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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 25, 2021



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I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep.

John 10:11

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 26

7:00 AM† Willington Rondon
5:30 PM† Pat Sinclair

Tuesday, April 27

7:00 AM† Josephine Young
5:30 PM Personal Special Intention

Wednesday, April 28

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM† Lorraine Magazeno

Thursday, April 29

7:00 AM† Ana Fernandez
5:30 PM† Fred Bonhage

Friday, April 30

7:00 AM† Eriberta L. Enriquez
5:30 PM† Mass of Remembrance

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, May 1

5:15 PM† James Verda

Sunday, May 2

7:30 AM† Joseph Smilancsky
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living
& Deceased

11:30 AM† Jeffrey Cutuli
5:00 PM† Salvatore Santella

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

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*The Sanctuary Candle burns
April 25th through May 1st
for Helen & Pamela Barati.*

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

Please remember in your prayers:

John Gardella

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.

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Rev. Ralph Segura
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Net Retained	\$3,318.00	\$ 599.00

Votives

\$ 179.00

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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.

—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioners died in the month of April: Enrique Martinez, Edwin Mendence, and John Gardella. There will be a special mass for them and for all deceased parishioners on Friday, April 30, at 5:30 p.m. in the church. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. If not able to attend, you can view the mass on www.stthomasnorwalk.org and click on Live Stream Masses. If you would like information about the ministry, please contact Jane Eichwald at (203) 838-4590.

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Foundations in Education invites you to its re-imagined Virtual Hybrid Benefit on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Join Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano to celebrate our Honorees Dr. Julia M. McNamara and Lynn and Frank Mara of the New York Giants and participate in an online auction from the comfort of your home. All to celebrate and support Catholic education! Proceeds support Foundations in Education, whose mission is to provide hundreds of children from low-and middle income families with quality education focused on Christian values and character formation. To purchase tickets and sponsorships or for more information, please contact Megan Quinn at 203.416.1671 or mquinn@foundationsineducation.org.

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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 Parishioners,

This weekend is known as Good Shepherd Sunday in our United States Catholic Dioceses as we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Holy Priesthood and Consecrated Life. God has a plan for our lives. For some, that plan unfolds to be a specific call, a vocation to the priesthood, or a religious, consecrated life. Yet to hear clearly what sort of plan God has for me, personally, I need to pray, I need to trust God, I need to learn how to speak to God. In that process, the support of family, namely of parents and grandparents, is extremely important. The partial message below, as edited by me, is from the Letter for the Day of Prayer for Vocations from 2003 by John Paul II, written shortly before he died:

(...) My heartfelt wish is that prayer for vocations be intensified ever more; prayer that is adoration of the mystery of God and thanksgiving for the "*great things*" that he has accomplished and does not cease to carry out, despite human weakness. Contemplative prayer is pervaded with wonder and gratitude for the gift of vocations.

The Eucharist is at the center of all prayer initiatives. The sacrament of the Altar holds a decisive value for the birth of vocations and for their perseverance, because from Christ's redemptive sacrifice those called are able to draw strength to dedicate themselves entirely to the proclamation of the Gospel. It is good that adoration of the Blessed Sacrament goes hand-in-hand with the Eucharistic Celebration, thus prolonging, in a certain sense, the mystery of the Holy Mass. In the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Pastores Dabo Vobis* I stressed that "a necessary requirement of this pastoral charity towards one's own particular Church and its future ministry is the concern which the priest should have to find, so to speak, someone to replace him in the priesthood" (n. 74). (...).

Prayer for Vocations

Son of God, sent by the Father to the men and women of every time and of every part of the earth! We call upon you through Mary, your Mother and ours: may the Church not lack in vocations, especially those dedicated in a special way to your Kingdom. We pray to you for our brothers and sisters who have answered "yes" to your call to the priesthood, to the consecrated life and to the missions.

May their lives be renewed day by day, to become a living Gospel. Merciful and holy Lord, continue to send new labourers into the harvest of your Kingdom! Assist those whom you call to follow you in our day; contemplating your face, may they respond with joy to the wondrous mission that you entrust to them for the good of your People and of all men and women. You who are God, The Father and live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

fr. mirek

The Jesus meets Aristotle Series with Fr. Mirek Presents The ABC's of Philosophy: An Introduction to Philosophical Ideas Wednesday, May 19th, 6:30PM in the Gym

Who hasn't heard the words: PANTA RHEI, or COGITO, ERGO SUM or the famous sentence, I KNOW THAT I KNOW NOTHING? We all have brushed against so many of the ancient and contemporary ideas, schools of thought, branches and disciplines of various sciences, you name it. Many of us might even remember the names of all those famous people the sentences mentioned above are ascribed to. Therefore, I would like to invite all of you to a very special **Mother's/Father's Day Dinner** on Wednesday, **May 19th**, at 6:30PM in the gym of our Parish Center. Together, over a nice *Pasta Aglio e Olio* and a healthy *Vino*, we will discuss possible ways to cope with this ever-changing reality in such a way that we wouldn't need to compromise both; our faith and classic philosophical ideas that still apply (believe it or not) and secondly, to become more confident in expressing such faith in this rapidly evolving society.

Come, join us for dinner and a lecture that will be an **INTRODUCTION** to Philosophy and Philosophical Concepts. ***Please call or email the office by Friday, May 14th, so we will have the correct food servings and stay within our COVID capacity limit.***

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
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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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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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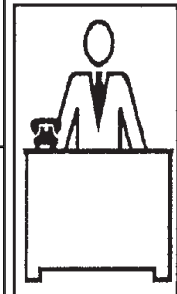
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