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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

Mark 1:14-15

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

203 East Avenue
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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, February 22

7:00 AM† Intentions of Deacon Joseph Gagne
5:30 PM † Intentions of the Mentally Challenged

Tuesday, February 23

7:00 AM† Frank M. De Bellis
5:30 PM † Living & Deceased Members of
The Hebel & Miller Families

February 24

7:00 AM† Birthday Celebration of Harold Hughes, Jr.
5:30 PM † Giuseppe Passarelli

Thursday, February 25

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM † Giuseppe Lombardi

Friday, February 26

7:00 AM† Msgr. Henry E. Flanagan
5:30 PM Ralfael Segura
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, February 27

5:15 PM† Barbara Grossmann

Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, February 28

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living &
Deceased Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Eric Spielman Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† Birthday Celebration of
Elizabeth McCauley Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM † Richard Heise Fr. Mirek



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
February 14th through February 20th
for Arthur, Mary, & Sharon Amato &
the Rolland Family.*

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 or email us at stthomasnorwalk@optonline.net.*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2021	2020
February 14		
Collection	\$2,326.00	\$4,429.34
On-Line	\$2,383.00	\$2,241.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	\$2,840.00	\$4,803.34
Votives	\$ 130.00	\$ 217.35

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 Cathedral 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.



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

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.

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

Please remember in your prayers:
Donato Tronbellei Giovanna Siragusa
Elizabeth Resasco
We extend our sympathy to their
families & friends.

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Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura
Parochial Vicar

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Thursday & Friday 10-12
Closed Saturday & Sunday

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2020 Challenge Grant A Success!

A huge thank you to all who chose to participate in this year's Challenge Grant. Together, we have raised \$111,925, including the match! Every dollar donated to this effort is truly appreciated and will allow us to meet operating costs and to help ensure the Parish's financial viability. Your continued support of St. Thomas is greatly appreciated. And, of course, an extra special thank you to the Challenge sponsors for their tremendous opportunity for all to show their love of St. Thomas!

The next digital version of the missalette is not available to our parishioners. We do, however, have the actual missalette available for pick up during regular office business hours. Please call the office before coming - (203) 866-3141.



Would like to offer your parish 20% off during the season of lent. Just bring this in.



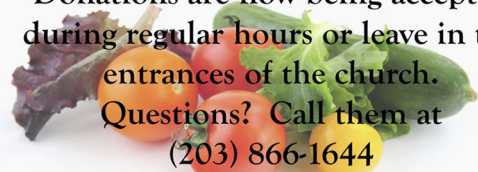
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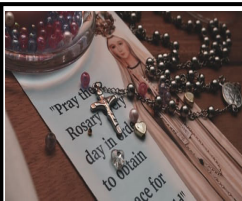
Please let us know of any changes to your contact information so our records will be correct and we will be able to contact you, if necessary. Please notify the Parish Office when you change your address, phone number, cell phone number and/or email address so that we can have the most up to date way to reach you should the need arise. Call us at (203) 866-3141 or send us an email with your current information. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas Parishioners,

The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement, and self-denial for the great celebrations of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Secondary, yet a very practical and creative purpose of Lent, is to self-discipline our spoiled bodies by achieving physical, emotional, and spiritual balance as we navigate through each day. Deeply rooted in our New Testament, this penitential season is traditionally described as lasting for forty days, in commemoration of Jesus before beginning his public ministry, fasting in the desert, where he endured temptation by the Devil. The problem is that few believe in Satan today. But, though you can't see the wind blow, you feel when it does. I can't see the gravitational force I know it exists every time I fall down. Though you can't see death, we all suffer its devastating effects. Goethe's Faust says: "*People do not know that devil is there even when he has them by the throat (...)*". You see, Christ took Satan seriously and handled him with such force. The solution to the problem is: Christ shares with us that same force as He used to handle Satan. Lent is the time to take risks and try to improve ourselves, try to achieve a more balanced life, try to become more attuned to the needs and maybe even sufferings of people around me. February 17, 2021; just this past Wednesday, many of us have participated in an ancient ritual of receiving Ashes - a deep symbol of repentance, accompanied by powerful and terrifying words: Man, Woman, remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. But that's only one part of the bigger picture; before the time we turn into dust comes, we have a day, or forty, or a year, or fifty, to change for better, to take risks, to handle the Evil Spirit just the same way as Jesus did, with a great force and a firm resolution to turn away from our sins, and believe in the Gospel.

fr. mivosi2



Sunday Family Rosary
Every Sunday at 7:30 pm, the Diocese of Bridgeport is conducting Sunday Family Rosary. They would like to have one family from each parish and school lead the rosary, which will guarantee that the

schedule would be set for many, many months to come. Please visit www.formationreimagined.org and click the praying hands image at the top of the screen. Once you sign up to lead, you will receive a confirmation email with complete details. No registration is necessary for families who simply wish to join in prayer each week at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, please email Rosary@diobpt.org.

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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.***



The 2021 MASS BOOK is open. All restrictions are now lifted. Please call or email the office to reserve your masses and candles for 2021.

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.



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 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
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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.

**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

Prayer Requests!

If you are in need of prayer, for any reason, please contact the St. Thomas Prayer Ministry to pray for you and with you. Please call Sue Wegiel, (203) 838-4088, or email her, wegiesj@hotmail.com. If you cannot reach Sue, please call the Rectory at (203) 866-3141.

If you would like to be added to the bulletin list, please call or email the office.
stthomwanorwalk@optonline.net



Pray the Rosary in the
Church!

Monday - Friday:
6:30am

Monday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:45pm

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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
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Lynn Lockwood	Ken Pelzolt	Robert Parmalee	Carol Vallee	Grace DeMilo	Linda Spero	Marie Silver
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