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February 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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Rev. Mirosław Stachurski, Pastor
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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, February 15

7:00 AM† Rosemary Tobin
5:30 PM † Carmen Cadavid (1st Anniversary)

Tuesday, February 16

7:00 AM† Ellen Morrone
5:30 PM † Living & Deceased Members of
Margaret Dunn Family

Ash Wednesday, February 17

7:00 AM† All Souls
12:05 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon
5:30 PM † Richard & Florence Dwyer
7:00 PM † For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

Thursday, February 18

7:00 AM† Palma Sweet
5:30 PM † Peter Goldner, Jr. (3rd Anniversary)

Friday, February 19

7:00 AM† Jeffrey Cutuli
5:30 PM For All Those Searching for God's Will in
Their Lives
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, February 20

5:15 PM† Margaret Russo

Sunday, February 21

7:30 AM† Richard Heise
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living &
Deceased

11:30 AM† Eriberto Lomotan
5:00 PM† Anna Bonaddio

Celebrant

Fr. Ralph

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Fr. Mirek

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The Sanctuary Candle burns
February 14th through February 20th
for Jean Calzone.

The Food Pantry is open

Saturday From 10 AM to Noon.

Donations are now being accepted
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Questions? Call them at

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2021	2020
February 7		
Collection	\$3,111.00	\$4,588.00
On-Line	\$2,473.00	\$2,206.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	\$3,715.00	\$4,927.00
Votives	\$ 108.00	\$ 196.30
Maintenance		
Collection	\$ 589.00	\$1,285.90
On-Line	\$ 751.00	\$ 849.00
Total	\$1,340.00	\$2,134.90

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. All restrictions are now lifted. Please call or email the office to reserve your masses and candles for 2021.

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

Everly Hope Lantz

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:

Joseph F. Armato James C. Bogdany

We extend our sympathy to their
families & friends.

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2020 Challenge Grant A Success!

A huge thank you to all who chose to participate in this year's Challenge Grant. Together, we have raised \$111,925, including the match! Every dollar donated to this effort is truly appreciated and will allow us to meet operating costs and to help ensure the Parish's financial viability. Your continued support of St. Thomas is greatly appreciated. And, of course, an extra special thank you to the Challenge sponsors for their tremendous opportunity for all to show their love of St. Thomas!

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.

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.***

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 we 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.

REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

Though it may seem hard to believe, Lent begins this coming Wednesday! Now, the first thing that may come to mind are the requirements that the Church indicates so that we may enjoy a more fruitful observance during Lent. There is, as you know, the practice of fasting and abstinence, as well as prayer and almsgiving; and all of these serve as a means to not only prepare for the joy and glory of Easter, but also to lend ourselves to a more focused opportunity to live the example that Jesus gave us so that we can be His disciples.

This is from the United Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States: *"Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards."*

We are all familiar with this, and it is based on the scripture and tradition of the Church since its beginning. But the question is: Is Lent simply a matter following a bunch of rules and regulations until we arrive to Easter morning? Well, no; and in fact, Lent can be a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal that we can carry with us throughout the year. As a footnote, we can fast, abstain, pray, and give alms any time of the year, and I know that many of you do.

So, what more can we do? Or, perhaps the question is: What more is possible? This from a homily by Saint John Chrysostom, bishop: *"Prayer is the light of the spirit. Prayer and converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit, when it is intent on God, is illumined by his infinite light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods, but continuous throughout the day and night."*

Then St. John Chrysostom goes on to point out: *"Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God, and call him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God's love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe."* (Quote from The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. 2, Lenten Season/ Easter Season, Office of Readings, Friday after Ash Wednesday, Catholic Book Publishing Co., N.Y., 1976, p. 68-69)

So, to be sure, the formal observance of Lent is important, but equally important is the spiritual aspect as well. This coming Wednesday can be a simple beginning to a well-balanced way of life that can help us to draw closer to God, through prayer and works of charity. In the end, as St. John Chrysostom tells us, it is a gift of God by His grace, and it is something that we can live every day; and with Lent as a time to begin with spiritual renewal, it is a gift that we can carry with us always, a gift that we share with others, always giving thanks and glory to God.

Father Ralph

MEMORIAL MASS OR FUNERAL

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.



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.

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.

**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

Prayer Requests!

If you are in need of prayer, for any reason, please contact the St. Thomas Prayer Ministry to pray for you and with you. Please call Sue Wegiel, (203) 838-4088, or email her, wegiesj@hotmail.com. If you cannot reach Sue, please call the Rectory at (203) 866-3141.

If you would like to be added to the bulletin list, please call or email the office.
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Pray the Rosary in the
Church!

Monday - Friday:
6:30am

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

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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
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