



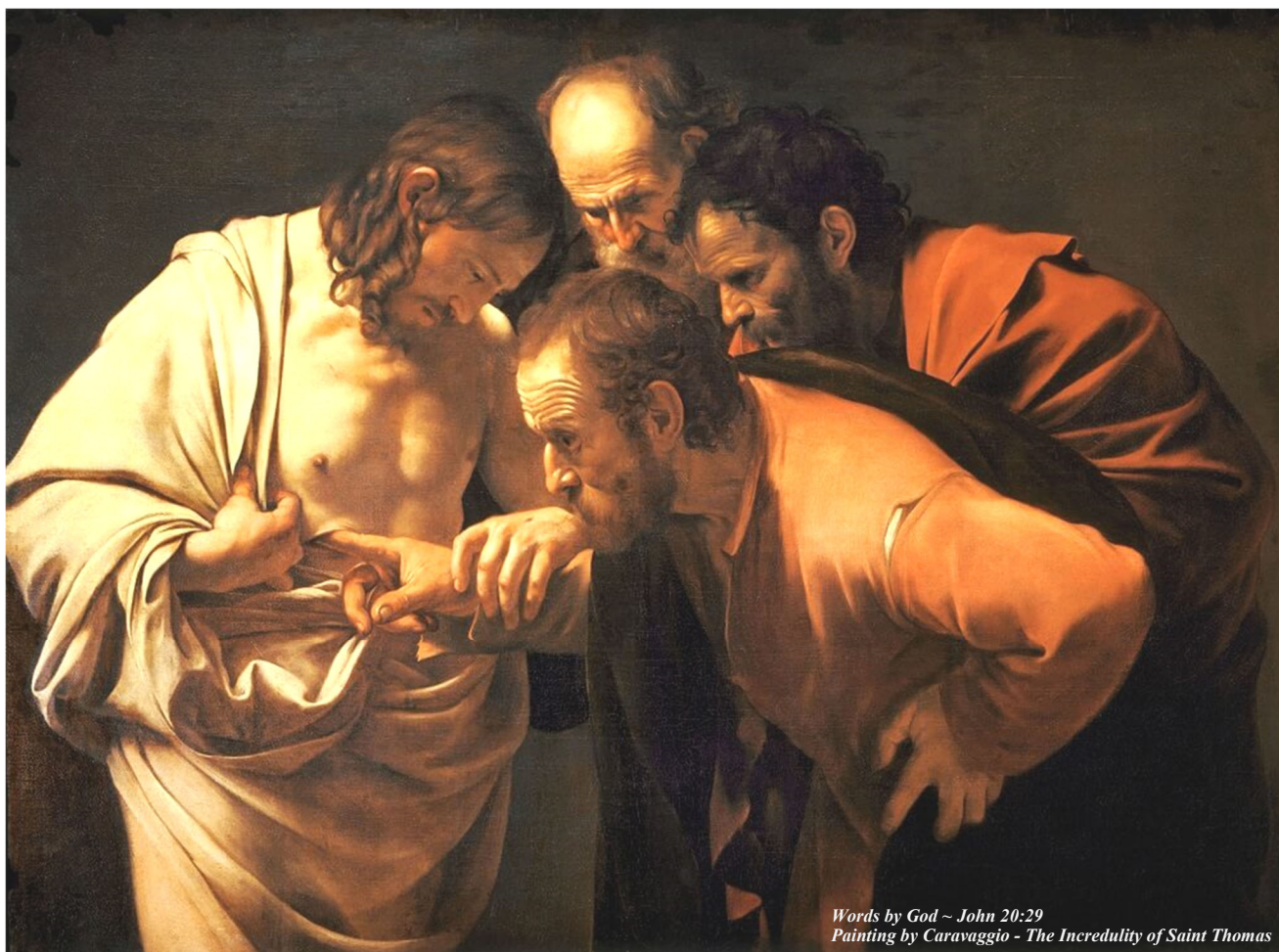
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April 11, 2021 Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy



*Words by God ~ John 20:29
Painting by Caravaggio - The Incredulity of Saint Thomas*

“Blessed are those who have
not seen and have believed.”

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 12

7:00 AM† Leticia Retrepo
5:30 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon

Tuesday, April 13

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM† Mirolla Family

Wednesday, April 14

7:00 AM† Paul Sibiskie
5:30 PM† Frank Mortati

Thursday, April 15

7:00 AM† Jerry Tasco
5:30 PM† Harold Gillespie

Friday, April 16

7:00 AM† Joanna Girardo
5:30 PM† Living & Deceased Members of the
Ball & Calabrese Families

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, April 17

5:15 PM† Salvatore Chappa

Sunday, April 18

7:30 AM†	Permal Sarathy	Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM†	Thomas Calka	Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM†	James Bogdany	Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM†	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Ralph

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
April 11th through April 17th
for Reginald Festa.*

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Enrique Martinez

We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.



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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2021	2020
Easter Sunday - April 4		
Collection	\$3,807.00	\$
On-Line	\$2,732.17	\$2,684.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,670.17</u>	<u>\$ 817.00</u>
Votives	\$ 162 .00	\$
Easter		
Collection	\$8,468.00	\$
On-Line	\$1,525.00	\$2,489.00
Total	<u>\$9,993.00</u>	<u>\$2,489.00</u>
Monthly Maintenance		
Collection	\$ 130.00	\$
On-Line	\$ 762.00	\$ 499.00
Total	<u>\$ 892.00</u>	<u>\$ 499.00</u>
Holy Land - Good Friday		
Collection	\$ 911.00	\$
On-Line	\$ 380.00	\$ 297.00
Total	<u>\$1,291.00</u>	<u>\$ 297.00</u>
Palm Sunday - March 28		
Collection	\$4,352.00	\$
On-Line	\$2,513.00	\$2,684.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,996.00</u>	<u>\$ 817.00</u>
Votives	\$ 162.26	\$

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.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
TODAY, APRIL 11th**
Please join us at 3:00 pm for
an hour of prayer and devotions
in the Church.

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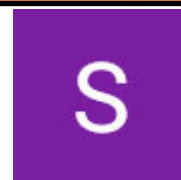
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Planning a wedding? Congratulations!!

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 added an additional YouTube channel that is connected to the camera in our Parish Center Gym. Simply go to our parish website homepage (<https://stthomasnorwalk.org/>), scroll down to the 'S' with the blue background and follow the directions. The church YouTube link is also on the homepage as an 'S' with a purple background.

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.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,

Europe, and soon after the entire World, woke up on the brink of a terrible war. National Socialism, a system employed by both Hitler and Stalin, ignited World War II and Communism, devouring over 100 million human beings as they pushed the realization of their idealistic, Hegelian utopias. Before it all started, a simple nun from Poland began to experience a series of supernatural apparitions containing a number of messages from Jesus Christ. Our Lord was entrusting Sister Faustina with messages about His Mercy and overwhelming Love for humanity, to the point of calling her a "Secretary" of His Divine Mercy, which we read in what we now know as the Diary of Sister Faustina. Consistently, Christ urged Sister to speak about His desire to save humanity through His Mercy from all atrocities and horrors that followed shortly after. We could only guess now...few have listened to Sister Faustina. Maybe more will listen now and in the days and years to come?

The primary focus of the Divine Mercy Devotion is the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own heart towards those in need of it. Pope John Paul II referred to this when he said: "Apart from the mercy of God, there is no other source of hope for mankind".

As in the prayers that form the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, there are three main themes to the Divine Mercy Devotion: to ask for and obtain the mercy of God, to trust in Christ's abundant mercy, and finally to show mercy to others and act as a conduit for God's mercy towards them.

The first and second elements relate to the signature "Jesus, I trust in You" on the Divine Mercy image and as Sister Faustina stated on April 28, 1935, the day the first Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated, Jesus told her: "Every soul believing and trusting in My Mercy will obtain it".

The third component is reflected in the statement "Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners" attributed to Jesus in Faustina's diary. This statement is followed in the diary by a specific short prayer: "O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You." which Faustina also recommended for the Hour of Divine Mercy. In her diary, Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: "I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me". He explained that there are three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first-by deed, the second-by word, the third-by prayer.

My Friends, I cordially invite you this Sunday afternoon – at 3PM – to join us in prayer during a special Holy Hour dedicated to the mystery of Divine Mercy.

fr. Mervin

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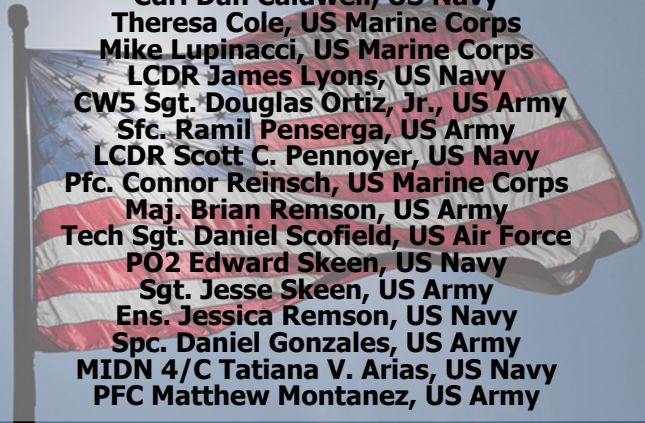
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Please use your parish offertory envelope or write your envelope # on any loose checks. This will greatly cut down on the entry time of the Parish Offertory every week. *If you don't know your number, please call the office (203) 866-3141 or email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

We have the booklets,
"The Word Among Us" &
"Living Faith", normally found
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available while supplies last.
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with your request.

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country



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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.

**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
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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



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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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We have raised 74 gifts worth \$13,965 bringing our parish to 22.24% 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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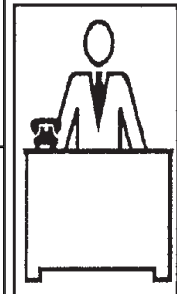
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