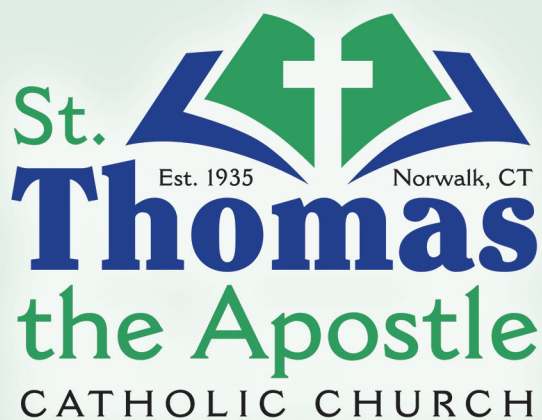




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COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER.

*Inherit the kingdom prepared for you
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*Whatever you did for
one of these least ones,
you did for me.*

Matthew 25:34, 40

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 22, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00 am.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, November 23

7:00 AM† Christine Verda
5:30 PM† Giuseppina & Gino Mercuri

Tuesday, November 24

7:00 AM† Rose Festa
5:30 PM† Anna Bonaddio

Wednesday, November 25

7:00 AM† Deceased Relatives & Friends of
St. Thomas Parish
5:30 PM† Famiglietti Family

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26

9:00 AM† In Thanksgiving For All Our Blessings
No 5:30 PM Mass

Friday, November 27

9:00 AM† Poor Souls
No 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, November 28

5:15 PM† Al Carney

Sunday, November 29

7:30 AM† Mariano David Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM† Sarah Simso DeMaria, George A. Vassallo, Sr., George A. Vassallo, Jr. & Santa G. Vassallo Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM† William J. Skidd (50th Anniversary) Fr. Ralph

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Fr. Mirek
Fr. Mirek

Fr. Ralph



The Sanctuary Candle burns
November 22nd through November 28th
for Rose Festa.

Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm

Social Distancing will be maintained.
Masks must be worn.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2020	2019
November 15		
Collection	\$2,999.00	\$4,636.55
On-Line	\$2,371.00	\$2,459.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	\$3,501.00	\$5,228.55

Votives \$ 90.00 \$ 153.72

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.



The 2021 MASS BOOK is open. Only 2 Saturday Vigil/Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until February 1, 2021.

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

Vivienne Maxine Hyland

Congratulations to her parents, family & friends!

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Salvatore Pesce Sandy Tartaglia Ballard

We extend our sympathy to
their families & friends.

PLEASE NOTE:

**THERE WILL BE ONLY 1 MASS ON
THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 26th, &
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, AT 9:00AM.
THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
ON THANKSGIVING DAY & FRIDAY.
THE FOOD PANTRY WILL BE OPEN ON
SATURDAY FROM 10AM - 12 NOON.**

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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.

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The next digital version of the missalette is not available to our parishioners. We do, however, have the actual missalette available for pick up during regular office business hours. Please call the office before coming - (203) 866-3141.

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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.

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.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas Parishioners,

On behalf of Fr. Ralph and the office staff, I would like to take this time to wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving. In spite of these trying times, I sincerely hope that you are able to enjoy your family on this special American holiday.

I would also like to take this time to thank all those who helped supply our food pantry with the trimmings for Thanksgiving dinner for our less fortunate Norwalk residents. You always come through for us.

Know that Fr. Ralph and I continue to pray for you and your families. Have a healthy and safe Thanksgiving.

fr. mivosi

A PRAYER OF THANKS FOR FOOD AND FAMILY BEFORE THE MEAL

Thank You, Lord God, for this food we are about to eat. Thank You for the hands that have prepared it, for those sitting around the table who are here to share it, and for the ability to be here together under one roof, and enjoy these blessings at Your hand. We realize that everything we have comes from You and for that we are eternally grateful. We also thank You for what we don't have this year, for we trust that You have withheld in Your goodness and out of Your protection for us. Thank You that Scripture says You are a Good Father who loves to give gifts to Your children. We sit here as evidence of Your goodness. Thank You for the gift of today and all who are here to share it with us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus, we pray.

Amen.

<https://www.crosswalk.com/>

The Food Pantry is open

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



Pray the Rosary in the Church!

Monday - Friday:
6:30am

Monday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:45pm

HAVE YOU DROPPED YOUR LANDLINE FOR A CELL PHONE?
DID YOU ADD OR CHANGE AN EMAIL ADDRESS?

Please let us know of any changes to your contact information so our records will be correct and you will be able to contact you, if necessary. Please notify the Parish Office when you change your address, phone number, cell phone number and/or email address so that we can have the most up to date way to reach you should the need arise. Call us at (203) 866-3141 or send us an email with your current information. Thank you.

PLEASE HELP LIGHTEN OUR LOAD!

Please use your parish offertory envelope or write your envelope # on any loose checks. This will greatly cut down on the entry time of the Parish Offertory every week. *If you don't know your number, please call the office (203) 866-3141.*



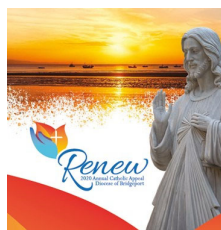
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Birthright is in need of gently worn **maternity and baby clothing**. Please call (203) 853-4872 to arrange for a drop off.

Birthright 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.



2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have raised 166 gifts worth \$37,193 bringing our parish to 35.94% 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



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.



Sunday Family Rosary

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.

**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: 6:15-7:15 pm
Grade 6: 5:15-6:15 pm

**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 have the booklets,
"The Word Among Us" &
"Living Faith", normally found
in the church lobby,
available while supplies last.
Please call or email the office
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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	Carol Smyth	Karen Miller	Debbie Reddock	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese	James Amrich
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Join the Bishop in Prayer

Text a selfie, your prayer intention, or the word "pray" to 55778.

Participants will receive a daily prayer intention from the bishop that ends with a call to prayer.



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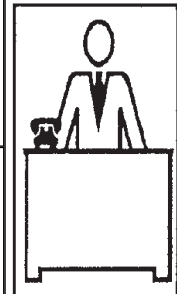
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