

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

November 8, 2020

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

*Stay awake,
for you know neither
the day nor the hour.*



*Words by God ~ Matthew 25:13
Painting by Jan Adam Kruseman*

Rev. Mirosław Stachurski, Pastor
(203) 866-3141

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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, November 9

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM† Sr. Catherine Leonard, CND

Tuesday, November 10

7:00 AM† Deceased Clergy & Religious of
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
5:30 PM Special Intention

Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11

7:00 AM† For Our Living & Deceased Veterans
5:30 PM† The Tirella Family

Thursday, November 12

7:00 AM† Deceased Relatives & Friends of
St. Thomas Parish
5:30 PM† Caterina Mattera

Friday, November 13

7:00 AM† Rose Festa
5:30 PM† Rama Braggiotti

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, November 14

5:15 PM† Jeff Juger

Sunday, November 15

7:30 AM† John Pagliano
9:00 AM† Richard S. DeLallo
11:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living &
Deceased
5:00 PM† Ellen Morrone

Celebrant

Fr. Ralph

Fr. Ralph

Fr. Ralph

Fr. Mirek

Fr. Mirek

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2020	2019
November 1		
Collection	\$2,657.00	\$4,338.87
On-Line	\$2,645.17	\$2,565.17
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$3,433.17</u>	<u>\$5,037.04</u>

Votives \$ 234.00 \$ 219.37

Monthly Maintenance

Collection	\$ 527.00	\$1,756.00
On-Line	<u>\$ 976.00</u>	<u>\$ 861.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,503.00</u>	<u>\$2,617.00</u>

All Saints Day

Collection	\$ 484.00	\$ 584.00
On-Line	<u>\$ 415.00</u>	<u>\$ 465.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 899.00</u>	<u>\$1,049.00</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 2021 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum 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.

We welcome the newly Baptized into the Parish
Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Frank Michael Coda

Congratulations to his parents, family & friends!

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Robert Shimko

We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
November 8th through November 14th
for Samantha Lyons.*

**We just changed the camera in the
church & have a new link.**



**[https://www.ipcamlive.com/
thomasnorwalk](https://www.ipcamlive.com/thomasnorwalk)**



**Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm
Social Distancing will be maintained.
Masks must be worn.**

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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What are YOU Thankful For?



Thanksgiving Food Drive at the St. Thomas Parish Food Pantry

**Bring your donations Saturday, November 14th, from 10:00 AM to noon
or after all Masses that same weekend, November 14th-15th.**

Suggested donations:

1. Hams, turkeys, trimmings (stuffing, instant potatoes, gravy, cranberries).
2. Fresh produce: potatoes, sweet potatoes, yams, onions, and apples.
3. Coffee, tea, cocoa, sugar, flour, cake and other mixes, frosting, etc.
4. Condiments: mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, syrup, jelly/jam.

Two small to medium size cans, packages, or boxes rather than one large one allows us to distribute to more families.

The Connecticut Food Bank has supplied the Food Pantry very generously with many staples especially with rice and pasta.

Thank you for your generosity!

**Turkeys will be distributed to families in need
Saturday the 21st from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH
Nov 22, 2020**

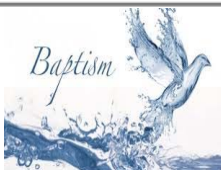
Health and Welfare Fund
for the
Retired Priests of the
Diocese of Bridgeport

The Diocese of Bridgeport will no longer participate in the National Collection for the "Catholic Campaign for Human Development," scheduled to take place this year on Sunday, November 22nd. Amount \$ _____

In place of that collection, on the same day, November 22nd, the new annual collection for the "Health and Welfare Fund for the Retired Priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport" will take place. This collection will be used to offset costs related to insurance benefits (medical and automobile), the Convocation and annual retreat for all retired priests, which are currently covered in large part by the Diocese, as well as to supplement priest pension contributions.

MEMORIAL MASS OR FUNERAL

With Masses now moved into our church, 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.



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. We will work with you to find the best day and time to fit your schedule. The current mass guidelines concerning capacity and social distancing parameters will be followed at all baptisms as well.

PRAY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY



The Catholic Church dedicates the month of November to the Souls in Purgatory. One of the most popular prayers for the Souls in Purgatory is that of Saint Gertrude the Great. She received many visions of Our Lord during her lifetime and expressed to Jesus her great desire to pray for the deceased. In return, Jesus taught Saint Gertrude the following prayer. It is piously believed that 1,000 souls are released from purgatory by praying this prayer with your whole heart. Pray for your deceased family members and friends and pray for all those in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them.

Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

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.



The 2021 MASS BOOK is open. Only 2 Saturday Vigil/Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until February 1, 2021.

Fall Flu Clinics

Flu Season is fast approaching and the Visiting Nurses are here to help!



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Wednesdays through November 11th

2:00 until 4:30 p.m.

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- ✓ Please visit <https://visitingnurse.net/flu-vaccine-clinic/> Print out and complete a Consent/Registration Form and bring it with you to the flu clinic.
- ✓ These are drive-through flu clinics and you must remain in your vehicle at all times.
- ✓ Masks must be worn at all times at the flu clinics.
- ✓ The clinics are for those over the age of 4 years. Younger children should be taken to a pediatrician for a vaccination.
- ✓ No pets in the car please!
- ✓ The cost of a flu vaccine is \$55. High-dose vaccine is available for those over age 65 and the cost is \$75. We will bill directly to Medicare Part B, Aetna, Anthem, Connecticut or Harvard Pilgrim. Please bring your insurance card with you to the clinic.
- ✓ Please wear short sleeves or sleeves that can be easily rolled up. The nurse will administer the flu vaccine through the window of the car in the arm that is closest to her.
- ✓ For more information, please call our Flu Info Line at 203-834-6341, ext. 400.

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Birthright is in need of gently worn **maternity and baby clothing**. Please call (203) 853-4872 to arrange for a drop off.

Birthright is also in need of 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



2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have raised 163 gifts worth \$36,873 bringing our parish to 35.63% of its \$103,500 goal.

Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have already given or pledged!

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

Cdr. Dan Caldwell, US Navy
Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
LCDR James Lyons, US Navy
CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army
Sfc. Ramil Penserga, US Army
LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy
Pfc. Connor Reinsch, US Marine Corps
Maj. Brian Remson, US Army
Tech Sgt. Daniel Scofield, US Air Force
PO2 Edward Skeen, US Navy
Sgt. Jesse Skeen, US Army
Ens. Jessica Remson, US Navy
Spc. Daniel Gonzales, US Army
MIDN 4/C Tatiana V. Arias, US Navy
PFC Matthew Montanez, US Army

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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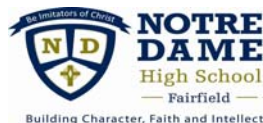
All Saints will be having a Virtual Open House on Sunday, November 15, from 12:00PM - 2:00PM for Grades PreK through Grade 8. Applications for NEW student enrollment will be accepted after November 15 for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Please register to attend at www.allsaintsnorwalk.com/apps/news/article/1324701.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETIN ON
OUR WEBSITE**

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

**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
Tuesday
Grade 7: 6:15-7:30 pm
Wednesday
Grade 5: 6:15-7:15 pm
Grade 6: 5:15-6:15 pm



**NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL – FAIRFIELD
ENTRANCE EXAM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 8:00AM
SCHEDULE A VISIT**

Notre Dame is a co-ed high school located in Fairfield that has been educating students since 1956. The student body of 500 students represents 38 area cities and towns.

On Saturday, November 14th at 8:00am Notre Dame's entrance exam will be given. All 8th grade applicants must take an entrance exam at one of the four Diocesan high schools. All applicants must complete an on-line application. Complete information on registering for either can be found on the school's web site, www.notredame.org.

Families interested in taking a tour of ND or reserving a seat at one of our Virtual Information Sessions please contact Karen Guastelle at 203-372-6521 or kguastelle@notredame.org.

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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	Carol Smyth	Karen Miller	Debbie Reddock	Theresa Buono	Walter Cortese	James Amrich
Pearl Futo	Jim Sweet	Lou Marcario	Jill Bowman	Anne Edwards	Linda Lima	Emily Calabeese
Lynn Lockwood	Ken Pelzolt	Robert Parmalee	Carol Vallee	Grace DeMilo	Linda Spero	Marie Silver
Terry Rooney	Skip Bossone	Mike Torres	Constance Williams	Tony Cappuccia	Irene Brennan	Jeanette Ralston
Gary Livia	Kimberly Frataloni	Peggy McDonald	Lorraine Magazeno	Jeannetta Torres	Pam Simso	Rick Azillo
Margaret Currie	Michael Walsh	Marianne Schambeck	Merina Deluc	Voroschak Family	George Travers	Helga Garnett
James Verda	Richard Barton	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Betty Lou Heffernan	Jackie Hamilton	Rich Seekamp	Antonio Vescio
Jeannie Maxwell	Cathy Sinica	Diane Turek	Richard Berg	Chuck Scott	Hamilton Family	Kathleen Ford
Trisha Jackson	Thomas Calka	Msgr. Thomas Powers	Phil Tavella, Jr.	Ken Schulman	Chuck Corbo	Joanna Marvin
Vicki	Julia Cade					

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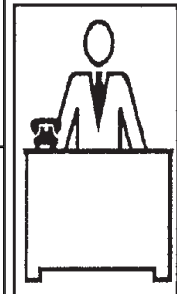
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