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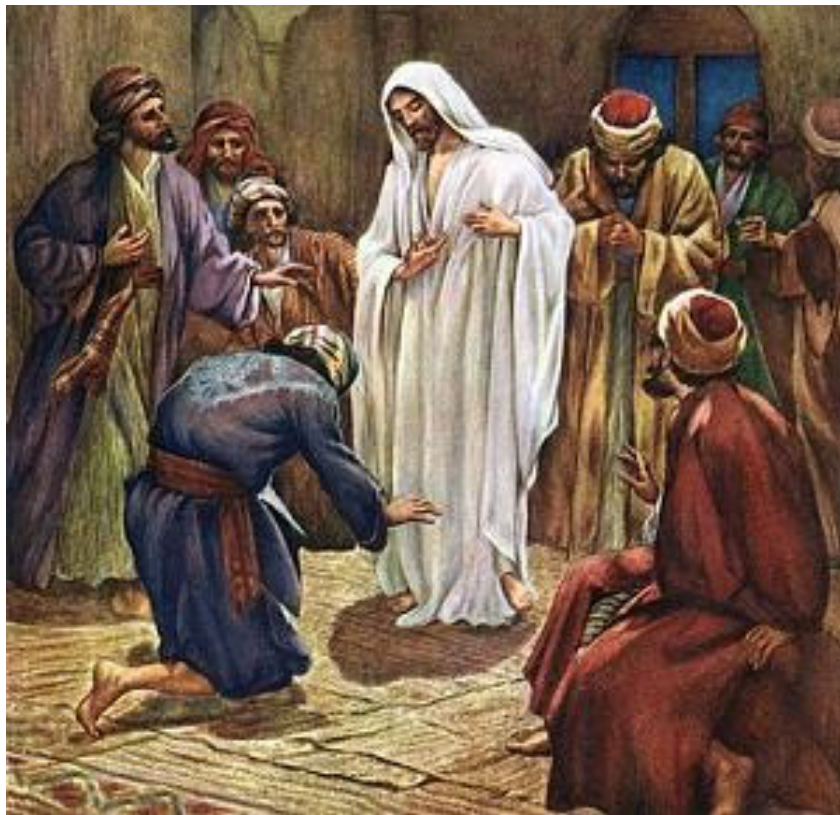
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter



He stood in their midst and
said to them,
“Peace be with you.”

*Words by God ~ Luke 24:36
Painting from "The life of Jesus of Nazareth: eighty
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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, April 19

7:00 AM† Ana Fernandez
5:30 PM† Lucille Gagne (1st Anniversary)

Tuesday, April 20

7:00 AM† Josephine Young
5:30 PM† Andrew & Cherubini Mirolla

Wednesday, April 21

7:00 AM† Michael R. Harke & Pasquale Tarzia
5:30 PM Special Birthday Intention for Elaine Sheehan

Thursday, April 22

7:00 AM† Leticia Retrepo
5:30 PM† Jeffrey Cutuli

Friday, April 23

7:00 AM† Crescenzo Piro
5:30 PM† Giovanna Testa

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, April 24

5:15 PM† Edward J. Mehan, Jr.

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, April 24

7:30 AM† Melba Reyes-Adriano Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Maria Longo Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living Fr. Mirek
& Deceased
5:00 PM† Lena Celentano Fr. Mirek

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2021

2020

April 11

Collection	\$3,232.00	\$
On-Line	\$2,418.00	\$2,781.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$3,781.00</u>	<u>\$ 914.00</u>

Votives

\$ 137.00 \$

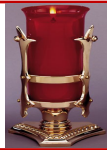
Diocesan Assessment

The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on all gross receipts. For our 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.

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

Social Distancing will be maintained.

Masks must be worn.



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
April 18th through April 14th
for Jerry Tasco.*

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Edwin Mendez

We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.

PLEASE HELP LIGHTEN OUR LOAD!

Please use your parish offertory envelope or write your envelope # on any loose checks. This will greatly cut down on the entry time of the Parish Offertory every week. ***If you don't know your number, please call the office (203) 866-3141.***



The 2021 MASS BOOK is open. Please call or email the office to reserve your masses and candles.

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Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar

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Planning a wedding? Congratulations!!

Call the office to secure your date. We are having ceremonies with all current COVID guidelines in place. We also live-stream your ceremony for those who can't be with you or don't feel comfortable with participating in person. ***You need to contact the office at least 9 months prior to your chosen date.***

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.

MEMORIAL MASS OR FUNERAL

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.

REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

Now that we find ourselves in a post-resurrection reality as we continue to pray, worship, and practice the Catholic Faith, what are we to do? From a more practical point of view, what has really changed? We live in the same town; we have the same jobs, duties, and responsibilities; we belong to the same parish; the daily and weekend Mass schedule will return to what it was; we still live in difficult and controversial times; and whether our situation, both private and public, may either improve or worsen, we will continue to find ourselves within the same basic means and resources that we utilized before, and this can be said of anything that is domestic or spiritual.

Yet, regarding what I stated above, is that true? Well, yes and no. We can, with a degree of certainty, resign ourselves to the places, people, things, and situations that we all knew, let's say, two weeks ago; and we will most likely be able to utilize just about every means and resource we did before in so far as any domestic or temporal responsibilities and realities currently within our reach, and we can most certainly continue with our daily practice of prayer and worship. Moreover, we can be honest enough with ourselves that any potential for improvement or decline is possible in regard to just about anything.

So, where does this all leave us, and what was the point of the observances we made since ashes were placed on our foreheads to mark the beginning of Lent? Obviously, we have participated in numerous beautiful and potentially edifying and unique events and observances, to say the least, when compared to the rest of the Liturgical Year. But what was the point of it all, that is to say, the changing of colors, the stripping away of flowers, covering statues, followed afterwards with redecorating all things in the highest fashion? Was it all about appearances and mere observation?

Certainly not. You know this. We heard a change in the prayers at Mass and in the reading of scriptures; we did not say or sing the Gloria at Sunday Mass; we chose to deny ourselves something to temper our bodies; we increased our prayer, or prayed something new, or chose a different way and place to pray altogether. Maybe we chose to say less and listen more. Maybe we chose to NOT listen, watch, or read something; while at the same time, we replaced it all with something more or less, greater or smaller, or even a combination of old and new, eventually followed by liturgical actions, prayers and worship of grandeur, joy and hope. It was different indeed.

Perhaps then, the question is, not so much what has changed, but what will change; or at least, if something has changed, and if this time has brought about a changed, what does it mean; and finally, what will we do with the time we have left? Will this time, a time after denial, trial, challenge, suffering, prayer, examination, and reflection be followed by a new hope, a new faith, a new life?

Only time will tell, as they say, and even the twelve apostles, who ate, worked and lived with Jesus Himself needed time so that Jesus "open their minds to understand the Scriptures." (Lk 24:45) If it took time for them, then it will for us too. The most important thing for now is that we are in this time, and at this time, and everything that we will do lies ahead of us. All we need do is keep in mind what Jesus said to the apostles and will say to *us* today and tomorrow: "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you ." (Lk 24:44)

Fr. Ralph



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RELIGIOUS FORMATION

At this time, Michelle O'Mara, DRE,
is available by appointment only.
Please email Michelle at
stthomasnorwalkreled@gmail.com
to arrange the meeting.

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CLASS SCHEDULE**

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Monday
Grade 2: 4:15-5:15 pm
Grade 3: 5:15-6:15 pm
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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.

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:

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Janina Stachurski						

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We have raised 93 gifts worth \$17,600 bringing our parish to 28.03% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!



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