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JULY
31
2022

*Take care to guard
against all greed,
for though one
may be rich,
one's life does not
consist of possessions.
Luke 12:15*

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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor
(203) 866-3141

203 East Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06855

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Daily Mass

Monday, August 1

7:00 AM Action & Grace for Bertony Guy Brunot
5:30 PM † Bob Remlin

Tuesday, August 2

7:00 AM † Carlos Rivera
5:30 PM † Christopher & Rosa Piro

Wednesday, August 3

7:00 AM † Pam Sweet
5:30 PM † Anthony Donofrio

Thursday, August 4

7:00 AM Action & Grace for Bertony Guy Brunot
5:30 PM † Anna Caruso

Friday, August 5

7:00 AM † Fred Roldan
5:30 PM † Mass of Remembrance

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, August 6

5:15 PM † Joseph & Jennie Festa

Sunday, August 7

7:30 AM † Tony & Theresa Bruno & Family
9:00 AM † Gregoire Dumas
11:30 AM † Charles J. French
5:00 PM † For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

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Fr. Ralph
Fr. Ralph



The Sanctuary Candle burns
July 31st through August 6th
for Alba Cucciniello.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2022	2021
July 24		
Collection	\$3,081.00	\$3,297.00
On-Line	\$2,637.00	\$2,973.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,151.00</u>	<u>\$4,634.00</u>
Votives	\$ 331.02	\$ 176.00

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 2023 fiscal year, the annual Cathedral Assessment is \$81,472. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,567. This represents an annual decrease of \$3,600.00 from the prior year.



The 2023 MASS BOOK will open on Wednesday, August 3rd, from 10am until 1pm. Only 4 Saturday Vigil/Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 6 Sanctuary Candles until November 1st. No phone or email requests until Thursday, August 4th.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Please remember in your prayers:
Arthur Amato *Lorraine Harvey*
Hillard Bloom *Annette Festa*
We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.



FIRST FRIDAY

ADORATION
August 5th
7:30am to 5:00pm

—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioner died in the month of July: Annette Festa. There will be a special mass for her and for all deceased parishioners on Friday, August 5th, at 5:30 PM, 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.

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Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

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



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: (203) 853-4872.



ADORATION
 MONDAY NIGHT
 6PM - 8PM

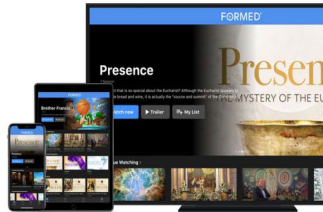
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Please help us with our children's religious formation next year. Any help that you would be able to offer would be greatly appreciated. You must be Virtus trained. We can set you up with the training if you haven't already done so. Please contact Mary Vladimirov at (203) 866-1189 or email stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com.

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

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,

Many years ago, when I heard the phrase “Dog days of summer” for the first time, it didn’t make much sense to me. After I did my homework on it, it makes perfect sense now, revealing the rich, ancient Greek and Roman history behind this phrase: “*Dies Caniculares*”. Hot and humid days make this month of July so much fun for our children as they take a break from school. Not so much for us; it’s almost like everyone is looking for shade and cooler middays. Fortunately, our Church of St. Thomas is a place where we can easily stop by and cool off on such a hot day. And when we do so, after we say our prayers or light a candle in our Votive Chapel, I see many of you praying and meditating on the Word of God. I can only assume, that as you do so, you realize very quickly how many times on the pages of the Gospels we read of how our Lord Jesus compares His believers to the soil. Scorched by the Sun, shallow, the kind that does not allow the root to take in, or a very rich, fertile soil, that produces so much from a Blessed Garden. Be that soil, my friends. Even though from time to time you feel like baked clay, so scorched by the oppressing sun of this insane world, or you might feel like the exhausted soil, that nothing will ever grow in it again, or you might feel at times like a total desert, I hope when you receive these life-giving drops of fresh water of the Word of God, and maybe after you fall in love again with the One who gives it to us, Christ Jesus, you will become that rich soil again. Look how much good you could do in return, when step by step, like a good gardener, you cultivate a beautiful GARDEN with the Trees of Life in it, that gives so much nutrition and shade to all in need! So many good people, many times our friends, and maybe even family members we know are around us, looking for that shade, looking to cool off, to rest, to recharge their own batteries – see how much you could do for them, only if you take that invitation of Jesus to become the Rich Soil, and grow a strong, fruitful Spiritual Garden around you!

fr. m.wan

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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 (stthomwanorwalk@optonline.net) the office.

NEED TO REGISTER WITH THE PARISH? DO YOU NEED PROOF OF SACRAMENTS? A SPONSOR CERTIFICATE? NEED TO SCHEDULE A BAPTISM, OR A WEDDING? THEN HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE.

All of these items are available by filling in the form on the website and emailing it to the office. Once received, we will let you know we have it and will call or email you when your request is completed. *If you are 18 and out of school, you should be registered by yourself, not with your parents.*

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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.

New Procedure for Baptisms & Weddings

Please go to the homepage of our website, click on Parish Registration and Sacramental Requests. Choose the fillable form that you need and follow the instructions at the top of the webpage. 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:

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