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THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent



Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor

203 East Avenue

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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, November 28

7:00 AM† Mary & Louis A. Esposito
5:30 PM In Celebration of the 75th Wedding
Anniversary of Henry & Margaret Simon

Tuesday, November 29

7:00 AM† Mary Swaney
5:30 PM† Mariano David

Wednesday, November 30

7:00 AM† Joy Sinise
5:30 PM † Deceased Relatives & Friends of
St. Thomas Parishioners

Thursday, December 1

7:00 AM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon,
Terry Cain & Luis Cardenas
5:30 PM † Clifford Myers

Friday, December 2

7:00 AM† Ida Schoen
5:30 PM † Mass of Remembrance

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, December 3

5:15 PM† Pam Sweet **Celebrant**
Fr. Mirek

Second Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 4

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM† John Porada Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM† Teresa Passarelli Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM† Charles J. French Fr. Ralph

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Due to early transmission to the printer for the Thanksgiving Holiday, we do not have the collection figures in time for publication of the bulletin. We will report the collection in next week's issue.

—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioner has died in the month of November: Dr. John Sacco. There will be a special mass for him and all deceased parishioners on Friday, December 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.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Joseph Veno

We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.

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.



The Sanctuary Candle burns
November 27th through December 3rd
for the Intentions of the Lage Family.

Banns of Marriage

III

Melissa O'Rourke & Joseph Pollard

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



FIRST FRIDAY

ADORATION
December 2nd
7:30am to 5:00pm

The 2023 MASS BOOK is now open without restrictions. Please call, email or stop in the office to book your masses.

Rectory:

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A very special THANK YOU to Jane Eichwald & Kathleen O’Gara for the beautiful Ceremony of Light Mass for our parish family members and friends that left us over the last year. Once again your beautiful remembrance was a grace filled tribute to those we love & lost.

Pick a tag from our annual giving tree for our senior citizens located in the church starting the weekend of December 3rd & 4th. Take the flyer with gift suggestions (or use your imagination). Bring your wrapped gift back, with the tag attached, by December 17th.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

On behalf of Fr. Ralph and our staff, I would like to wish all of you a blessed holiday season. I hope that you were all able to enjoy family and friends on Thanksgiving and that that joy will continue with you on your spiritual journey through Advent to Christmas. Many blessings now and in the coming year.

fr. Minerva

Student Singers and Instruments wanted for Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Family Mass! Let's have a festive 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Mass this year with music provided by our talented student singers and instrument players! Please contact Music Director, Marge Kelley, if you would like your child to sing in the Christmas Choir (Grades 1-12) or play an instrument (Grades 5-12). Rehearsals will take place in the church following the schedule below. To sign up: parents can speak to Marge Kelley after the 5:15 PM, 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM Masses to complete a sign-up sheet OR send an email to margaretkelley24@gmail.com typing Christmas Eve Family Mass in the subject line and providing the following information: student name, grade, age and whether they are singing in the youth choir or what instrument they will play in the youth orchestra. Please provide a parent cell phone number that I can have on file for emergency purposes during rehearsals and I will then share mine in return. REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: all rehearsals will take place in St Thomas the Apostle Church Week 1 Schedule: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30: youth choir rehearsal, 4:15-5:00 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1: youth instrument rehearsal, 4:15-5:00 (pick up music, stay to sight read with Miss Margie or take the music home to practice.) Week 2 Schedule: singer and instrument rehearsals reverse days WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7: youth instrument rehearsal, 4:15-5:00 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8: youth choir rehearsal, 4:15-5:00 Week 3 Schedule: choose your preferred day WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14: youth choir and instrument combined rehearsal, 4:15-5:00 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15: youth choir instrument combined rehearsal, 4:15-5:00 DRESS REHEARSAL: Friday, December 23, 3:30-4:30: all instruments and singers

Stamford Young Adult Mass & Social

stamfordyoungadulcatholics@gmail.com



Wednesday, December 14th Adoration and confessions start at 6pm Mass starts at 7pm St. John's Basilica (279 Atlantic St) Ages 18-35

Social Gathering at Bobby Valentine's after Mass.

COMFORT & JOY ADVENT CONCERT SATURDAY | DEC. 17 | 7PM ST. MATTHEW CHURCH NORWALK, CT | 06854 Steve Angrisano Sarah Hart THIS IS A FREE CONCERT OPEN TO ALL! A Meet & Greet will follow the concert with light refreshments served. Spread the word for all to attend a fun family night!



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We update our website as things change in our parish & diocese. There are many useful links on our "Senior Info" & "Useful Links" pages. We have an interactive Google Calendar where you can add to your personal calendar with a simple click on the item. Most questions can be answered by visiting the website. The main menu is located by clicking the 3 bars located on the homepage in the upper right-hand corner of the page. We have also added buttons for pages at the top of the homepage. **If you know of any organization that may be useful to our community, please contact the office so we may add it to our website upon approval.** www.stthomasnorwalk.org

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SACRAMENTS

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 4:00pm

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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