



January 24, 2021

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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



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, January 25

7:00 AM Intentions of Martin Maher
5:30 PM † For the healing of Broken Families

Tuesday, January 26

7:00 AM † Richard Heise
5:30 PM In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, January 27

7:00 AM † Luann Westlund
5:30 PM † Kazimiera Grzybowska (10th Anniversary)

Thursday, January 28

7:00 AM † Joan Gardella
5:30 PM † Rose Izzo

Friday, January 29

7:00 AM † Msgr. John F. Cavanaugh
5:30 PM Intentions of Fr. Ralph Segura

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, January 30

5:15 PM In Celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of John & Linda Gray **Celebrant**
Fr. Mirek

Sunday, January 31

7:30 AM Intentions of Carmella Pagliano Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM † For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM † Tadeusz Wilinski Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM † Connie Colosimo Fr. Ralph

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

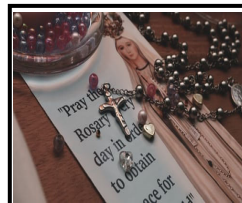
	2021	2020
January 17		
Collection	\$2,630.00	\$3,225.71
On-Line	\$2,538.00	\$2,326.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	\$3,299.00	\$3,684.71
Votives	\$ 143.00	\$ 180.09

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.



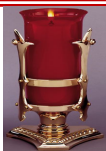
Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm
Social Distancing will be maintained.
Masks must be worn.



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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The Sanctuary Candle burns
January 24th through January 30th
for Rose Izzo.

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.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Richard Heise

We extend our sympathy to his
family & 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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stthomasnorwalkred@gmail.com

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(203) 866-1219 Fax



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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.

(203) 853-4872

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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



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.

The Challenge Grant Deadline will be here before you know it!
Make your donation by January 31st to meet the Challenge! !



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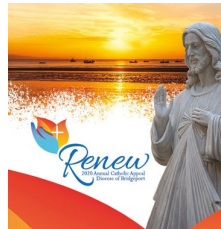
Pray the Rosary in the Church!

Monday - Friday:

6:30am

Monday: 7:00pm

Saturday: 4:45pm



2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have raised 172 gifts worth \$38,093 bringing our parish to 36.81% of its \$103,500 goal.

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

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 with your request.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,

This past week's Liturgical Cycle of the Church took us to the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. After such a solemn manifestation of the Messianic Age at the event of Our Lord's Baptism, numerous followers left the dynamic John the Baptist, and followed a stranger dubbed by John "The Lamb of God". Who is that new character appearing on the scene like a shooting star? Why does John the Baptist call his own cousin "The Lamb of God"? Even more so; at some point – and that's the core of today's Gospel for us, the Lord promises that He will make of the group willing to follow Him - "Fishers of Men". Then, we realize that our readings aren't just about the first days of the Public Ministry of Jesus some two thousand years ago. The readings are about every day of our lives right here, right now. This often happens to all of us. We do our best to establish a Christian lifestyle. We go to Church. We avoid major sins. We keep an eye out for the less fortunate. We are serious about living our faith, and then, just when we are content with our lifestyle, we are called to a greater faith, a greater devotion, a more determined following of the Lord. This is not extraordinary. It is ordinary, at least for many of us. But then, suddenly something goes wrong, an unexpected and uncalled event happens. How many of us were taken by surprise with all the Covid 19 development? For example, many of us have lost loved ones recently. All had been going well, and then, we were shocked out of our daily faith routine and forced to take a deeper look at exactly what we believe when we say that Jesus is the Lord of the Living and Dead. After the funeral, after the tears, we try to return to our former lifestyle, but it isn't easy or even possible at all. The ache within remains. We find ourselves searching for a new understanding of this Jesus who makes such huge demands on our lives. Indeed, it takes spiritual courage to ask the Lord "Where are you staying?" but it does take even greater courage to stay "one day with Him"; because the moment He answers our curiosity, the moment we decide to spend that day with Him, we might decide to stay with Him for the rest of our lives.

fr. mivov2

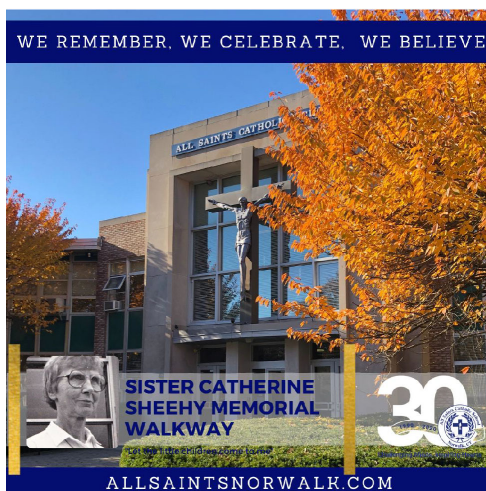
HAVE YOU DROPPED YOUR LANDLINE FOR A CELL PHONE?

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.

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 or email us at stthomasnorwalk@optonline.net.***



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 this space into a walkway 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.

Your brick purchase will be treated as a donation and you will be listed along with the Annual Appeal Donors in the All Saints Catholic School Annual Report and on the school website.

All Brick orders must be placed by January 31. Go to the school website to place your order:

www.allsaintsnorwalk.com

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.

THINKING ABOUT NEXT YEAR?

**Discover All Saints Catholic School
at our Virtual Open House Sunday Jan. 31**



**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.

**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

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC ACADEMY
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 31st - 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Mrs. Linda Dunn,
Principal
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Norwalk

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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	Joan Kennedy	Chris Rohleder			



**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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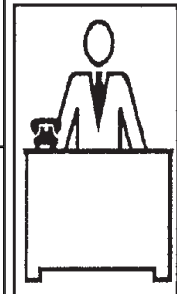
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