

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2022

Pastor:

Rev. Jerome A. Johnson

Parochial Vicars

Rev. Paulus Marandi, CMF

Rev. John M. Rozembajgier, JCL

Deacons:

Robert Bonfante, Sr.

Patrick W. Hearty

Scott D. Titmas, Sr.

Joseph C. Tobin

School Principal:

Annette Pioppo

School Vice Principal:

Diane Zarate

PREP Director:

Ms. Debbie Yesis

Director Sacred Music/Liturgy:

Mr. Justin Connors

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

*“To make disciples, as we  
know, love and serve God  
and one another”*

**Celebration of Mass**

**Weekend:**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm**

**Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00Noon**

**Weekday:**

**Monday - Friday: 8:00am & 12:15pm\***

**\*Mondays: Celebrated in Church with  
Miraculous Medal Novena.**

**Parish Office: Tel: 732.251.4000**

**Fax: 732.251.4946**

**Website: [www.saintthomasob.com](http://www.saintthomasob.com)**

**PEACE & WELCOME**

Whatever your status in the Church, whatever your family/marital situation, whatever your religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here in the Catholic Community of Saint Thomas the Apostle!



**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**NOVEMBER 6, 2022**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 05</b> <b>VIGIL</b>
4:00pm	James Nasto, Jr. r/o Michael/Barbara Clements
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 06- THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00am	Mary Keevins r/o Keevins Family
10:00am	Mafalda Nervegna r/o Peggy/Marge Boyle
12:00pm	Int. Toni Jean McGuire r/o Richard J. McGuire
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 07</b>
8:00am	Carol Perullo r/o Pawlowski Family
12:15pm	Christopher Doyle r/o Rosemary Redding
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 08</b>
8:00am	Thomas Piccinone r/o Marie Rake
12:15pm	Rosa Agazzi r/o Billia Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 09 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>
8:00am	Catherine Bennet r/o Stella Cavallo
12:15pm	Parents of Joseph Sousa r/o Joseph/Lidia Sousa
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope/Doctor of the Church</b>
8:00am	Christopher Doyle r/o Tim/MaryAnne Donoghue
12:15pm	Patricia Michaels r/o Tom Smith/Colleen Ryan
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</b>
8:00am	Irene Keaveney r/o Lorraine L. Healy/Family
12:15pm	Paul Savoia r/o Donna Weber/Shawn
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 12 - St. Josaphat/Bishop &amp; Martyr VIGIL</b>
4:00pm	Deceased Members of The Legion of Mary r/o STA Legion of Mary
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 13- THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00am	Parishioners, Living and Deceased
10:00am	Rosa Stasi r/o Marge, Peggy/Frank Boyle
12:00pm	Walter G. Schmitt r/o Schmitt Family

**DECEASED + LOVED ONES**

*Raymond Lucas, Sr., Irene Hennley, John Wyatt*

**Welcome to the Parish Family of St. Thomas!**

If you are new to the community, *Welcome!* We are grateful to the Lord for your presence with us, and look forward to including you in all areas of parish life. Please take a moment to stop by the Parish Office and register with us. After Mass, please introduce yourself to Father Jay, Father Paulus, or Father John. Registering and using your envelopes makes it easier for us to provide documentation, such as a certificate for sponsoring a child for Baptism or Confirmation or to arrange for a wedding.

*So please register... and Welcome!*

**Parish Office :** One St. Thomas Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

**Tel:** 732.251.4000 **Fax:** 732.251.4946

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

Saturday-Sunday 10:30am-1:30pm

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 7:00pm

(Lunch 12:30pm-1:30pm )

**School Tel:** 732.251.4812

**PREP Tel:** 732.251.1660

**Contact Information:**

**Website:** [www.saintthomasob.com](http://www.saintthomasob.com)

[www.facebook.com/pages/St-Thomas-the-Apostle-Church-Old-Bridge-NJ](https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Thomas-the-Apostle-Church-Old-Bridge-NJ)

**Parish Office Staff**

Business Administrator: Ms. Michelle Loney

Parish Secretary: Ms. Lisa Sorrentino

Reception/Bingo Coordinator: Ms. Jenn Bachonski

Bulletin Editor: Ms. Nellie Moran

**Sacramental Information**

**BAPTISMS:**

(Sundays: 1:30pm, twice a month). The Church calls GODPARENTS, to be practicing Catholics, examples of Christ-centered living today. All Godparents should submit Sponsor letters from their Parish ASAP—but no later than three weeks before the scheduled Baptism. PARENTS must attend a Baptismal Preparation Session. (Registration is required.)

**MARRIAGES:**

Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance—before any social plans. Either the bride or groom must be a registered member of our parish. Once a marriage questionnaire (available in Pastoral Center) is completed/returned, a Parish Priest or Deacon will then contact the couple.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

In case of dangerous illness or accident, phone the Pastoral Center. A communal celebration of the Sacrament is held each year in the Spring.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Individual Confessions Saturdays, 12:30pm in the church.

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:** Parishioners desiring the Sacraments, please contact Pastoral Center.

**REMEMBERING LOVED ONES . . .**

**Sanctuary Candle/Mary Candle,** (lit for one week in church/chapel, available during daytime in Pastoral Center).

**Wall of Remembrance:** Honor your Loved ones with a candle that burns for one year and has a plaque under the candle in the church.





### THIS WEEKEND: COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY SERVICE, USA

... will support pastoral care and ministry to Catholic families stationed worldwide in the US Military and Catholic patients in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Centers throughout the country. Thank you for your support!



### CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Contribution envelopes will be available for pick up this weekend and until the end of November. Please stop by the auditorium after all Masses to pick up your box of envelopes. *Thank you.*

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY CASINO TRIP

This Monday, November 7, 2022

Join us **Monday, November 7** at Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA. Leaving St. Thomas **9:00am, returning 7:00pm.** Cost: \$50 per person getting \$25 in casino voucher. Contact George Szymanski 732. 283.5743 or John Thornton 732. 763.3280.



### CARDS FOR OUR MILITARY

St. Thomas will hold its annual **Christmas** card signing for our Military on Saturday, **November 12 at 4:00pm and all Masses on Sunday, November 13.** Kindly stop by the auditorium and sign a card or two for our deserving men and women.



### NEXT WEEKEND: WORKS OF MERCY CAMPAIGN

The proceeds benefit the local needs of those within the Diocese of Metuchen community by addressing the social issues of poverty and hunger.



### SENIORS MEETING

*Monday, November 14 at 1:00pm in the Pastoral Center.*

### PARISH SUPPORT

*Here at STA we encourage you to be Christian Stewards, using everything God has given us: time, talent, treasure—to serve Him gratefully.*

**You may mail in your weekly donation to:**

*St. Thomas Church, One St. Thomas Plaza,  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857*

*Online Giving... Visit our website to get started: [www.sainthomasob.com](http://www.sainthomasob.com).*

*Collection: October 22/23: \$11,886.00*



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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**\*\* REMINDER, THERE ARE NO PREP CLASSES THIS WEEK\*\***

**PREP Confirmation Candidates only:** are required to attend a mandatory session on **Monday, November 14**, from 6:45pm - 8:30pm in St. Thomas School. Please arrive promptly. **Parents must meet their child at the front doors of the school at dismissal.**

**All Confirmation Candidates: (PREP/School)** are asked to donate a **non-perishable food item** for the Thanksgiving Dinner held here at St. Thomas. PREP candidates please bring your item with you when you attend the monthly session on **November 14**. St. Thomas School Candidates can bring your item to the PREP Office located in St. Thomas School.

**First Reconciliation:** There will be a **First Reconciliation** Parent Meeting on **Tuesday, November 15 at 4:30pm OR Thursday, November 17 at 6:15pm** in the church. Please choose **one** meeting to attend that works best with your schedule.



### SHARING TREE

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will continue its Sharing Tree Program. We will **NOT** be collecting toys. Instead, we will be collecting Target, Walmart, Amazon and Visa gift cards in **\$10, \$25 and \$50 denominations.** The Gift cards will be collected beginning **November 5 through December 4.** If you would like to contribute, you can drop your gift card in the Sharing Tree box in the church lobby. Gift cards may also be dropped off at the Pastoral Center during office hours: **Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9:00am to 12:30pm or 1:30pm to 4:00pm, Tuesday/Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:30pm or 1:30pm to 7:00pm. Saturday/Sunday from 11:00am to 1:30pm.**

We will be collecting donations through December 3/4. Please give your cards to the Parish secretary in an envelope marked **SHARING TREE.** We also welcome gifts of cash or checks made out to St. Thomas Church. St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners have always been very generous to those in need. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated during this holiday season. **May the Peace of the season fill your heart.**



### NURSING HOME DONATIONS

St. Thomas the Apostle will be accepting monetary donations for the purchase of specific items requested by our local Nursing Homes. Please place your check, made out to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, or cash donation in the envelope labeled **NURSING HOME** and put in to the **NURSING HOME box** in the church lobby. They may also be dropped off at the Pastoral Center during office hours. **Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9:00am to 12:30pm or 1:30pm to 4:00pm. Tuesday/Thursday from 9:00am to 12:30pm or 1:30pm to 7:00pm. Saturday/Sunday from 11:00am to 1:30pm.** We will be collecting donations through December 3/4. Please give your **NURSING HOME** donation envelope to the Parish secretary.



St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
Old Bridge, NJ



## MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREES 4TH ANNUAL

### ***"LIGHT UP THE SEASON"***

St. Thomas the Apostle is sponsoring a fundraiser that will allow you to memorialize a Christmas tree in honor of your loved ones, living or deceased. The trees will be placed on the parish grounds around the St. Thomas statue. The trees are live, 6 foot trees. Each tree will be lighted and have a memorial sign remembering your loved one or family members attached to it.

### **JOIN US FOR THE LIGHTING**

There will be a blessing and lighting of the trees and Nativity following the **4:00pm** Mass on **November 26, 2022**. The trees will be lit every night for the entire Christmas season and families will be able to visit the trees throughout this time.

**Trees must be ordered ASAP!**

### **SPONSOR A MEMORIAL TREE FOR \$100**

If you are interested, please complete this form and return with a check made payable to St. Thomas Church and return to the Pastoral Center.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORIAL MESSAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE TABLE AT ST. THOMAS



Saturday, November 12, 2022  
12pm - 2pm

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church**  
333 Highway 18  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Due to COVID 19 regulations we will be distributing dinners to take home. Come pick up your dinner at St. Thomas Church.

Please RSVP, so we can have your meal prepared, to [chrisdoyle167@gmail.com](mailto:chrisdoyle167@gmail.com) or call 732.609.1499.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anonymously Recommended, Beatrice, Thomas Altruda, Bob Andrews, Ronald Atlak, Sr, Enola Barlik, Rita Bator, Walter Blais, Bollhardt, Gloria Bonagard, Barbara Brooks, Craig Michael Buttcher, Nicholas Campanella, Ralph Chiano, Louis Coromilias, Edmund Crookhorn, Camella Dacunta, Barbara Davis, Christopher Dee, John D'Mello, Nancy Donoghue, Loretta Doyle, Chet Dudek, Jim Feely, Sharon Ferrari, Flora, Abigail Franci, Joseph Fricano, Brian Gage, Lucinda Gatto, Walter Gladkowski, Johanna Gordon, Charlotte Guarino, Corazon Gutierrez, Matthew Harris, Robert Henrion, Cathy Hilman, Robert John Isbecki, Emelie Jeffries, Vlad Kachur, Thomas Kaufman, Katie, Gwen Kelly, Pearl Kelly, Cathleen Kimber, Albert King, Joseph Lane, Cheryl Layden, Michael Layden, Thomas Layden, Lester Lim, Rosa Lopez, Cedric Magaway, Harold Mann, Patricia Mann, Gabrielle Margett, Mary Margett, Daniel Mechkowski, Margie Marrero, Rafael Marrero, Jr., Rudy Maurer, Wilfredo Medina, III, Brian Menedez, Yanina Cruz Mikos, Paul Montalban, Jeff Nemeth, Ann Marie Nocera, Ernie Nocera, Olivia, Carolyn Petry, Ralph Perez, Connie Pfiel, Sam Pontieri, Elaine Posluszny, Michael Quinlan, Frank Ranelli, Lucia Rella, Harry Rothlin, Joseph Russo Jr., Marie Sarna, Eileen Schuck, Donna Semko, Anasta Sequi, Fr. Thomas E. Smith (S.J.), Alice Sokolowsky, John Soporowski, AnnMarie Sorrentino, Nancy Stahley, Eileen Stolte, Irene Sutton, Jacquelyn Tortoriello, Denise Tuite, Daphne Ulveling, Sandra Varnis, Joseph Vasham, Mark Vern, Isilio Villa, Pati Wert, Nell White, Peter Wysheff, Mary Yuhas, Candida and Edward Zglobicki.

*Please pray for all the sick. (Names will remain on our sick list for one month, after which time they will be removed, unless we are notified to the contrary.) The Clergy will be happy to visit parishioners confined to local hospitals. Phone the Pastoral Center: 732.251.4000.*

## 2022 Concert Series at St Thomas

Collegium Musicum  
presents  
The History of  
the Musical Instruments

November 19th  
December 10th  
at 7:00 pm



**Old Bridge Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering**  
**Tuesday, November 22, at 7:00pm**  
Congregation Beth Ohr  
70 Route 516, Old Bridge

You are warmly invited to join with members of St. Thomas and our other Old Bridge faith communities as we express gratitude for blessings received during 2022.



Parents who are having their first child baptized are required to attend a Baptism Preparation session in advance. **Next class: Tuesday, November 22 - 7:30pm** Parish Room of the Pastoral Center. **Registration required.** The Sacrament of Baptism is a sacred event regulated by Church (Canon) law. **Please do not plan any activity until dates are confirmed.** Any questions - call 732.251.4000

## MSGR. BEHL MEMORIAL THANKSGIVING DINNER



**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23**  
**4:30 PM- 6:30 PM**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church**  
333 Highway 18, Old Bridge, NJ

*We will be distributing dinners to take home. Come pick up your Thanksgiving dinner at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Please RSVP to [sttmas@sttaob.com](mailto:sttmas@sttaob.com)*



## SAVE THE DATE: WINTER **BLOOD** DRIVE

"St. Thomas Parish will hold its annual Winter Blood Drive on **Saturday, January 14, 2023 from 8:00am 2:00pm**. Registration details will be available soon. The need for blood is always there, especially during the holidays. If you are able to donate, please come to our drive."



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CRAFT FAIR**  
Spotswood, NJ

Free Admission – **Saturday, November 24** from **9:00am—4:00pm**, hosted by the Altar Rosary Society. Quality holiday and hand crafted items/50-50 raffle. Kitchen closed. There are still a few tables available. If interested, please **contact Jay at 609.409.0199**.

**SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS**

Congratulations to our **2023 St. Thomas Cash Calendar** Photo Contest Winners



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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Jan: Donna Edwards         | July: Noreen DeCarlo |
| Feb: Patricia Mioduszewski | Aug: Mark Agolia     |
| Mar: Fr. Paulus Marandi    | Sept: Brenda Hagan   |
| Apr: Alice Brown           | Oct: Lisa Daly       |
| May: Anthony DeRuvo        | Nov: Stephen Sankner |
| June: Frank Tabert         | Dec: Julie Pasquale  |

**\$12,000.00 CASH CALENDAR**

Searching for a unique Christmas gift for family and friends?

The 2023 St. Thomas Cash Calendar just might be the answer!



Each of the 365 days of 2023 offers a cash prize ranging from **\$25.00** each weekday to **\$50.00** each Sunday to **\$100.00** each of 9 holidays: New Year's Day ~ Valentine's Day ~ St. Patrick's Day ~ Mother's Day ~ Father's Day ~ Memorial Day ~ July 4th ~ Labor Day ~ Thanksgiving to **\$500.00** on both *Easter* and *Christmas*.

That's a total of **\$12,000.00** in prize money!

Each \$25.00 calendar is individually numbered with a tear-off section to fill in the recipient's name and address. We keep the tear-off ~ you give the calendar as a gift. (Make sure to reserve one for yourself, too!)

Calendars go on sale to the general public on November 5th. If you wish to reserve the same number as you had in 2022, please contact Eileen at [eatbert@hotmail.com](mailto:eatbert@hotmail.com) or call 732.251.4766 prior to November 5, 2022.

Each daily winner will be sent a check for that day's prize. You can win more than once as each winning number is returned to the pot for the next day's drawing. Your Christmas "gift" will keep on giving throughout the year!



**INTO THE BREACH UPCOMING TOPICS:**

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|------|----|------------------------------------|
| Nov. | 08 | Prayer<br>(Fr. John guest speaker) |
| Nov. | 15 | Suffering                          |
| Nov. | 22 | Sacramental Life                   |
| Nov. | 29 | Spiritual Warfare                  |
| Dec. | 06 | Evangelization                     |
| Dec. | 13 | The Cornerstone                    |



**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**  
*The GLOBAL CELEBRATION OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS*

Sunday, November 19, 2022—The **Vigil of the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm Ave., Metuchen, 5:00pm - 8:30pm. Mass, Dinner, Eucharistic Adoration. The event is free and is open to all Jr. High, High School, Young Adult Ministry, and families. *Please RSVP by visiting our diocesan website: <https://diometuchen.org/yvam>.*

**STAND FIRM IN HOPE**

At the end of each liturgical year, the readings and prayers of the liturgy invites us to turn our gaze toward the future. But this sort of living for the future that the liturgy is inviting us to hard work, which demands perseverance.

—Bro. Silas Henderson, SDS

*For the full reflection go to [4pi.com/blog/living-hope/](http://4pi.com/blog/living-hope/)*

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2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14  
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5  
Luke 20:27-38

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4815**

The Knights of Columbus have been hosting a **Rosary from Monday to Thursday at 7:00pm via Zoom**. If you would like to participate, please contact Rob Wright at 908.510.6328 or email: [rjwkofc4815@gmail.com](mailto:rjwkofc4815@gmail.com).

**IMMIGRATION SERVICES PROGRAM**  
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen ...

... provides immigration services at a low, flat-rate cost for individuals and families. Please call for more information or to make an appointment: **732.324.8200**. The main office is located at 319 Maple St., Perth Amboy, NJ; other offices are in New Brunswick and Phillipsburg.

**ADVERTISING IN OUR BULLETIN!**

Did you know we have 4,000+ families registered here at STA? What better way to advertise your business? We need and appreciate your help!

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**LIFE CHOICES RESOURCE CENTER**

Clothing needed for children (up to size 7) Fall/Winter clothes. Contact: Maureen Nigro - 732.591.8914