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January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*They left their nets
and followed him.*

~ Matthew 4:20



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Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Daily Mass

Monday, January 23

7:00 AM† Anna Bucciarelli
5:30 PM Francisco Pena

Tuesday, January 24

7:00 AM† Michael Cianciullo
5:30 PM Anna Maslowska

Wednesday, January 25

7:00 AM† Dr. John Sacco
5:30 PM † Billy Farman

Thursday, January 26

7:00 AM Intentions Gloria Garcia
5:30 PM † Susan Benton & Marian Godeki

Friday, January 27

7:00 AM Intentions of Nila Alvarez Garcia
5:30 PM † Living & Deceased Members of the
Ball & Calabrese Families

Saturday Vigil, January 28

5:15 PM† Lynn Ashbrook Byington

Sunday, January 29

7:30 AM†	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM†	Michael Walsh	Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM†	Silvio Pattacini	Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM	Curly Gustave	Fr. Ralph



The Sanctuary Candle burns
January 22nd through January 28th
for Joseph Veno.

We welcome the newly Baptized into the
Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.
Jizzlegla Julaine Rodriguez Acevedo
Congratulations to her parents, family, & friends!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
January 15		
Collection	\$4,454.00	\$3,547.00
On-Line	\$2,200.00	\$2,495.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,567.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,636.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$5,087.00</u>	<u>\$4,406.00</u>
Votives	\$ 281.12	\$ 174.00

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 Cathedralium 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.

**Only 2 Weeks Left to Get Your Gift to Us
2022 Challenge Grant**

The 2022 Challenge Grant deadline is almost here. If you need a gift envelope, please call or email the office.
Thank you to all who have already pledged or donated!

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and
let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Please remember in your prayers:
Alyssa Collier
We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.



**ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM**

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.

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor (ext. 12)

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar (ext. 19)

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 9 - 4
Closed Saturday & Sunday

Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

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Ulrike Schambeck
(203) 434-6488

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(203) 866-1189
Mary Vladimirov, DRE
stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

Parish Bookkeeper

Monika Piascik

Facilities:

Tito (Jose) Rivera

Youth Ministry:

stthomasyg1@gmail.com
Elizabeth Squicciarino, Coordinator

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(203) 866-1219 Fax

Our Altar Society is looking for volunteers. We have a rotating schedule of people to take the church altar linens home to launder. Pick up is usually Monday morning with the folded, & ironed linens returned before the weekend. If you would like to donate your time or would like more information, please call the office, (203) 866-3141, during regular business hours.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to assist with food deliveries on Friday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30. The work involves lifting and shelving the cases of food. Please call or email the parish office if you are able to give us any of your time.. A flexible schedule will work for us!



THINK YOU CAN'T AFFORD A CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION? THEN YOU NEED TO READ THIS AND SPREAD THE WORD!

The Diocese of Bridgeport has a tuition assistance program partially funded through the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Foundations in Education (FIE) has awarded over \$20 million in tuition assistance to thousands of students and families who value Catholic education. They also awarded nearly \$650,000 in Innovation and Leadership Grants to Catholic school educators. Our Catholic schools are thriving and are attracting new families now more than ever. Over the 2 years since the pandemic, close to 450 new students applied for tuition assistance to enroll in our schools. Many of the families did not realize Catholic education was an option for them financially and were blessed to learn of the Bishop's Scholarship Fund. Visit their website for more information: www.foundationsineducation.org/



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 Sunday, January 22nd
 Purchases made before & after the following masses:
 5:15pm, 9:00am, & 11:30am
 Please support our youth!

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

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Birthright is in need of gently worn *baby & 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.

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SACRAMENTS

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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.

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



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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Stefanie Sena	Elizabeth Malerba	Jim Bogdany			

**The Food Pantry is open
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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



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