

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

October 28, 2020

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*You shall love
your neighbor as
yourself.*

Words by God ~ Matthew 22:39
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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, October 26

7:00 AM† Intentions of Sivagami Sarathy
5:30 PM† Bridget & Michael O'Gara

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 AM† Antonio & Matilda DiMeglio
5:30 PM Thomas Magazeno, Sr. &
Thomas Magazeno, Jr.

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 AM† For the Faithful Departed from the Stachurski,
Grzybowski, & Panas Families
5:30 PM Bernadette & John Arena

Thursday, October 29

7:00 AM† In Thanksgiving for the Grace of Health and
Protection Upon Janina & Tadeusz Stachurski
5:30 PM Mark E. Ballard

Friday, October 30

7:00 AM† George Buono, Michael &
Carmine DiMeglio
5:30 PM The Smith & Krawiecki Families

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, October 31

5:15 PM† Intentions of Dennis & Mary Grimaldi, **Celebrant**
Their Children & Grandchildren Fr. Ralph

Sunday, November 1

7:30 AM† Antonio, Maria, & Pasquale Rubbo Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Richard S. DeLallo Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† For Our Deceased Parishioners in
the Last Year Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM† For Our Parishioners, Living &
Deceased Fr. Mirek



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
October 25th through October 31st
for Phyllis Fleming.*

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Sidney G. Obando

We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2020	2019
October 18		
Collection	\$3,715.00	\$4,544.72
On-Line	\$2,461.00	\$2,221.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	\$4,307.00	\$4,898.72
Votives	\$ 75.00	\$ 235.36
World Mission Sunday		
Collection	\$ 296.00	\$1,092.57
On-Line	\$ 245.00	\$ 365.00
Total	\$ 541.00	\$1,457.57

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 Cathedral 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.



SPECIAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st AT 11:30 A.M.
For all members of St. Thomas the Apostle
who have died in the past year.

Come participate in this opportunity as a community to remember all our loved ones, especially those who have died in the past year. We remember them in a special way by using the very symbol that Christ used to proclaim his presence among us. And so, we will honor our loved ones in a "Ceremony of Light." Please join us at this most memorable occasion. If you would like more information about the Mass or the Bereavement Ministry, call Jane Eichwald at (203)838-4590. Mass can also be viewed on St. Thomas the Apostle website: www.stthomasnorwalk.org. Live Stream Masses

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

Lionel Joseph Peter Benjamin Daniel Peri

Congratulations to their parents, families & friends!

Rectory:

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Parochial Vicar

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Appointments 10-3 Monday through
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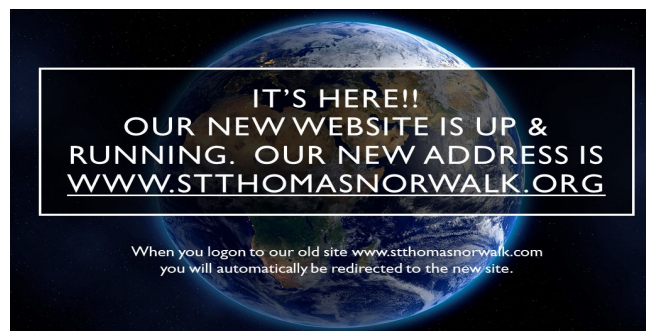
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(203) 866-1219 Fax



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, 2021.



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RUNNING. OUR NEW ADDRESS IS
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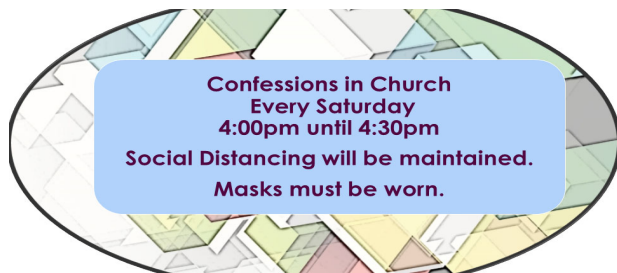
The Food Pantry is open

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



Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm

Social Distancing will be maintained.
Masks must be worn.



Join the Boy Scouts!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 222

will be meeting every other Sunday from 3 - 4:30 pm starting October 10th. For more information about Boy

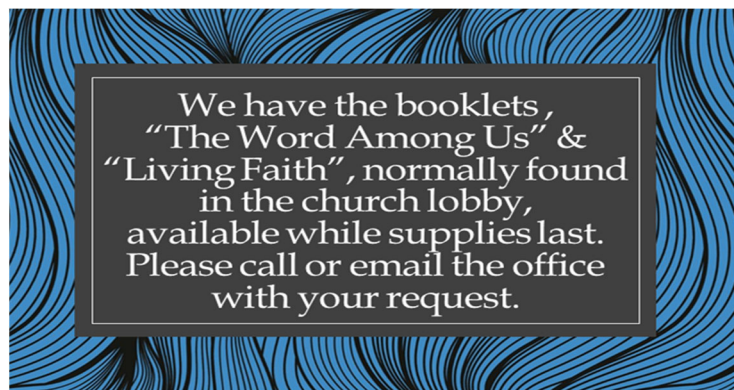
Scout Troop 222, please go to their web page at

troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com.

We just changed the camera in the church & have a new link.



<https://www.ipcamlive.com/thomasnorwalk>



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.

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.

MEMORIAL MASS OR FUNERAL

With Masses now moved into our church, 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 set up an appointment to plan the mass. We are now also allowed to have a funeral in the church. If you would like a full funeral mass, please let your funeral home know your wishes so they can contact us to schedule. If you are not comfortable with a group gathering at this time, we will continue to have a graveside only service as an option. Keep in mind that the current regular mass guidelines concerning capacity and social distancing parameters will be followed at all funerals, memorials, and graveside services as well.



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.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,

Week after week now, in the midst of a very stubborn pandemic, we try our best to feed ourselves spiritually and sacramentally so our immortal souls could never be low on fuel or maybe even on R.E.M mode. As your priest and your pastor, I pray for you daily and offer many of such prayers for your families and it not only keeps me busy, but it fills a very special part in my soul and heart. It does help me to look forward into every new day, and even though I can't see many of you in person, I know that you also are praying for our parish of St. Thomas here in Norwalk. I am most indebted to all of you for your ongoing support and prayers.

Now, the 22nd Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew is one of those fragments preparing us for the final days of Our Lord Jesus Christ in His City of Jerusalem. One of the outstanding parts of this chapter are the words of Jesus that are now a "classic"; The description of the Great Commandment. That is the essence of today's Gospel. Yet as with all we do, we dig a bit deeper into Lord's Lesson today, and right away we could agree that most of us understands rather well what it means to love Our God. But what is the meaning behind the second part of Christ's saying today? What does it mean to love my neighbor as I love myself? Is it some kind of newer version of the ancient Golden Rule or a new spin on the Sh'ma (see Deuteronomy 6:4)? Why the Great Commandment from Matthew 22 could be so very complementary to the New Commandment of John chapter 13? Why does our Lord affirm so much of who we are as humans, that not only He delivers statements like the one in today's Gospel, but "Became flesh, and dwelt among us" (see John 1:13) in the first place?

I hope, my friends, that as we pray for one another this week and we strive to follow Jesus and His teachings more closely, we could take some time to show each other how much we love one another. Upon us is the great Solemnity of All Souls and All Saints, and we will celebrate our annual Memorial Mass to commemorate all of our parish family who have died this past year. During the moments like the upcoming All Saint and All Souls Masses, we again and again feel how much we love and miss the people we lost. Shouldn't this sacred time be a tremendous lesson for all of us that maybe we should show all of those we care for and are dear to us how much we love them while they are still alive, and they are still with us? The Great Commandment is hands on; maybe that's the way Jesus saw it?

fr. miron

St. Mary Recycle Mission Coming to Our Area the Week of November 16th
Call or email to be added to their pick up list! (717) 381-5816 LancCatholicMsn@aol.com
2505 Nolt Road Lancaster, PA 17601
(Not associated with the Harrisburg Diocese or St. Mary's Church)
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They take just about anything of Religious nature that can be used by other churches, convents or religious organizations such as:

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Prayer books	Framed Pictures, etc.		

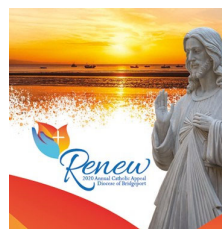
Please do not throw anything out that may be questionable. Please, No reading Books or large furniture type items at this time. For more information, please contact call or email them directly.

Congratulations to Our Parishioners Who Have
Recently Celebrated Their Anniversary!

May 6th 30 Years
Jorge and Christine Garcia

If you have something to celebrate and would like to share it with your parish family contact the office by email or phone.

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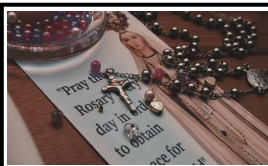


2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have raised 161 gifts worth \$35,823 bringing our parish to 34.61% of its \$103,500 goal.

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

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country



Sunday Family Rosary

Beginning in October and continuing 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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RELIGIOUS FORMATION

At this time, Michelle O'Mara, DRE, is available by appointment only.

Please email Michelle at stthomasnorwalkred@gmail.com to arrange the meeting.

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



Birthright

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.
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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 Frataloni	Peggy McDonald	Lorraine Magazeno	Jeannetta Torres	Pam Simso	Rick Azillo
Margaret Currie	Michael Walsh	Marianne Schambeck	Merina Deluc	Voroschak Family	George Travers	Helga Garnett
James Verda	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					

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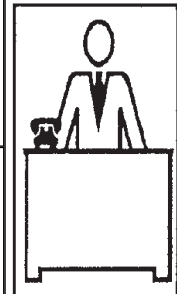
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