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Thirteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020

Whoever gives only a cup
of cold water to one of these
little ones to drink because
the little one is a disciple —
amen, I say to you,
he will surely not lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42



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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, June 29

7:00 AM† For All Caregivers & First Responders
5:30 PM† Carolina Alessio

Tuesday, June 30

7:00 AM† Bill Lane
5:30 PM Intentions of Fr. Greg Markey

Wednesday, July 1

7:00 AM† Mary Ellen & Ray O'Hara
5:30 PM† Living & Deceased Members of the Krawiecki & Smith Families

Thursday, July 2

7:00 AM Intentions of Ellen Morrone
5:30 PM† Linda Rossetti

Friday, July 3

7:00 AM For the Well Being of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
5:30 PM† June & Thomas Talarico

Independence Day, Saturday, July 4

9:00 AM† For Our Country

Sunday Masses

Vigil, July 4

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

Sunday, July 5

7:30 AM† For the Physical & Financial Well-Being of All Affected by the Pandemic Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM† Louis Care Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM† George A. Vassallo, Sr., George A. Vassallo, Jr., Santa G. Vassallo, & Sarah Simso DeMaria, Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM† Scott Varanko Fr. Mirek



The Sanctuary Candle burns
June 28th through July 4th
for Mary Ellen O'Hara.

Banns of Marriage

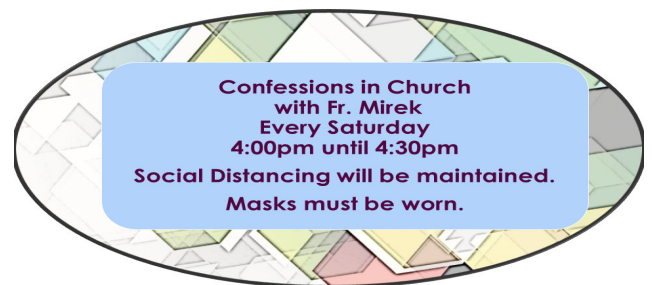
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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2020	2019
June 14		
Collection	\$3,615.00	\$4,737.70
On-Line	\$2,366.00	\$2,096.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,867.00)	(\$1,783.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,114.00</u>	<u>\$5,050.70</u>
Votives	\$ 69.00	\$ 134.41
June 21		
Collection	\$2,090.00	\$4,292.00
On-Line	\$2,376.00	\$2,251.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,867.00)	(\$1,783.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$2,599.00</u>	<u>\$4,760.00</u>
Votives	\$ 100.00	\$ 180.66

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 2020 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum Assessment is \$89,601. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,867. This represents an annual increase of \$4,026 from the prior year.



RECTORY OFFICE IS NOW OPEN YOU MUST CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT!

Catherine & Cathy will be splitting office hours. Please call for an appointment (or maybe we can assist you by phone) so that we can adhere to the protocols set forth by the state. (203) 866-3141

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Resumption of Indoor Mass Updated Guidelines & Information

All church activities have been moved back inside the Church with a state mandated 65 person limit (on a first come, first serve basis).

- Please do not attend mass if a family member does not feel well.
- Access the church from the side door closest to the Rectory only.
- All participants **must** sign in at the table when you enter the church for contact tracing.
- During Communion, you must stay 6 feet apart.
- You must wear a mask at all times once you enter the church. When receiving Communion, step to the side of the priest after you receive the host, remove one side of your mask, consume the consecrated host and return to your seat. Please do not walk back to your seat until you have done this.
- You may only sit in a numbered pew. Please remember to space yourselves from non-family members in the pews.
- The side Chapel of Mary is reserved for a family of up to 5 people, or someone with underlying health issues who would prefer further distancing.



The Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, in celebration of Independence Day. The 8:00am Saturday morning mass will be moved to 9:00am for the July 4th holiday. The Mass of Remembrance will be next Saturday at 8:00am.

Stay safe!!

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.***

During these difficult times, please remember to support our local bulletin advertisers. They may not all be open right now, but remember to support them in the coming months. Make the back 2 pages of this publication your "go to place" for local business help. They can only help us if we continue to help them!

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.

Guidelines Continued

- You should exit the church using the front doors or the Fitch Street exit. You may not exit using the Rectory side door.
- Please sanitize your hands coming into and exiting the church with the provided sanitizer.
- Please don't linger inside the church after Mass so that we can sanitize it for the next Mass.
- Bring your phone to read along with the service. No church missalettes are allowed. *Email the office with PDF in the subject line & we will send a PDF version of the missalette.*
- We prefer families not attend the 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass so our seniors will feel safe.
- Weekday Masses will now return to our normal schedule of 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.. Both Masses will be open to the public with the same rules as above.
- We will continue to live-stream 1 Mass every weekend.
- We have resumed **Monday Night Adoration** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and **First Friday Adoration** from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. We are required to sign in & wear a mask at all times in the church.
- **The Rosary** will be said (while wearing a mask) in the Church as follows:
Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m. Monday: 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 7:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.
- Saturday Confession will resume inside the church from 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.. The Confessional will not be used at this time.

On behalf of the staff, and Fr. Ralph, WELCOME BACK! Fr. Mirek

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas Parishioners,

The first official week of summer 2020 brings us such wonderful, warm, sunny days. Real summer that many of you, along with your children, hope to really enjoy and rightly so. I pray every day for you and your children, for safety, so you reach your summer destinations in safety, and you will spend real quality time with each other as a family; to rekindle love, hope, trust and joy in it.

This past Wednesday, June 24th, we celebrated a very special and ancient (in some places dating back to the 4th Century) Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist. Precursor of the Savior of the World, as we read in the preface portion for the Mass, John was not only Jesus' cousin; their lives were intertwined in such a mystical way, that even today, all of us celebrating John the Baptist's mission in this world of broken promises, broken trust, broken laws, broken lives, broken families and broken dreams, as a Catholic faithful, could and should draw strength from Baptist's words: Repent! Come to your senses; turn your hearts back to the Lord again, and He will heal you in ways you can't even imagine!

My friends, John preached the baptism of repentance at the banks of the Jordan River shortly before Jesus launched His own public ministry and even to the point of baptizing the Author and Giver of Baptism at one point. John knew very well that he was called for some special purpose, as Isaiah the Prophet foretold in his scroll, yet John was also aware, that He is fulfilling a much larger mission. Look, by the time Jesus starts to appear to the people of Holy Land, John is rather well established: he has his own followers, he has a traction among the hundreds and thousands that come from all over to not only listen to his words of wisdom, but to be baptized by him and eventually change their lives (and experienced real metanoia, which is the word for a profound change of heart, for a change of the course of action by 90 degrees), and then we see something rather remarkable. After the encounter between the cousins, John and Jesus, the Baptist sends his own followers, disciples, to follow Jesus from now on. Amazing: John, among many of his qualities, is a man of integrity and fiber that even the capricious wish of a spoiled socialite of the times could not break him; yes, John's head will be cut off and presented to that little spoiled excuse for a human being on a silver platter (does not history repeat itself, over and over again?) but, here is the catch: John's Spirit will live forever, converting even after his own death many more to the noble and so much needed mission of following the Savior of the World, Jesus the Christ. We are on that road; we are following the Savior. Let us pray for strength, courage, faith and resilience to always be part of that mission.

fr. Mirek

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Monday - Friday

6:30am

Monday 7:00pm

Saturday

7:30am & 4:45pm

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN ON OUR WEBSITE

Go to the Bulletin tab on the menu bar for a
printable PDF children's bulletin.
www.stthomasnorwalk.com

STAY IN TOUCH VIA OUR WEBSITE!!!

Our website features links to our Sunday morning Live Streamed Mass as well as past Masses, reflections, & videos by Fr. Mirek & Fr. Ralph to help you with your spiritual well-being. Please be sure to check our website for the latest information of how the Coronavirus is affecting our parish activities. Bishop Caggiano has cancelled all public gatherings unless otherwise directed. Please check back frequently as we continue to add to our social media postings.

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country



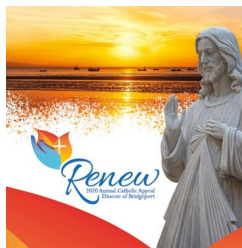
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2020/2021 Religious Formation Registration will begin in July. Watch your email for important updates from the Formation Office.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

At this time, Michelle O'Mara, DRE, & Lisa Castorina, Secretary, are available by appointment only.

Please email Michelle at stthomasnorwalkreled@gmail.com or Lisa at stthomas.lisa@gmail.com.



2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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SACRAMENTS

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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: 4:30 - 5:00 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	John Pagliano	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese
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Joanna Marvin	Linda Lima	Constance Williams	Tadeusz Stachurski	Lorraine Magazeno		

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Wednesday and Thursday evenings,
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