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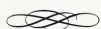
THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Jesus said to the woman,
"Daughter, your faith has saved you.
Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

MARK 5:34



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



JUNE 27, 2021

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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, June 28

7:00 AM† Ralfael Segura
5:30 PM† Andrew Caruso

Tuesday, June 29

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM† Pauline Drozenski

Wednesday, June 30

7:00 AM† Robert Hanson
5:30 PM Special Intention

Thursday, July 1

7:00 AM† Mary Ellen O'Hara
5:30 PM Special Intention

Friday, July 2

7:00 AM For the Well-being of St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners
5:30 PM† Mass of Remembrance

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, July 3

5:15 PM† Eugene & Helena Devine

Independence Day, Sunday, July 4

7:30 AM	For Our Country	Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM†	Robert J. LeBlanc, Sr.	Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM†	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM†	Josephine Cunningham	Fr. Ralph

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

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Fr. Mirek
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Fr. Ralph



The Sanctuary Candle burns
June 27th through July 3rd
for Mary Ellen O'Hara.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Nancy Lenihan

We extend our sympathy to
her family & friends.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2021

2020

June 20

Collection	\$3,359.00	\$2,090.00
On-Line	\$2,513.00	\$2,376.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	\$4,003.00	\$2,599.00

Votives

\$ 134.00 \$ 100.00

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 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.

—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioners have died in the month of June: Mary Foldeak, Eugene Wrinn, and Nancy Lenihan. There will be a special mass for them and for all deceased parishioners on Friday, July 2nd 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.



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



FIRST FRIDAY
ADORATION
July 2nd

7:30am to 5:00pm

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

Mason Blaise Healy

Congratulations to his parents, 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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If you are donating NON-PERISHABLE items, you can now drop them off at the food pantry collection bin. The bin is located outside at the entrance door of the pantry. Please do not leave any items at the church.



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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.

Please check the parish website for the latest updates to traffic on East Avenue & the surrounding area. We will post all announcements given to us as they are received.



The 2022 MASS BOOK

will open on Thursday, July 1st from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Only 2 Saturday Vigil/Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until September 1, 2021. No phone or email requests until Friday, July 2nd.

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

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2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have raised 130 gifts worth \$35,690 bringing our parish to 54.83% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!



Saturday, July 3rd, the thrift store & food pantry are closed.

Monday, July 5th, the parish offices are closed. There is one mass at 9am. No Adoration or Novena Mass. Have a fun, safe holiday!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,

The last two weekends during our Liturgy of the Word part of the Holy Mass, we tried to meditate upon our faith from several angles. We attempted to see how our faith could be easily over-intellectualized; in other words: we often love to talk about our faith, we think we know what our faith is and even sometimes we think we know what other people should believe and what their faith should look like... . And that is all what this kind of faith does for us, namely stays in our head (mind). From another angle, we see clear examples of a very practical faith, the kind of faith put into action, faith that maybe rather dwells in our hearts. I personally like to describe FAITH as a PHENOMENON; because we can only see how faith manifests itself (in us, around us, toward others). I feel it is extremely difficult to observe or experience faith as a NOUMENON; that is as a thing – in – itself. We see the glimpses of it as we read Saint Paul's Letters (I hope you have done your homework and read that 2nd chapter of the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians? Of how "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend"? or we could almost feel it as we read stories about Jesus in the Gospels. Again, today, like last weekend when Christ calms the storm on Lake Tiberias, when Jesus just simply whispers "**Lid ma mah**", Our Lord whispers again the most genuine simple, moving words: "**Talitha kum**" – "Little girl, I say to you, arise" (see Mk chapter 21) and all are in awe again. Faith in plain sight; just because Jesus SAID SO even the elements of nature, laws of physics give way to His power. Pray to have such faith, my friends. Pray that Christ Jesus will nourish and increase these seeds of faith in us that have already been planted in us by Almighty God. Let us pray that we could put our faith into action. Maybe one day, could we see it for what it really is?

fr. Michael



We still have Masses & Candles available for 2021. Please call or email the office to reserve your masses and candles.



Birthright

Birthright is in need of gently worn **baby and maternity clothing**. Please call 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

**The Food Pantry is open
Tuesdays & Saturdays
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.**

Donations are now being accepted during regular hours or leave **NON-PERISHABLE** items in the bin at the food pantry entrance.

**Questions? Call them at
(203) 866-1644**

FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

Equal rights for all, special privileges for none. - Thomas Jefferson

HURTFUL SIN

Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden, but it is forbidden because it is hurtful. - Benjamin Franklin

TEMPER AND PRIDE

Temper is what gets most of us into trouble. Pride is what keeps us there. - Anonymous



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.

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 plan the mass. If you would like a full funeral mass, please let your funeral home know your wishes so they can contact us to schedule. We will continue to have graveside only service as an option

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

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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:

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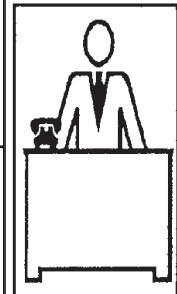
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