00	\$ 126.00

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 Cathedralium 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.



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



**MAY IS THE
MONTH OF MARY
Pray the Rosary!
Monday - Friday
6:30am
Monday
7:00pm
Saturday
7:30am & 4:45pm**

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



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 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: troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com.

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, June 9th, 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.

FORGIVENESS

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and to discover that the prisoner is me. - Anonymous



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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We have raised 119 gifts worth \$25,179 bringing our parish to 40.09% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. **Thanks to all who gave or pledged!**

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Norwalk

We Stand With Christ Campaign Redemption

Total Pledged:	\$500,380
Total Collected (As of 4/28/22):	\$320,707 (66%)

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REFLECTION FROM THE BOOK ON THE HOLY SPIRIT BY ST. BASIL THE GREAT, BISHOP

Our Lord made a covenant with us through baptism in order to give us eternal life. There is in baptism an image both of death and of life, the water being the symbol of death, the Spirit giving the pledge of life. The association of water and the Spirit is explained by the twofold purpose for which baptism was instituted, namely, to destroy the sin in us so that it could never again give birth to death, and to enable us to live by the Spirit and so win the reward of holiness. The water into which the body enters as into a tomb symbolizes death; the Spirit instills into us his life-giving power, awakening our souls from the death of sin to the life that they had in the beginning. This then is what it means to be born again of water and the Spirit: we die in the water, and we come to life again through the Spirit.

To signify this death and to enlighten the baptized by transmitting to them knowledge of God, the great sacrament of baptism is administered by means of a triple immersion and the invocation of each of the three divine Persons. Whatever grace there is in the water comes not from its own nature but from the presence of the Spirit, since baptism is not a cleansing of the body, but a pledge made to God from a clear conscience.

As a preparation for our life after the resurrection, our Lord tells us in the gospel how we should live here and now. He teaches us to be peaceable, long-suffering, undefiled by desire for pleasure, and detached from worldly wealth. In this way we can achieve, by our own free choice, the kind of life that will be natural in the world to come.

Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, we ascend to the kingdom of heaven, and we are reinstated as adopted sons. Thanks to the Spirit we obtain the right to call God our Father, we become sharers in the grace of Christ, we are called children of light, blessing is showered upon us, both in this world and in the world to come. As we contemplate them even now, like a reflection in a mirror, it is as though we already possessed the good things our faith tells us that we shall one day enjoy.

From the Book on the Holy Spirit by Saint Basil the Great, bishop, The liturgy of the Hours, Vol. II, Lent Season-Easter Season, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1976, p. 762-763.

Would you like to be more involved with our parish family? Please consider joining one of our ministries.

I am interested in assisting the Parish in the following ministries (check all that apply):

Mass Ministries:

Usher Lector Eucharistic Minister Choir

Adult Altar Server (to assist at funerals, no experience necessary, we will train)

Other Ministries (for a brief explanation of each, please click on "Parish Ministries" on our website):

Catechist Catechist Assistant Prayer Shawl

Food Pantry Bereavement Hospitality

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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. 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:

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