

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

October 11, 2020

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parable of the Wedding Feast

Then he said to his servants,

“The feast is ready,



*Words by God ~ Matthew 22:8
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but those who were invited were
not worthy to come.”

Rev. Miroslaw 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 12

7:00 AM† Liam Danaher
5:30 PM Intentions of Maribell Rauccio

Tuesday, October 13

7:00 AM Special Intention
5:30 PM † Gloria Rosa

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 AM In Thanksgiving for the Grace of Health and Protection Upon Janina & Tadeusz Stachurski
5:30 PM † Adrienne & Tom Quigley and Eugene Donnelly

Thursday, October 15

7:00 AM † William & Carmela O'Boy
5:30 PM In Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary & For World Peace

Friday, October 16

7:00 AM † All Souls
5:30 PM † Andrew Cianciullo

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, October 17

5:15 PM † For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, October 18

7:30 AM † John Pagliano Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM † Margaret G. & Edward J. Kelley Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM † James Novoa Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM † John Jairo Ocampo Fr. Mirek



The Sanctuary Candle burns
October 11th through October 17th
for John Pagliano.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

*Thomas McNeil Sr. Catherine Sheehy, RSM
Matthew Harbilas*

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2020	2019
October 4		
Collection	\$3,436.00	\$4,460.10
On-Line	\$2,813.17	\$2,226.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,869.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,867.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$4,380.17</u>	<u>\$4,819.10</u>
Votives	\$ 79.00	\$ 86.95
Monthly Maintenance		
Collection	\$ 693.00	\$1,784.60
On-Line	<u>\$ 609.00</u>	<u>\$ 759.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,302.00</u>	<u>\$2,543.60</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 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.



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. No phone or email requests until Tuesday, October 13th.

Blessing of Animals

Back by Popular Demand!

Sunday, October 11th,
after the 9:00am & 11:30am Masses.
Bring your pets, big & small,
to our blessing.

CARRIERS OR LEASHES ARE REQUIRED.

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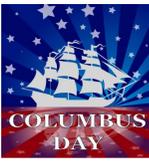
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THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th, COLUMBUS DAY. **THERE WILL BE TWO MASSES: 7AM & 5:30PM AS WELL AS OUR REGULAR MONDAY NIGHT ADORATION FROM 6PM - 8PM.**

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.

RITE AID **FLU SHOT CLINIC UPDATE**
 Saturday, October 17th from 9:00am - 12Noon at the Rectory.
RAIN OR SHINE
 You must have insurance. No payments will be accepted. The uninsured should go directly to Rite Aid for their shot. Masks must be worn. Look for signage directing you to the pharmacist's location that day depending on the weather. The High Dose Version will also be available for those 65 plus years old.

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



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



Join the Boy Scouts!
BOY SCOUT TROOP 222
 Will be meeting every other Sunday from 3 - 4:30 pm starting today. For more information about Boy Scout Troop 222, please go to their web page at troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com.

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



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.

REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

We have come to a moment in the Gospel in which Jesus is now closer than ever to the temple in Jerusalem, and He is making the final preparations to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, and offer Himself on the cross for the salvation of the world. During this time, Jesus turned over the tables of the money changers, spoke to His authority as the Messiah, healed the man born blind at the pool of Siloam, as well as the man crippled from birth at the pool at Bethesda, showing that even a lifetime of being unable to see the truth of God or live in the freedom of the spirit is not beyond His power to remedy or reconcile our relationship with God.

Now, in this Gospel, Jesus is making the final appeal to accept His teaching and His identity as the Son of God who has received all power and authority from the Father. Jesus uses the account of a King inviting guests to the wedding of His son so that we may understand that we are called to the wedding feast of the Eucharist, that we should be properly disposed to receive this blessed invitation, and that we will one day, if properly prepared, feast on the Beatific Vision of God in the fullness of glory.

For the most part, all this is pretty straight forward in reference to the commentaries found in most Christian denominations; but as I have indicated before, as Catholics, we enjoy the very deep and profound reflections of the Spiritual Masters and Church Fathers, and there is always something much more personal that we can derive from the Gospels; in fact, any portion or account found in the Bible. Consider this quote from St. Gregory the Great, Pope: *“God the Father made a marriage feast for God the Son, when he joined Him to human nature in the womb of the virgin. But far be it from us to conclude, that because marriage takes place between two separate persons, that therefore the person of our Redeemer was made up of two separate persons. We say that He indeed exists of two natures, and in two natures, but we hold it unlawful to believe that He was compounded of two persons. It is safer to say, that the marriage feast was made by the King, the Father, for the King, the Son, when He joined to Him the Holy Church in the mystery of His incarnation. The womb of the virgin was the bride-chamber of the bridegroom”* (Catena Aurea, Commentary on the Four Gospels, Collected out of the Works of the Fathers by St. Thomas Aquinas, Vol. II, Part III, Preserving Christian Publications, Booneville, New York, 2009).

In one way, we can speak to this Gospel in regards to the economy of salvation, but at a deeper level, we can consider the Gospel in a much more personal way in regards to God’s actual intention of love for every soul that comes into the world. A love that is simple, personal, uniting us to God, in, with, and through, Jesus Christ, by means of the incarnation, in our human nature, united to the divine. Ultimately, we are invited to actually participate in the union between God the Father and His son, Jesus Christ, a union that is beyond the body, beyond the senses, well beyond anything we could ever enjoy in this world and in this life. May we continue to pray, reflect and understand the scriptures, the love of God and the love of Jesus in our lives, in our hearts, minds and souls, all of course, with the help of God’s grace.

John Ralph

HELP WANTED!!



The Religious Formation Department is in need of 2 teachers. We have 2 openings - 1 for 4th grade & 1 for 6th grade. 4th grade meets from 10:15 - 11:30am on Sunday mornings (after the 9:00am Family Mass) & 6th grade meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 - 7:30pm. We follow the Norwalk Public School schedule so our time off coincides with the school calendar.

We supply the teaching materials, & lesson plans for all classes. All classes are socially distanced & follow state mandates for safety.

Please consider sharing your faith & love of God with the children of our parish.

For more information, Please contact the Religious Formation office at (203) 866-1189 or email Michelle O’Mara, DRE: stthomasnorwalkreled@gmail.com or Kathryn Grieco: stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com.



2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
We have raised 156 gifts worth \$35,193 bringing our parish to 34.00% of its \$103,500 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!



Pray the Rosary in the Church!

Monday - Friday:
6:30am

Monday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:45pm

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 sstthomasnorwalkreled@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: TBD
- Grade 6: TBD



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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
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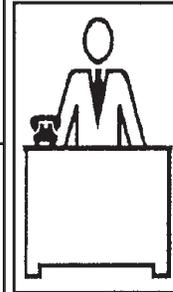
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