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SIXTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

MAY 17, 2020



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Jesus said, “If you love me
you will keep my commandments.”

John 14:15

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED
PRIVATELY BY OUR PRIESTS UNTIL
NEXT WEEKEND.
THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FOR ADORATION
MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
9AM - 5PM
AND SUNDAY 1PM -5PM

Daily Mass

Monday, May 18

7:00 AM† Bruno Family
5:30 PM † Natale Sposata

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 AM† Paul Sibiskie
5:30 PM † Ruth D'Andrea

Wednesday, May 20

7:00 AM† Ronald Rouleau
5:30 PM † Frank Bonaddio

Ascension Thursday, May 21

7:00 AM Intentions of Dennis & Mary Grimaldi,
Their Children & Grandchildren
5:30 PM For the Healing of All Afflicted with
Eating Disorders

Friday, May 22

7:00 AM† Rev. Edward A. Colohan
5:30 PM † Joan Gardella

Saturday, May 23

8:00 AM† No Mass

Sunday Masses

Vigil, May 23

5:15 PM† Domenica & Tommaso Prizio

Sunday, May 24

7:30 AM For the Physical & Financial Well-Being of
All Affected by the Pandemic
9:00 AM† Bill Lane
11:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
5:00 PM For All Caregivers & First Responders



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
May 17th through May 23rd
for John Porada.*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2020	2019
May 10		
Collection	\$	\$5,391.50
On-Line	\$2,661.00	\$2,201.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,867.00)	(\$1,783.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$ 794.00</u>	<u>\$5,809.50</u>

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 2020 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum Assessment is \$89,601. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,867. This represents an annual increase of \$4,026 from the prior year.



RECTORY OFFICE REOPENING PLEASE CALL BEFORE YOU COME!

The office staff is returning on Tuesday, May 26th. Catherine & Cathy will be splitting office hours. Please call for an appointment (or maybe we can help you by phone) so that we can adhere to the protocols set forth by the state.
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Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and
let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Please remember in your prayers:
Ronald Rouleau Ruth D'Andrea
We extend our sympathy to their
families & friends.

Sunday Mass is being celebrated by Bishop Caggiano or Monsignor Thomas Powers, Vicar General, and will be available on our Diocesan Website (www.bridgeportdiocese.org/coronavirus/home/) or on diocesan social media channels (www.bridgeportdiocese.org/dobsocial/home).

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar

Office Hours:

Monday Through Thursday 9am-4pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-12 Noon

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Cathy Lauder
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New Temporary Outdoor Mass Schedule

Beginning next weekend, May 23rd & 24th, we will supply outdoor seating for all Masses in the Rectory side parking lot based on the mandated 50 person limit.

- Please do not attend mass if you or any family member does not feel well.
- All participants must wear masks during the service. Please bring your own if you have one since we have a limited supply.
- If it is raining, the Mass will be moved into the church for private celebration by one of our priests.
- Bring your phone to read along with the service. No church missalettes are allowed.
- We prefer families not attend the 7:30am Sunday Mass so our seniors will feel safe.
- We will continue to live-stream 1 Mass every weekend.
- Weekday Masses (no Saturday) starting Monday, May 25th, will be held at 12:05 p.m. Mass is open to the public with the same rules as above. All 7 a.m. Mass intentions will be remembered at the new mass time.
- The 5:30 p.m. Weekday Mass will continue to be privately celebrated.
- The church will remain open during scheduled times for private prayer.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas Parishioners,

Just last weekend we celebrated Mother's Day, although in a very limited way because of the global pandemic, I should add. Yet, what made the celebration very special regardless of the circumstances is our LOVE for you, Mom. I want to thank all of you who joined and prayed with us for our mothers. Now with the 6th Sunday in Easter, we hear from Jesus in His Good News for the weekend that: "***(Jesus) will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.***" John 14:19-21.

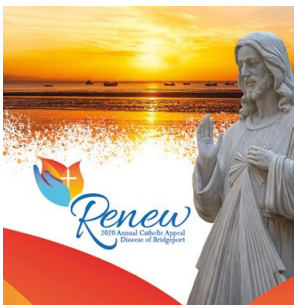
The Good Lord touches our hearts and spirits in many different ways, sometimes putting total strangers on our paths to remind us that He is Risen! Friends, many of you most likely read some of the announcements from the Bishop's Office, and therefore, with great joy, I am so excited to announce to you that beginning the weekend of May 23/24 we will resume Holy Masses here at our parish with our regular weekend schedule and with a weekday schedule change to a 12:05 PM mass. All Masses for the time being will be celebrated OUTDOORS – in our side parking lot, with all the state safety directives and precautions yet, nonetheless, it is progress into a long-awaited normalcy. Please tune in to our announcements on social media, in the bulletin and emails for the details. As we pray for one another, I can't wait to see all of you praying with us here at St. Thomas!

fr. miron?

Mid-Night Run Update

St. Thomas was scheduled to do the Breakfast Run on Saturday, May 9, but with the Coronavirus it was not safe to take a group to the city. However, we would like to give a special shout out to Kevin Knight who did the run by himself. Kevin brought about 35 homeless people coffee, homemade sandwiches (which he made), toiletries and socks. He said the people were friendly and very thankful for what he did. Thank you, Kevin, for doing the run and representing the St. Thomas the Apostle family.

Way to go Kevin!!!!



2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have raised 85 gifts worth \$19,110 bringing our parish to 18.46% of its \$103,500 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!

*We miss you and are praying for all of you.
Thank you to all who are continuing their
weekly and monthly offerings to the church.
We look forward to being together with you
again soon!*

Fr. Mirek & Fr. Ralph

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Pfc. Connor Reinsch, US Marine Corps
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Sgt. Jesse Skeen, US Army
Ens. Jessica Remson, US Navy
Spc. Daniel Gonzales, US Army
MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

At this time, Michelle O'Mara, DRE, & Lisa Castorina, Secretary, are available by appointment only.

Please email Michelle at
stthomasnorwalkreled@gmail.com
or Lisa at
stthomas.lisa@gmail.com.



St. Thomas Play Group is meeting via Zoom Mondays from 12pm to 12:40pm during the Coronavirus outbreak. For more information, please email Lisa in the Religious Formation office at stthomas.lisa@gmail.com.

The Food Pantry is open !!

Wednesday and Thursday evenings,
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Saturday mornings,
9:00 AM to noon.

Donations are now being accepted during regular hours or leave in the entrances of the church.

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SACRAMENTS

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday: 9:00am to 4:00pm Friday & Saturday: 9:00am 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: 4:30 - 5:00 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	John Pagliano	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese
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Terry Rooney	Skip Bossone	Mike Torres	Vicki	Tony Cappuccia	Irene Brennan	Marie Silver
Gary Livia	Kimberly Frattoni	Peggy McDonald	Julia Cade	Jeannetta Torres	Pam Simso	Jeanette Ralston
Margaret Currie	Michael Walsh	Marianne Schambeck	Merina Deluc	Voroschak Family	George Travers	Rick Azillo
James Verda	Richard Barton	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Betty Lou Heffernan	Jackie Hamilton	Rich Seekamp	Helga Garnett
Jeannie Maxwell	Cathy Sinica	Diane Turek	Richard Berg	Chuck Scott	Hamilton Family	Ellen Morrone
Helen Onisko	Thomas Calka	Msgr. Thomas Powers	Jill Bowman	Phil Tavella, Jr.	Ken Schulman	Chuck Corbo
Antonio Vescio	Joanna Marvin	Constance Williams	Tadeusz Stachurski			

Per directives from Bishop Caggiano, all activities have been suspended. All mass intentions will be prayed for by our priests during their private celebration of masses. The church is open for private prayer as noted to the right. Please check our website for videos by Fr. Ralph and Reflections by Fr. Mirek. We also have links to the diocese as they become available.

Stay safe & well!!



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