

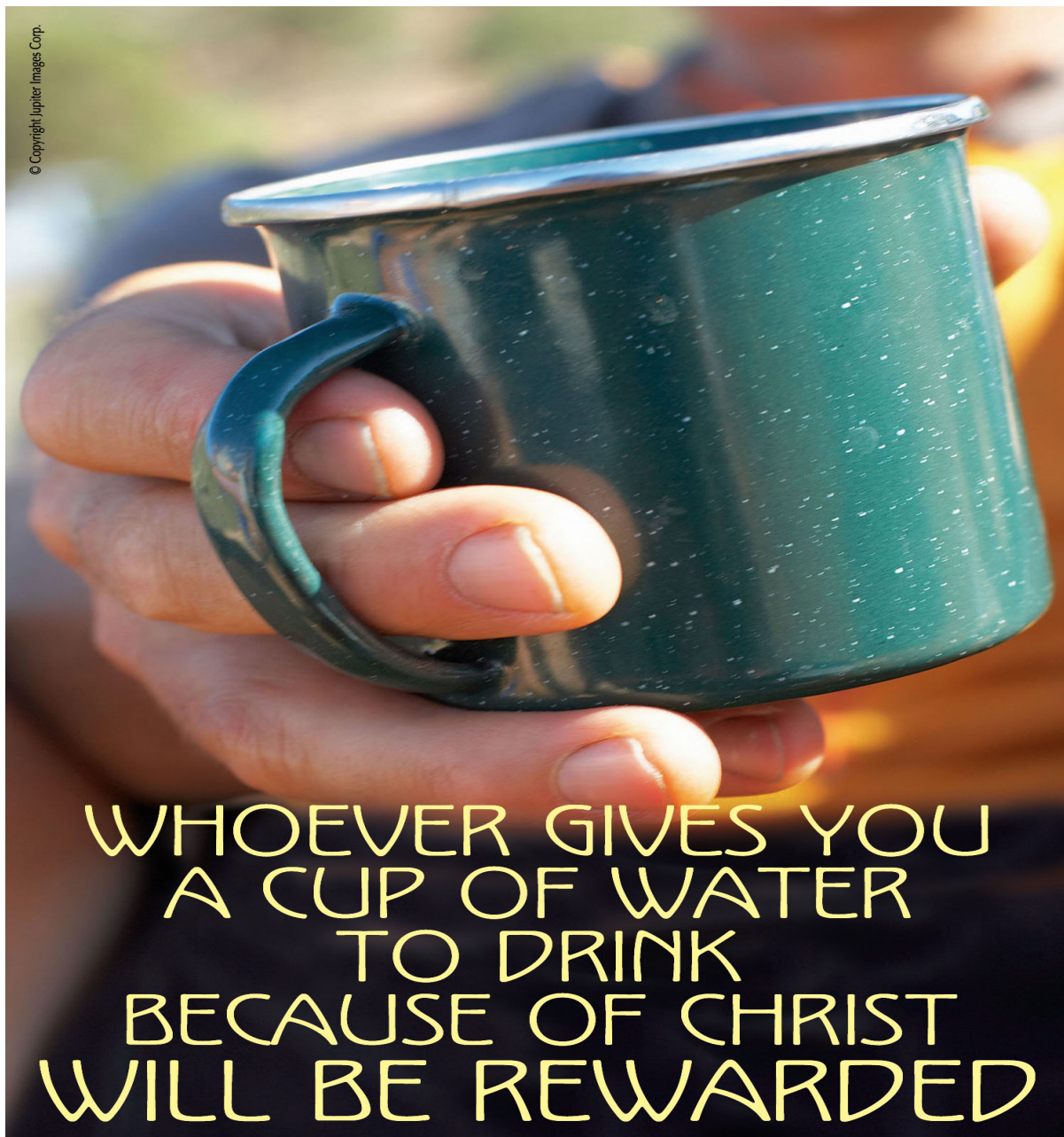


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September 26, 2021 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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, September 27

7:00 AM† For the Living & Deceased Members
of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
5:30 PM † Walter & Jeanne Smith

Tuesday, September 28

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM† Jim Corrigan

Wednesday, September 29

7:00 AM Intentions of Mary & Joseph Remlin
5:30 PM Intentions of Dora Tellez

Thursday, September 30

7:00 AM† Efrain Corea
5:30 PM † John Wesley Sullivan

Friday, October 1

7:00 AM† Edward, Helen, & Robert Onisko
5:30 PM † Mass of Remembrance

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, October 2

5:15 PM † Maria Daniela

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, October 3

7:30 AM† Dolores Ballard Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Robert J. LeBlanc, Sr. Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† Amerigo DiRenzo Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM † For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Mirek

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2021

2020

September 19

Collection	\$3,683.00	\$3,312.00
On-Line	\$2,551.00	\$2,446.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,636.00)	(\$1,869.00)
Net Retained	\$4,598.00	\$3,889.00

Votives

\$202.00 \$ 91.00

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 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.

—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioners have died in the month of September: Frank Santo, Sr., and Peter Baldino, Jr. There will be a special mass for them and for all deceased parishioners on Friday, October 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the church. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. If you would like information about the ministry, please contact Jane Eichwald at (203) 838-4590.



The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 26th through October 2nd
For Ellen Morrone.



Pray the Rosary in the Church
Monday - Friday: 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:45pm

Banns of Marriage

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Cheryl Lynn Dass & Dennis Peter



FIRST
FRIDAY

ADORATION

October 1st

7:30am to 5:00pm

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Antonio Smeriglio

We extend our sympathy to their families
& friends.

Rectory:

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Pastor

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stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com.

Be sure to check you email weekly for any correspondence from us. Please check your spam or junk folder to be sure our emails are getting to you.

Is your child entering 1st grade this school year? Are you new to the parish with school aged children?

Then it's time to register for our Religious Formation Class. Please contact the Formation Office at (203) 866-1189 or email Michelle & Mary at stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com or go to our parish website homepage to get your form.

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We have installed an Air Scrubber system in the church to filter and clean the air flowing through our HVAC system.

FR. MIREK'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Dear Friends! I am very happy to invite you again to join the next SESSION of Bible Study on Wednesday evenings, @ 7 pm beginning with Wednesday, October 13th, for a period of 4 to 5 weeks in the Toomey Room. This time, I would like to invite you to study *Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans*. Questions and answers given by Saint Paul about the Salvation offered through Jesus Christ, topics of justification, metanoia, hope, faith, but also mosaic law, Jewish-Christian relations, and any many others. Please, join us if your schedule allows. All must wear masks regardless of vaccination status.

SYNODAL WAY

As many of you are aware, Pope Francis mandated, that every diocese in the world participate in the XVI Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome, in October 2023. As a result of this invitation, Bishop Caggiano asked each pastor to choose FOUR DELEGATES to participate in our diocesan portion of the global process. There will be an orientation session and commissioning ceremony on Saturday, October 16th, from 9am to 11am at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Weston, CT. If any of you would be interested in joining our team of 4 DELEGATES to participate in the Pope's initiative, please let Fr. Mirek know. Call the office at (203) 866-3141 or email us at stthomasnorwalk@optonline.net.

Jesus meets Aristotle Philosophy

I invite you to a philosophy lecture and dinner on Thursday, October 14, at 6:30pm in the Gym of our Parish Center. The topic: Differences between St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas and their implications on Catholic Doctrine and Philosophy. If you would like to discuss some of the fascinating ideas of these two Catholic Saints over a nice pasta and vino - please join us! Please R.S.V.P. to the office by Friday, October 8th, so we know how much food to order. Please call (203) 866-3141 or email stthomasnorwalk@optonline.net. All must wear masks regardless of vaccination status.



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Questions? Please call the Fairfield Prep Admissions Office at (203) 254-4210.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,

Summer 2021 is officially a memory now; Astronomical Fall engulfed us last week, and it better be a spectacular one (check the prices of a B&B or a simple motel in New Hampshire, Vermont or even CT for next month) ☺. Well, at least some travel-related economy is on the right track. If we were to translate the New England foliage season into a Catholic Field, similarities are obvious; so many programs begin, new initiatives and ongoing formation starts about now, Religious Education Programs offer some new and more creative ways to engage children and teens in learning about Christ and His Kingdom, and many of us try to be as busy (and also productive) as we possibly can. Between heated political discussions, socio – economic and geopolitical whirlwind crisis and difficulties, as the Good Lord said it on the pages of the Gospels, are inevitable (see Matthew 14, Luke 21:9), yet each and every time Christ blesses us with such strength and hope to overcome even the worst of it, somehow. Friends, take a look around Saint Thomas the Apostle Church here in Norwalk; look at how much you have been doing as a community to help others, many times for those most in need, check out some of the programs and initiatives we offer; just straight from this weekend's Gospel according to Mark: *"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."* (Mk 9: 38-45). Together, let's not lose hope, let us strengthen one another with assurances of faith, that we do all this because we love each other, to some extent, fulfilling the commandment from Jesus as we read it on the pages of the Gospels.

fr. Mironiuk



40 DAYS FOR LIFE
SEPT 22- OCT 31, 2021

Join us for the next life-saving campaign in Danbury!
Will you speak for those who cannot speak for themselves?

Danbury Location
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Planned Parenthood
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For more information and to sign up for vigil hours
visit 40daysforlife.com/danbury

Contact: Sharon & Pegi
Danbury40DFL@protonmail.com



September 22 - October 31
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES!

Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign for an end to abortion! Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired more than 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results of 26 coordinated campaigns:

- **18,855 babies** saved from abortion
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- **112 abortion centers** closed

Take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Sidewalk at entrance to Commerce Park 4697 Main St. Bridgeport (Planned Parenthood is located within Commerce Park)
- **Vigil hours:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily
- **Local contact:** Barbara Grabowski bgrabows@aol.com
- **Learn more** and sign up for prayer times by visiting the link below.

<https://www.40daysforlife.com>




2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

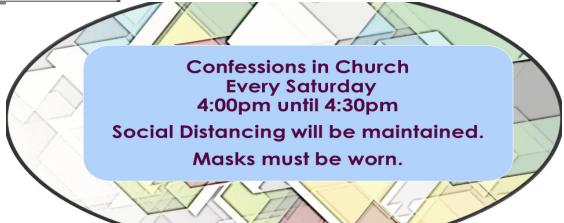
We have raised 166 gifts worth \$42,173 bringing our parish to 67.15% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!

The 2022 MASS BOOK is now open. We still have Masses & Candles available for 2021. Please call or email the office to reserve your masses and candles.



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 resuming the schedule of the 3rd Saturday of every month beginning in September.*

During these difficult times, please remember to support our local bulletin advertisers. Make the back 2 pages of this publication your "go to place" for local business help. They can only help us if we continue to help them!



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

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army
Sfc. Ramil Penserger, US Army
LCDR Scott C. Penoyer, US Navy
Tech Sgt. Daniel Scofield, US Air Force
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**Planning a wedding?
Congratulations!!**

Call the office to secure your date. We are having ceremonies with all current COVID guidelines in place. We also live-stream your ceremony for those who can't be with you or don't feel comfortable with participating in person. *You need to contact the office at least 9 months prior to your chosen date.*



PRAISE & ADORE

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

Pray the Rosary Monday, October 4th 7:00 pm
with the Fr. Myron V. Miller Council 5833
Auxiliary Columbiettes
The St. Gabriel Church and Hall,
914 Newfield Avenue, Stamford
Stay for an informational meeting to learn about
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The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. is accepting applications for new volunteers! Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. If you have an interest in companionship, light housekeeping or making meals, please contact Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers, at (203) 315-7510.

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	Jim Sweet	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese
Pearl Futo	Lou Marcario	Jill Bowman	Emily Calabeese	Anne Edwards	Linda Lima
Mike	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Linda Spero
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Kathleen Dominick	Chris Rohleder	Joan Kennedy	Joanna Marvin	Ken Schulman	Chuck Corbo
Janina Stachurski	Donny Cassavechia	Nancy G.	Vinny Massaro	Wayne Embry, Jr.	John Lima
Anthony Bruno	Jack Cade	Joe M.	Greg N.		

**The Food Pantry is open
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Questions? Call them at
(203) 866-1644



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