



January 10, 2021

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The Baptism of the Lord



*And a voice came from the heavens,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

Words by God ~ Mark 1:11
Painting by Carl Heinrich Bloch
The Baptism of Christ

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, January 11

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM† Lawrence Gallacher (4th Anniversary)

Tuesday, January 12

7:00 AM Jean Durala & Family
5:30 PM† Anna Maslowska

Wednesday, January 13

7:00 AM† Fred & Tyler Hill
5:30 PM NO MASS

Thursday, January 14

7:00 AM† Nicola Testa
5:30 PM† Cecilia David

Friday, January 15

9:00 AM† Msgr. G. Robert Hanover
5:30 PM† Linda Ligotte

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, January 16

5:15 PM† John Sferlazza

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

Sunday, January 17

7:30 AM Birthday Celebrations of
Silvana Arcon & Jairo Arcon
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living &
Deceased
11:30 AM† Bea & Stephen Siladi
5:00 PM† Eugeniusz Grzybowski

Fr. Mirek
Fr. Mirek
Fr. Ralph
Fr. Ralph



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
January 10th through January 16th
for Arthur, Mary, & Sharon Amato, &
the Rolland Family.*

No 5:30pm Mass on Wednesday, January 13th.
The Confirmation Candidates of 2019/2020
will be confirmed that night by Msgr. Powers.

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

AnnaMaria Leshedaj

Congratulations to her parents, family & friends!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2020	2019
Christmas, December 25		
Collection	\$10,959.00	\$15,080.00
On-Line	\$ 1,919.00	\$ 1,858.00
Total	<u>\$12,878.00</u>	<u>\$16,938.00</u>

December 27		
Collection	\$3,437.00	\$4,160.48
On-Line	\$2,491.00	\$2,181.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,059.00</u>	<u>\$4,474.48</u>

Votives	\$ 81.00	\$ 146.29
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	2021	2020
Solemnity of Mary, January 1		
Collection	\$ 487.00	\$ 896.00
On-Line	\$ 602.00	\$1,051.00
Total	<u>\$1,089.00</u>	<u>\$1,947.00</u>

January 3		
Collection	\$2,773.00	\$4,191.65
On-Line	\$3,830.17	\$2,301.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,734.17</u>	<u>\$4,625.65</u>

Votives	\$ 107.00	\$ 155.96
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Monthly Maintenance		
Collection	\$ 361.00	\$1,652.61
On-Line	\$1,021.00	\$ 943.00
Total	<u>\$1,382.00</u>	<u>\$2,595.61</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 2021 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum 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.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Nancy Zaccarola **Anthony DiMeglio**

We extend our sympathy to their
families & friends.

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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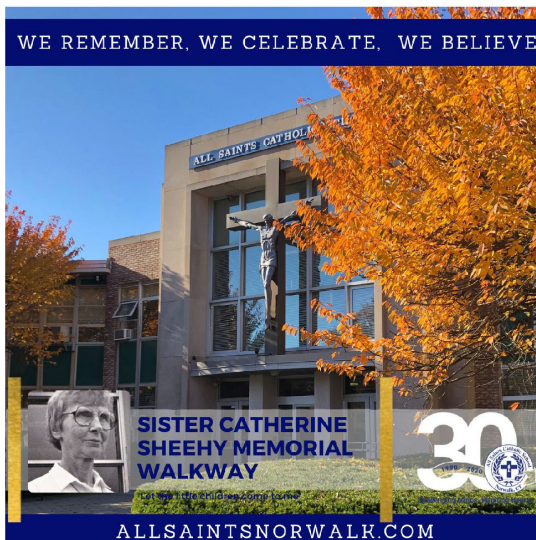
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Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,

On behalf of Fr. Ralph and our Parish Staff, I extend our warmest wishes for much happiness, joy of the spirit and hope for the New Year of 2021! I want to take this opportunity here to thank ALL who worked so hard to prepare our Christmas Celebrations this year. Even with the restrictions imposed by COVID-19 many of you showed up in person to celebrate our liturgies, to exchange Christmas Wishes and simply to pray together. I am so looking forward to new opportunities this New Year offers and yes, being aware of the challenges ahead of us, I hope we will continue to be a very vibrant, prayerful community of believers, helping those in need around us as much as we can. May our Heavenly Father bless you all, your families and all you keep dear in your hearts! Fr. Mirek

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Sister Catherine Sheehy Memorial Walkway at All Saints

Sister Catherine Sheehy, first principal of All Saints Catholic School, paved the way for our school community with her life of faith, love and kindness. Help us transform our front walkway into a space honoring 30 years of Catholic education and the legacy of Sister Catherine.

Honor Sister Catherine, a graduating student, alumni, special teacher or memorialize a loved one. Order your personalized brick paver and create a lasting tribute that all visitors to All Saints Catholic School will see.

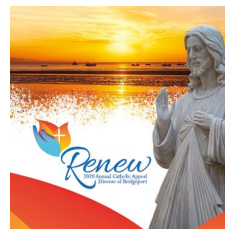
All brick orders are due by January 31. Orders can be placed online [through this link](https://www.allsaintsnorwalk.com)

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



2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have raised 171 gifts worth \$38,073 bringing our parish to 36.79% of its \$103,500 goal.

Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!



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.

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.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,

My Friends, with this weekend our Christmas Season of 2020 ends and, with all the New Year's resolutions for 2021, we sail into the future. For a good number of us it will be a very smooth cruise, with calm waters and gentle wind in our sails; yet for many it most certainly will be a very choppy sail, and we will need so much help navigating safely to the harbor. Yet, we hear the words of hope and encouragement from today's Gospel according to Saint Mark. Meditating upon it we might ask ourselves a question: why Christ – Jesus, The one who GIVES US THE GIFT OF BAPTISM AS A SACRAMENT – Why does He need to be baptized by JOHN, his COUSIN? When we try in a serious way to meditate upon this question, we will find at least 3 very surprising answers:

1. Jesus, by accepting baptism from John the Baptist, fulfills the Old Testament idea of repentance of heart and so called METANOIA – a change of heart based on deep remorse and hope for a better, less sinful future;
2. The Gospel passage we read this weekend reveals to us an INTERACTION between Jesus and John the Baptist; what we really see here are several very important clues:
 - John is already a very well respected SPIRITUAL LEADER- people from all over and of various background come to Him for counsel and for BAPTISM
 - John, judging by HIS words, is very familiar with RESENTMENT of several JEWISH groups toward Jerusalem's Temple and he is very well aware of JUDAISM FADING into something that Moses never intended it to fail; i.e. followers of the Zadokite Priesthood, the Qumran community of Essenes and others
3. Jesus' testimony about JOHN THE BAPTIST; Jesus himself says that John is the expected ELIJAH – the prophet of old that will come and make straight – prepare – the paths for the LORD;

I hope the brief reflection above will help us to see clearly how Jesus Christ fulfills the Old Testament; He changes the very VISIBLE but still nonetheless SIGNS of GOD'S presence among HIS people into something different; Jesus GIVES THESE SIGNS an ENTIRELY DIFFERENT DIMENSION; a NEWNESS and ORIGINALITY that never existed before; these SIGNS are NOW CALLED SACRAMENTS; from now on they are not just the VISIBLE SIGNS, but INSTRUMENTS, AGENTS, MEANS, and WAYS that GOD gives HIS PEOPLE HIS overpowering GIFT – GRACE, PART OF HIMSELF.

fr. Mivov



*St. Thomas the Apostle Parish,
85 years young and moving forward...*

Come! Join the journey!!!

***Make your pledge or
contribution today!***



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.

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PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

Cdr. Dan Caldwell, US Navy
Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
LCDR James Lyons, US Navy
CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army
Sfc. Ramil Penserga, US Army
LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy
Pfc. Connor Reinsch, US Marine Corps
Maj. Brian Remson, US Army
Tech Sgt. Daniel Scofield, US Air Force
PO2 Edward Skeen, US Navy
Sgt. Jesse Skeen, US Army
Ens. Jessica Remson, US Navy
Spc. Daniel Gonzales, US Army
MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
PFC Matthew Montanez, US Army

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.

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Thank you.

**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

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

Social Distancing will be maintained.
Masks must be worn.

THINKING ABOUT NEXT YEAR?

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Tina, parent

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Joe Dudek
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**Room To Grow
Preschool:**

(203) 831-8200
Nancy Cook-Owens,
Director

All Saints School:

Mrs. Linda Dunn,
Principal
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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	Carol Smyth	Karen Miller	Debbie Reddock	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese	James Amrich
Pearl Futo	Jim Sweet	Lou Marcario	Jill Bowman	Anne Edwards	Linda Lima	Emily Calabeese
Lynn Lockwood	Ken Pelzolt	Robert Parmalee	Carol Vallee	Grace DeMilo	Linda Spero	Marie Silver
Terry Rooney	Skip Bossone	Mike Torres	Constance Williams	Tony Cappuccia	Irene Brennan	Jeanette Ralston
Gary Livia	Kimberly Fratoloni	Peggy McDonald	Lorraine Magazeno	Jeannetta Torres	Pam Simso	Rick Azillo
Margaret Currie	Michael Walsh	Marianne Schambeck	Merina Deluc	Voroschak Family	George Travers	Helga Garnett
Mary Malagisi	Richard Barton	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Betty Lou Heffernan	Jackie Hamilton	Rich Seekamp	Antonio Vescio
Jeannie Maxwell	Cathy Sinica	Diane Turek	Richard Berg	Chuck Scott	Hamilton Family	Kathleen Ford
Trisha Jackson	Thomas Calka	Msgr. Thomas Powers	Phil Tavella, Jr.	Ken Schulman	Chuck Corbo	Joanna Marvin
Vicki	Julia Cade					



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



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.



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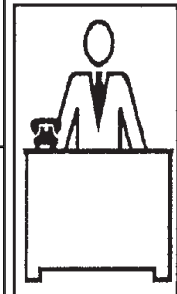
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