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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, March 1

7:00 AM† William & Carmela O'Boy
5:30 PM † Daniel K. Lynch

Tuesday, March 2

7:00 AM† Ann & Al Gasper
5:30 PM † Mary & Anthony Donofrio

Wednesday, March 3

7:00 AM† Raymond Bolduc
5:30 PM For the Sick, Suffering, & Dying

Thursday, March 4

7:00 AM† Kazimiera Grzybowska
5:30 PM † Raffaele Mattera

Friday, March 5

7:00 AM† Richard Vetare, Sr.
5:30 PM † Mass of Remembrance
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, March 6

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

Sunday, March 7

7:30 AM† James Bogdany Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM† Jeffrey Cutuli Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM† Mary Lane Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM Birthday Celebration
For Marina Gallo Fr. Ralph

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2021	2020
February 21		
Collection	\$2,580.00	\$4,416.90
On-Line	\$2,433.00	\$1,749.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$3,144.00</u>	<u>\$4,298.90</u>
Votives	\$ 129.00	\$ 79.26

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 Cathedralium 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
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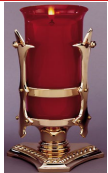


FIRST FRIDAY

ADORATION

March 5th

7:30am to 5:00pm



The Sanctuary Candle burns
February 28th through March 6th
for the Living & Deceased Members of the
Bolduc Family.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Please remember in your prayers:
Richard Vetare, Sr. Thomas W. Calka
We extend our sympathy to their
families & friends.

—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—

The following parishioners have died in the month of February: Joseph Armato, James Bogdany, Giovanna Siragusa, Richard Vetare, Sr. and Thomas Calka. There will be a special mass for them and for all deceased parishioners on Friday, March 5, 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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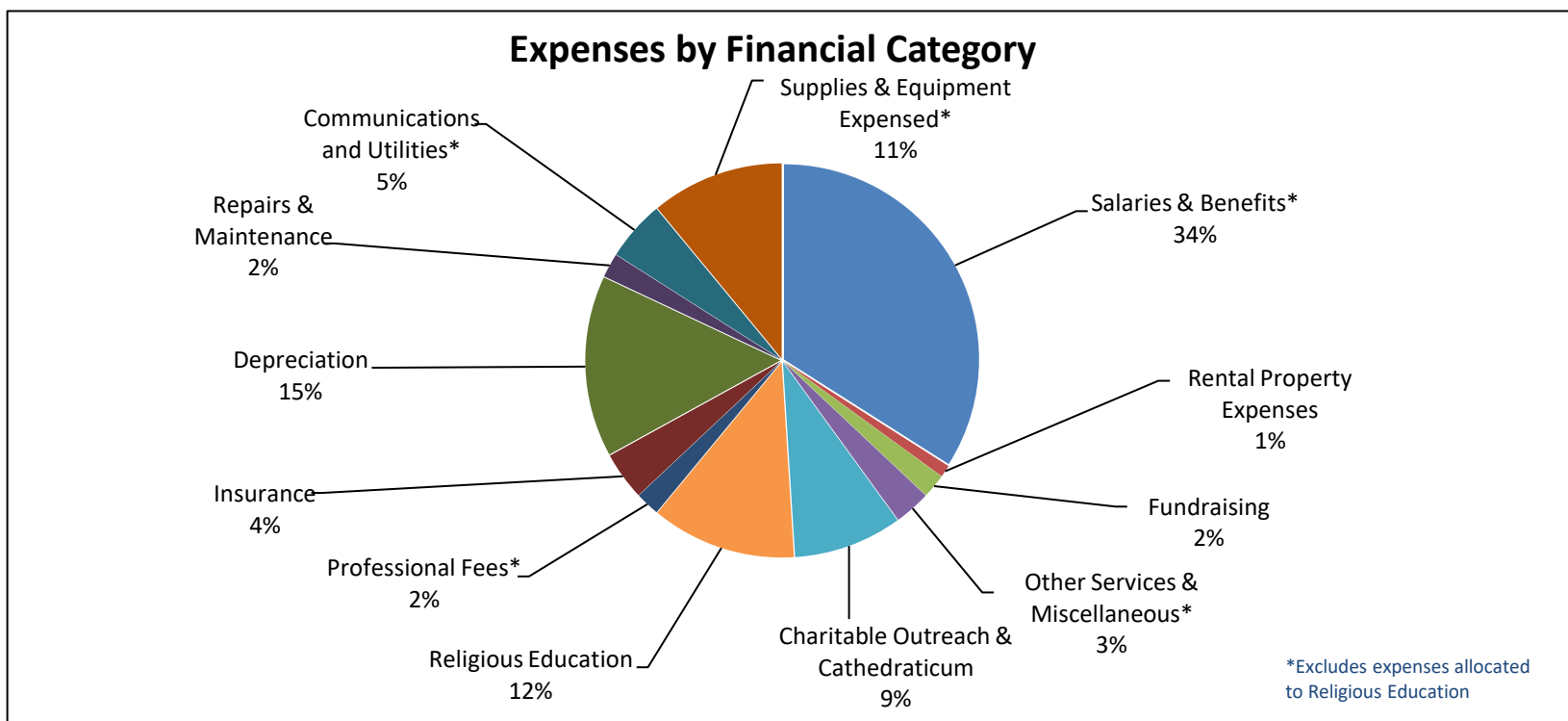
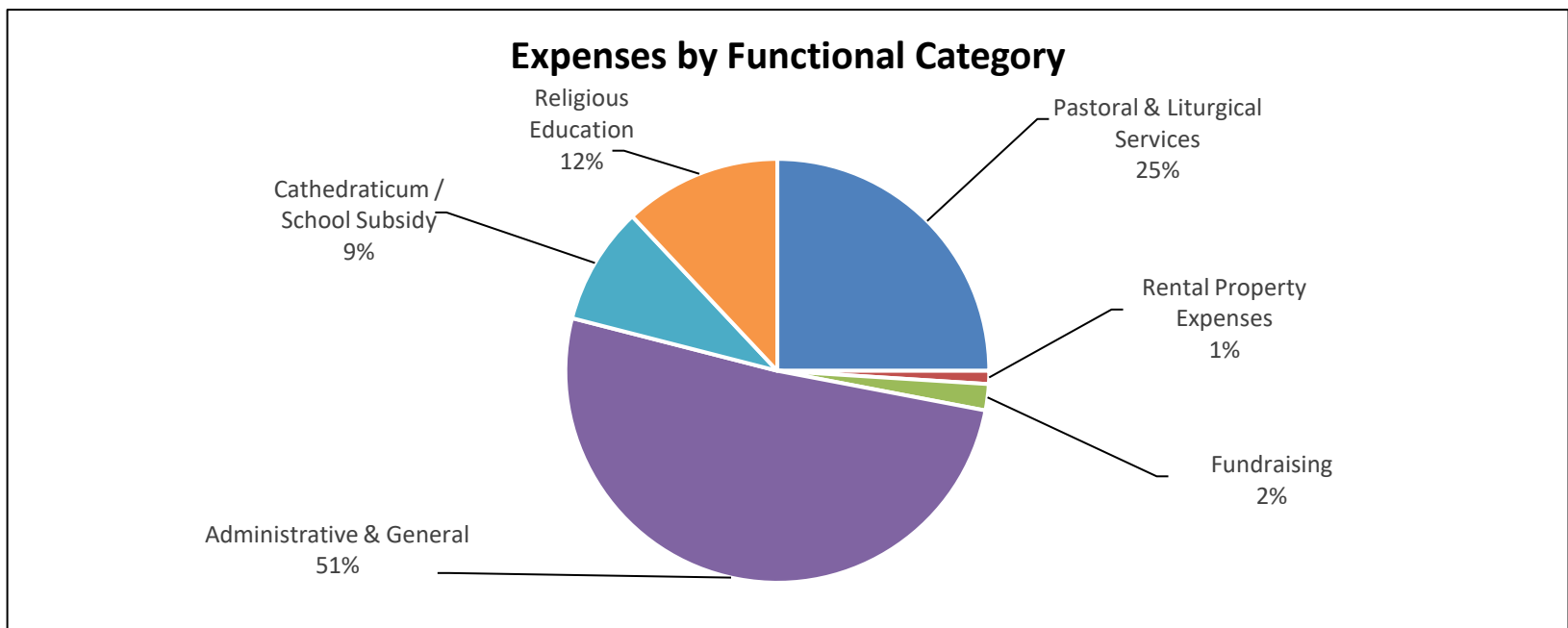
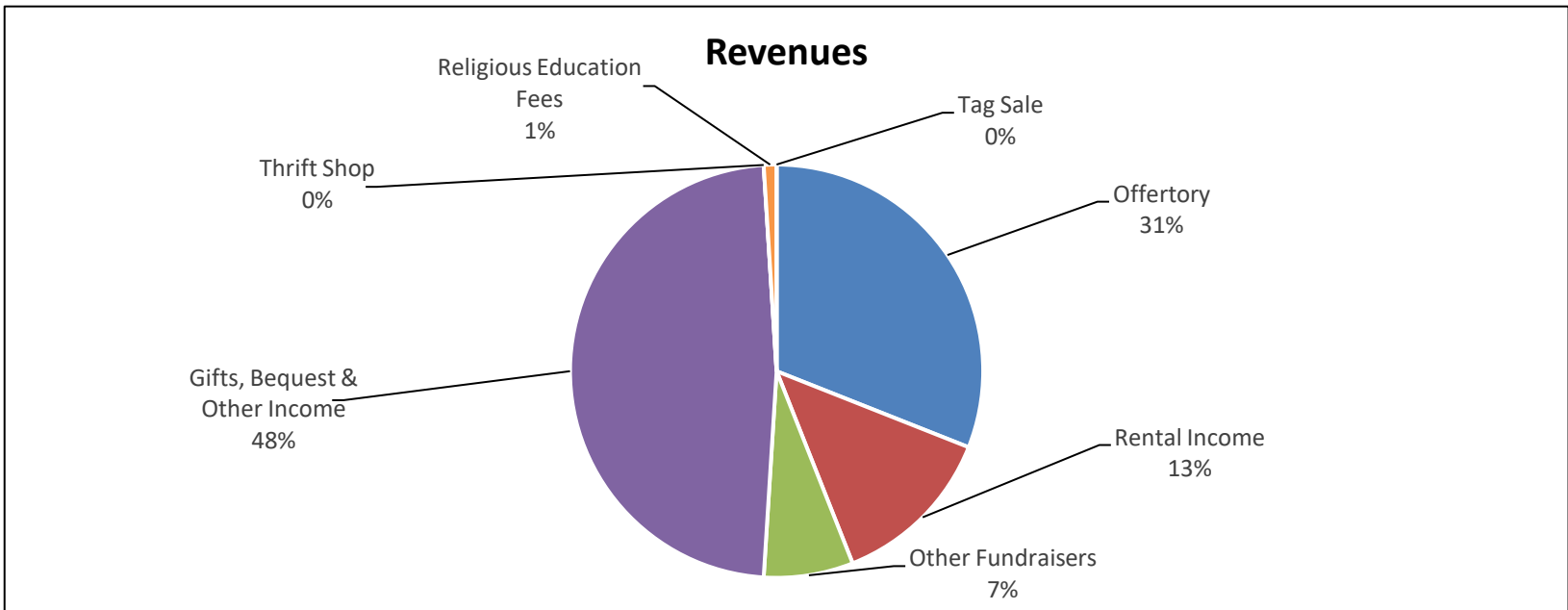


St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

Financial Results for the Six Months Ended December 31,

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenues:		
Offertory	\$ 196,354	\$ 232,683
Other Fundraisers	46,453	47,795
Rental Income	81,829	79,090
Gifts, Bequest & Other Income	303,536	17,985
Thrift Shop	223	22,149
Religious Education Fees & Grants	9,330	24,008
Tag Sale	-	18,700
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 637,725</u>	<u>\$ 442,410</u>
Expenses:		
Administrative & General	\$ 274,478	\$ 203,998
Pastoral & Liturgical Services	128,050	124,631
Rental Property Expenses	2,749	4,908
Religious Education	60,551	73,774
Cathedralicum/School Subsidy	44,850	44,796
Fundraising	11,698	18,214
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 522,376</u>	<u>\$ 470,321</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenses	<u>\$ 115,349</u>	<u>\$ (27,911)</u>
Cash at End of Period (December 31)	<u>\$ 934,773</u>	<u>\$ 452,381</u>
Cash Used for Capital Projects during Period	<u>\$ 221,383 (a)</u>	<u>\$ 6,560 (b)</u>
(a) Rectory Renovations	\$ 49,798	
Church Inside Renovations & Equipment	97,618	
PC Fire Alarm System	28,932	
Church Roof Ridge Cap & Awnings	20,500	
Equipment & Vestments	11,599	
PC Renovations	12,936	
	<u>\$ 221,383</u>	
(b) PC Networking		\$ 5,260
PC Gym Loft Renovation		1,300
		<u>\$ 6,560</u>

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Quarterly Financial Report
Analysis of Revenues and Expenditures: 7/1/20 - 12/31/20



Help Stop State Sponsored Suicide

Politicians in Hartford are again considering assisted suicide legislation. The Public Health Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly is considering legalizing a form of suicide in our state commonly referred to as "aid-in-dying" or "physician-assisted suicide". The Committee has raised *House Bill 6425 "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients"*.

Modern hospice care and the proper use of pain medications render suicide unnecessary, and we need to be mindful of the threat that a suicide mentality poses to vulnerable people and to people with disabilities

Many people believe that a physician is deeply involved in this process. This not true. The physician orders the mixture of medications, the patient must then consume the deadly cocktail of drugs without assistance. Many times without even a physician or nurse present.

We should never allow legislators to establish suicide as a solution to medical issues. Don't let the state persuade us that it's dignified for an ill person to sign their own execution order. Don't let the state create an environment where ill people will feel they have a "responsibility to die".

Catholic teaching condemns physician-assisted suicide because it, like murder, involves taking an innocent human life:

Suicide is always as morally objectionable as murder. The Church's tradition has always rejected it as a gravely evil choice: To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying it out through so-called "assisted suicide" means to cooperate in, and at times to be the actual perpetrator of, an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested. Saint Augustine writes that "it is never licit to kill another: even if he should wish it." True "compassion" leads to sharing another's pain; it does not kill the person whose suffering we cannot bear. (John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, no. 66).

TAKE ACTION:

Go to the website below, read more on the issue and then sign the petition to stop the legalization of assisted suicide in Connecticut

www.ctstopsuicide.org

Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference

LENTEN SEASON EVENTS

Wednesday Evening Bible Study Is Back!

Join Fr. Mirek in the study of the formation of the Apostolic Church described in the Acts of the Apostles by Saint Luke. Our sessions will take place during Wednesdays of March, at 7PM. In order to comply with social distancing and COVID-19 safety guidelines, we will meet in the Gym of the Parish Center. You are kindly asked to park behind the old St. Thomas School and access thru the glass door. Study materials on the Acts of the Apostles will be provided. Please call the office to let us know you will be there so that we will have the proper materials on hand.

Hope many of you will join us!

The Mystery of the Shroud of Turin Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31 6PM

One of many ways to better prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter, is to learn more about Christ Jesus and to pray more. Therefore, you are cordially invited to join us for a workshop on the Mystery of the Shroud of Turin – the Silent Witness of the Resurrection. We will talk, discuss, reflect, and pray about all the mysteries surrounding the Shroud of Turin. All that, as we share a Lenten bowl of Lentil Soup with garlic bread. Please come and pray with us! In order to comply with social distancing and COVID-19 safety guidelines, we will meet in the Gym of the Parish Center. Please park behind the old St. Thomas School and access through the glass door. Please call the office to let us know you will be there so that we will have the proper amount of food. Hope to see you there!

Jesus Meets Aristotle Lecture and Dinner is Back!

This time with St. Patrick's Day dinner! Thursday, March 18, at 6PM

We are very happy to welcome all of you to a Philosophy lecture and dinner again. The topic of our reflection will be: *What could we learn about Marxism and Leninism from "Animal Farm" by George Orwell and from "Mater and Margarita" by Mikhail Bulgakov?*

Please join us for a safe, socially distanced St. Patrick dinner. A traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served at 6PM and our lecture will begin at about 6:30PM in the Gym of our Parish Center. Please park behind the old St. Thomas School and access through the glass door. We will serve wine, beer and soft drinks and, if you prefer something more traditional with St. Patrick's Dinner, please feel free to BYOB. Please call the office to let us know you will be there so that we will have the proper amount of food. Hope to see many of you!

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
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.
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Pray the Rosary in the Church!

Monday - Friday:
6:30am

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

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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



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
Terry Rooney	Skip Bossone	Mike Torres	Constance Williams	Tony Cappuccia	Irene Brennan	Jeanette Ralston
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Trisha Jackson	Cathy Sinica	Diane Turek	Richard Berg	Chuck Scott	Hamilton Family	Kathleen Ford
Vicki	Joan Kennedy	Msgr. Thomas Powers	Phil Tavella, Jr.	Ken Schulman	Chuck Corbo	Joanna Marvin
Julia Cade	Chris Rohleder					



Confessions in Church
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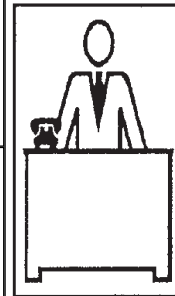
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