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March 20, 2022



Third Sunday
of

God called out to Moses from the burning bush and said, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

Exodus 3:4, 5

Lent

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00AM.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, March 21

7:00 AM† For the Souls in Purgatory
5:30 PM† Joseph Kovacs

Tuesday, March 22

7:00 AM† Carmela & William O'Boy, Sr.
5:30 PM† Charlie Charles

Wednesday, March 23

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM† Jean Montana

Thursday, March 24

7:00 AM† For the Souls in Purgatory
5:30 PM Special Intention

Friday, March 25

7:00 AM† For the Souls in Purgatory
5:30 PM† Ryan Dudek
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 26

5:15 PM† Domenico Cappuccia

Sunday, March 27

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† Jeannette McCallum McGuiness
11:30 AM† Michael Georgen
5:00 PM† Teresa & Felix Rodofili

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2022	2021
March 13		
Collection	\$4,172.00	\$2,745.00
On-Line	\$2,552.00	\$2,568.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,636.00)	(\$1,869.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$5,088.00</u>	<u>\$3,444.00</u>
Votives	\$ 147.00	\$ 140.00
Victims of Ukraine War		
Collection	\$2,307.00	
On-Line	\$ 40.00	
Total	<u>\$2,347.00</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 2022 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum Assessment is \$85,072. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,636. This represents an annual decrease of \$4,633.00 from the prior year.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00PM
EVERY FRIDAY DURING
LENT

Lenten Adoration & Confession Schedule
Thursday March 24th
from 7-8pm. The March 31st & April 7th dates are canceled.
All are invited to make a Confession or to simply enjoy some quiet time for prayer.
Confessions will be heard in the Marian Side Chapel.



The Sanctuary Candle burns
March 20th through March 26th
for Mary Shahhein Dyson.

We welcome the newly Baptized into the Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.
Tanner Declan Garcia
Congratulations to his parents, family & friends!



The 2022 MASS BOOK is open.
Please call or email the office to reserve your masses and candles.



Pray the Rosary in the Church
Monday - Friday: 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:45pm

Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski
Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar

Office Hours:

Appointments 10-3 Monday through
Thursday & Friday 10-12
Closed Saturday & Sunday

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Our shawls are free gifts meant to warm, comfort and embrace. To request a shawl or if you would like more information about our ministry, please call Vicki Remson, (203) 847-8196 or the Rectory, (203) 866-3141 or go to our website & click on Parish Ministries.



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Saturday May 7th, 9:30-12:30

Ethan Allen Inn

21 Lake Ave . Extension Danbury

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The guest speaker, *Sister Frances Smalkowski*, will share her testimony and lifelong ministry and devotion to God.

No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, please call Carol Flynn 203-775-3875 or email magnificatthmi@gmail.com.

Invitation is available in the Women's Ministry Section of the Diocese of Bridgeport website. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,


'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil? 'He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.' See Luke 13.

If this simple passage from Luke’s Gospel does not show you the overwhelming Love and Mercy of Our Lord and God, not too many other passages from the Sacred Scripture or even the finest sermons delivered by the finest preachers, would. My Friends, we are already in the 3rd Sunday of Lent of 2022. Well underway with our penitential practices, our spiritual renewal, and our own personal preparation for the celebrations of the Paschal Mysteries of Jesus Christ during Holy Week. We, as the community of St. Thomas Parish, are blessed by the tremendous witness and involvement of our young and old families and individuals in proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom. Why do we do all these remarkable works of charity? Why we are so concerned about what Jesus says in His Gospel? Why do we want to make His message real and practical? Why do we so enjoy the many benefits from all the love, mercy, compassion, prayers, financial resources, kindness of our hearts and helping hands? Maybe today, this Lent, I can commit one Sunday of my busy schedule to help my parish as a Lector, Minister of the Holy Eucharist, maybe as an Usher or Hospitality Minister? Perhaps we could grow our Parish Ministries, to some scale, back to the so called “before Covid pandemic times” numbers? Maybe we should take today’s Gospel very seriously: We don’t want to just exhaust the soil; We want to be a very fruitful fig tree, so many may have the benefits from us? And maybe we do all we do here at St. Thomas because we know better: It is the right thing to do, to help others, to be nice, to be kind, to have high moral standards, to just simply be a decent human being? Whatever the answer might be, I am very proud to be a part of you, of a great community of faith, that shows that faith in practice so well.

fr. Michael

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.*

**JOIN THE SCOUTS!
SCOUT TROOP 222**



We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center gym. We need a minimum of 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to their web page: troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com.

Lauralton Hall Shadow Visits
8th grade girls are invited to spend a day at Lauralton in their Shadow Program. You'll experience a "day in the life" at Lauralton including attending classes, having lunch in the dining hall, studying in the library, and navigating the hallways with a current student.
To schedule your visit, please go to: www.lauraltonhall.org/admissions/visit-lauralton



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FAST AND ABSTINENCE
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Catholics over the age of 14 years are required to abstain from meat every Friday during Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required by Church law to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is permitted to persons in this age group on this day, plus two lighter meals.



**ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM**

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. ***Pre-Baptism classes are the 3rd Saturday of every month. Please call to reserve your space.***



Birthright

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.

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.***

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 plan the mass. If you would like a full funeral mass, please let your funeral home know your wishes so they can contact us to schedule. We will continue to have graveside only service as an option.

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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	Jim Sweet	Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese
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Questions? Call them at
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