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Pentecost

SUNDAY

June 5, 2022



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**There appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.**

Acts 2:3

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor
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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, June 6

7:00 AM† Michael Valiante
5:30 PM† Janina Stachurska

Tuesday, June 7

7:00 AM † Fred Hill
5:30 PM Intentions of Nell & Mark Bernegger & Family

Wednesday, June 8

7:00 AM† Ralph Cicala
5:30 PM † Andrew Cianciullo

Thursday, June 9

7:00 AM Intentions of Joseph & Mary Remlin & All Married Couples Who Want to Start a Family Living & Deceased Members of the Smith & Krawiecki Families

5:30 PM †

Friday, June 10

7:00 AM† Elaine Sheehan
5:30 PM † Vittorio C. Capocci

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, June 11

5:15 PM† Frank Bonaddio

Sunday, June 12

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† John Porada
11:30 AM† John K. Henry
5:00 PM † James Patrick Angus

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2022	2021
May 29		
Collection	\$3,664.00	\$3,208.00
On-Line	\$2,318.00	\$2,433.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,636.00)	(\$1,869.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,346.00</u>	<u>\$3,772.00</u>
Votives	\$ 147.00	\$ 142.00
Catholic Communications		
Collection	\$ 578.00	\$ 163.00
On-Line	\$ 180.00	\$ 252.00
Total	<u>\$ 758.00</u>	<u>\$ 415.00</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.



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



The Sanctuary Candle burns
June 5th through June 11th
for Josepha Wilhelm.



ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - -8PM

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

Makayla Franco

Congratulations to her parents,
family & friends!

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FREQUENTLY

We update our website as things change in our parish & diocese. There are many useful links on our "Senior Info" & "Useful Links" pages. We have an interactive Google Calendar where you can add to your personal calendar with a simple click on the item. Most questions can be answered by visiting the website. The main menu is located by clicking the 3 bars located on the homepage in the upper right-hand corner of the page. We have also added buttons for pages at the top of the homepage. **If you know of any organization that may be useful to our community, please contact the office so we may add it to our website upon approval.**

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Dear Friends,

Walking the cemetery aisles in my hometown over the last few weeks, I realized something that was both new and very profound. After celebrating hundreds of funerals during my years of priestly ministry, after praying and weeping with so many families broken by the loss of a family member; I realized how difficult it is to say a funeral mass for your own mother. Therefore, please, accept my sincerest thank you for all the Mass cards, Sympathy Cards, kind words, and your prayers for my Mother, Janina, and for me and my family in this time of loss. While I am writing all the individual thank you cards, I wanted to wholeheartedly thank all of you, my friends, for your love and kindness.

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We supply the materials - you supply the Love!! We meet once a month for about an hour to pray over the completed shawls and to pick up supplies. Our next meeting is **this Thursday, June 9th, at 7:00pm**, in the Small Meeting Room. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, or the Parish Office at (203) 866-3141, or go to our website and click on Parish Life, Ministries.

We will be taking the summer off so we will not be meeting in July or August. We will resume in September.

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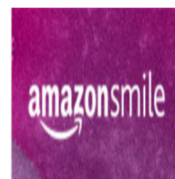
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Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Norwalk

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,

The gifts of the Holy Spirit were very evident in the infant Church. This was necessary to prove to the pagans that the Christian religion was from the real God who controlled all things. As many of the followers of different belief systems, they had their local god or gods to whom supernatural powers were often falsely attributed. But the God of the Christians had real powers; they were distributed freely by the Holy Spirit when occasion demanded. St. Paul in this part of his first letter to the Corinthians is emphasizing that these gifts are not given to an individual for his honor or glory but to help to build up the Church. In the ancient scroll of the Prophet Isaiah seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are enumerated:

And there shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up out of his root. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: the spirit of wisdom, and of understanding, the spirit of counsel, and of fortitude, the spirit of knowledge, and of godliness. And he shall be filled with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge according to the sight of the eyes, nor reprove according to the hearing of the ears. But he shall judge the poor with justice, and shall reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. He shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. And justice shall be the girdle of his loins: and faith the girdle of his reins. (Isaiah 11:1-5)

They are present in their fullness in Jesus Christ but are found in all Christians who are in a state of grace. We receive them when we are infused with sanctifying grace, the life of God within us so necessary for our immortal soul to be nourished. Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord are the gifts of the Spirit that empower us with the strength necessary to be effective members, on active service daily, true soldiers of Christ. Let each one of us take an honest look at ourselves today, and ask: Am I really an active member of the body of Christ? Am I spiritually healthy, living in God's grace and thus helping the whole body – The Church - to be healthy?

fr. Mervin

Dear St. Thomas Parishioners,

Thank you to all of you who so generously responded to our plea for joining (or maybe even re – joining) our Parish Ministries. Soon, I will be contacting you personally, so we could talk about the level of your commitment, scheduling details, etc., and I can proceed with the Bishop’s Office about your Commissioning as Ministers of respective Ministries.

Thank you very much for your generous YES! to St. Thomas Parish

fr. Mervin

Would you like to be more involved with our parish family? Please consider joining one of our ministries.

I am interested in assisting the Parish in the following ministries (check all that apply):

Mass Ministries:

Usher Lector Eucharistic Minister Choir

Adult Altar Server (to assist at funerals, no experience necessary, we will train)

Other Ministries (for a brief explanation of each, please click on “Parish Ministries” on our website):

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New Procedure for Baptisms & Weddings

Please go to the homepage of our website, click on Parish Registration and Sacramental Requests. Choose the fillable form that you need and follow the instructions at the top of the webpage. **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:

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