Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 7, 2024



Pastor:

Rev. Jerome A. Johnson

Parochial Vicars:

Rev. John M. Rozembajgier, JCL Rev. Joseph Thippabathini

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:
Debbie Yesis

<u>Director of Sacred Music/Liturgy:</u>
Daniel Neff

CELEBRATION OF MASS

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

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

Weekday:

Monday - Friday: 8:00am and 12:15pm*

Mondays: Celebrated in Church with

Miraculous Medal Novena.

Parish Office: Tel -732.251.4000

Fax - 732.251.4946

Website: www.saintthomasob.com

PEACE AND 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!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SATURDAY APRIL 06

4:00pm Barbara Romaine r/o Frank, Peggy & Marge Boyle

SUNDAY APRIL 07 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00am Prayer Blanket Recipients r/o Blanket Ministry

10:00am For Our Parishioners

12:00pm Harold Donald Hotchkin r/o Richard J. McGuire

MONDAY APRIL 08 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:00am Carmella Edgell r/o Russo Family 12:15pm Nancy Stahley r/o Chris Doyle

TUESDAY APRIL 09

8:00am Dorothy Kerian r/o Extended Kerian Family 12:15pm Nancy Stahley r/o Nellie & Marty Moran

WEDNESDAY APRIL 10

8:00am Gregory Latham r/o Ashley DiRobbio

12:15pm Robert McGuinness r/o The McGuinness Family

THURSDAY APRIL 11 - ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP & MARTYR

8:00am Teresa Migliorini r/o Margaret & Angel Padin

12:15pm John Tamborini r/o Barbara Tamborini

FRIDAY APRIL 12

8:00am Joanne Apruzzi r/o Andy & Peggy Diaz 12:15pm Arlette Agolia r/o Mark & Mary Agolia

SATURDAY APRIL 13

4:00pm Marie Philomene Villas r/o Carl, Raymonde

Casimir

SUNDAY APRIL 14 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00am Francis P. Cosgrove r/o Jeanne & Jerry Goll

10:00am Theresa Toto r/o Marge & Peggy Boyle

12:00pm For Our Parishioners

The **Sanctuary Candle** in the Church this week burns in **loving memory** of: Leonard Coviello

r/o The Sandoli Family



The Mary Candle in the Church this week burns in loving memory of: Lillian Scapaticci

r/o Filandro, Mittendorf & Jennings Families



The **Altar Bread and Wine** this week is offered in loving memory of: Patricia Higgins r/o Yesis Family



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 John or Father Joseph. 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

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. Jennifer Bachonski
Bulletin Editor: Ms. Lisa Sorrentino

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—<u>before</u> any social plans. Either the bride or groom must be a registered member of our parish. Once the marriage questionnaire is completed and 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, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anonymously Recommended: Bob Andrews, Anthony Androvich, Ronald Atlak Sr, Walter Blais, Edmund Crookhorn, Chet Dudek, Sienna Franco, Anthony D., Joseph Fricano, Joanne Howard, Patricia Howley, Sina Indelicato, Pat & Rudy Maurer, Barbara McMillian, Daniel Mechkowski, Paul & Vivian Montalban, Rita Murray, Ernie Nocera, Frank Ranelli, Lucia Rella, Salvatore Sodano, John Soporowski, Eileen Stolte, Irene Sutton, Rich Szuminsky, Joseph Vasham, Isilio Villa, Nell White.

Please pray for all the sick. (Names will remain on our sick list for <u>one month</u>, after which time they will be removed, unless we are notified to the contrary.) The Clergy will be happy to visit parishioners confined to their home or local hospital.

Contact the Parish Office at 732.251.4000. If a name no longer needs to be on our list.

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.saintthomasob.com or other ways to give:

- visit https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/P1381
- Scan the QR code below
- Use your envelopes



The collection March 23rd/24th... \$16,341 Retired Clergy March 24th....\$4,359

Holy Thursday March 28th...\$1,792 Good Friday March 29th...\$2,591 Easter Sunday March 31st...\$31,579

THANK YOU!

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2024

Our Goal - \$88,000 Amount Received - \$50,472.50





PREP Level 2 Students:

Students who attended Level 2 PREP classes this year are required to attend class on Tuesday, April 9 at 4:15 - 5:45pm OR Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 - 7:30pm. Please bring your child to PREP on the day that they attended during the year for activities and reflection in preparation for First Communion. This is for PREP students only.

** Second grade students who attend St. Thomas School will have their class of activities and reflection in preparation for First Communion during their school day. **

Confirmation:

Confirmation will be celebrated Wednesday, April 17th at 4:00pm. Confirmation rehearsal will be on Monday, April 15th at 6:00pm in the Church. Sponsor or parent must attend rehearsal with the candidate.

First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, April 27 at 9:00 and 11:00am and Saturday, May 4th at 10:00am.

Communion rehearsal will be the Tuesday before each Communion. Information was sent to all parents.

St. Thomas the Apostle School

The students of St Thomas the Apostle school raised \$3000 during their Lenten coin challenge for the food pantry of St Thomas Church.

Congratulations to 4B who finished in first place having raised \$389.

Great job!!

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..is a simple way for us to communicate with you via email or text! Simply register for **Flocknote.com** and follow the instructions it's so easy!

Divine Mercy

There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God.

- Pope John Paul II



Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give the parents faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood and religious life. Let your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them.

SPONSOR LETTERS FOR BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

To receive a sponsor letter to be a Godparent for a Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation, the Sponsor must fulfill the following requirements:

- 1. Have received Baptism, Communion & Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- 2. If married, you must have been married in the Catholic Church.
- 3. If divorced, you must not be remarried without having received an annulment for the first marriage.
- 4. Be a **registered and practicing** member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

If you have moved out of the parish, and no longer live within our parish boundaries, we CANNOT give you a Sponsor Letter, even if you grew up here and made all your Sacraments here and your family still lives here. You are given a Sponsor Letter from the parish whose boundaries you live within currently.



Parents who are having their first child baptized are required to attend a Baptism Preparation session in advance. Next class: this *Tuesday*, *April 23*, 2024 - 7:30pm in Parish Room of the Pastoral Center. Registration required. The Sacrament of Baptism is a sacred event regulated by Church (Canon) Law. Any questions - call 732.251.4000.

Encounter Jesus through Personal Prayer

Encounter School of Ministry Prayer Teams are available for personal prayer:

April 13th after the 4 PM Mass April 28th after the 10AM Mass

DEACONS TABLE



April 17, 2024 4:00pm-6:00pm St. Thomas the Apostle Church 333 Highway 18, Old Bridge, NJ

We will be distributing dinners to take home. Come pick up your spaghetti dinner at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Please RSVP to <u>stitmas@sttaob.com</u> or Call the parish office at 732.251.4000





The Table at St. Thomas Saturday, April 13, 2024

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

We will be distributing dinners to take home. Come and pick up your dinner at St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Please RSVP to <u>chrisdoyle167@gmail.com</u> or call 732-609-1499

PLEASE BE SURE TO PICKUP BETWEEN 12:00 & 1:30



DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation to the St. Thomas Tricky Tray, please drop it off at the Pastoral Center or call Jen at: 908.601.6210.

Thank You!





2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal STAY WITH US, LORD

Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, April 13/14, which has been designated as Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help our parish reach it's goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important a our financial goal is our goal of reaching 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday April 14th - Communion Breakfast in the Pastoral Center after 10am Mass.

The speakers will be representatives from:

The Rosary Society

Knights of Columbus

Soup Kitchen and

Holy Name Society

Each will speak regarding their group, and are open to accepting new members to each of their organizations at the breakfast.

Breakfast is being catered by Cozy Cafe of Old Bridge and will be: Scramble eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, coffee, water and juice

Cost is \$20 per person #6-7 \$105, #8-9 \$150, #10 + \$190

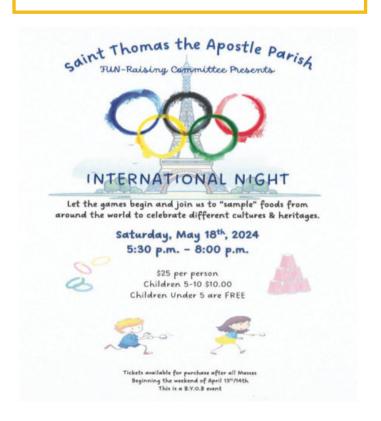
RSVP to:

John Thornton 732.763.3280

George Szymanski 732.238.5743

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

In our OCIA sessions, we welcome all who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or know someone who is, please have them contact me. For some, this may be an opportunity for a "refresher course" in the Faith. Our classes are weekly. Please invite anyone you know who may be interested in the Catholic Church. Registration is required. - Deacon Pat Hearty -732.251.4000 ext. 8218.



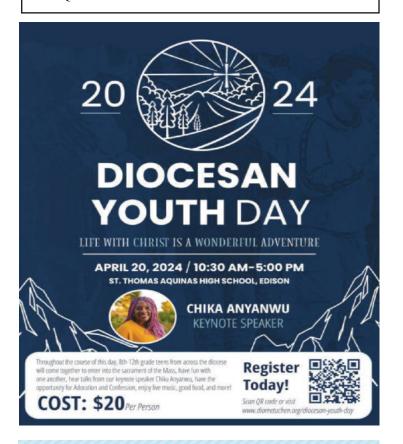


8TH ANNUAL DIVINE MERCEY FAMILY HEALING RETREAT

Saturday, **April 13, 2024 8:00am - 4:00pm**Our Lady of Fatima Gymnasium
501 New Market Road, Piscataway

Guest speakers: Rev. Ignastius Mary Okoroji, Rev. Renae Canales and Rev. Giuseppe Siniscalchi, CFR.

Questions: call Max Gutierrez at 732.925.7788.





BE A BUDDY or FIELD CREW.... JUST 4kixs

<u>BUDDIES</u>: Just4kixs is looking for responsible teens to be a buddy to a child

with special needs. Just4kixs has been teaching soccer to children with special needs for 16 years. If you are between the ages of 12-19 you can be a buddy and friend to a special child.

You do not need any soccer experience to be a buddy. All you need is patience, enthusiasm, and a friendly smile. You will work alongside a child with special needs for one hour each Saturday for 8 sessions.

You will receive 12 hours of community service for completing the 8-week Spring program and an additional 2 hours for attending our buddy training class as well as a lifetime of memories for sharing your time. We need about 200 buddies each season, bring your friends to sign up as well.

<u>FIELD CREW</u>: Our field crew is a HUGE part of this program. They are responsible for setting up the field each week. Since we have 5 different teams and over 120 players, we need as much help as possible to make a smooth transition into play time.

We have two field crew managers who will explain the job to be done and oversee the set up and clean up. Ages 10 & up can be part of our field crew team. Field crew will NOT work with a child on the field, they are simply responsible for set up and clean up.

You will receive 16 hours of community service for completing the 8-week Spring program and an additional 2 hours for attending our field crew training class.

We can assure you it will be one of the best and most rewarding experiences you will ever have.

Register online:

Sign up is easy, visit the <u>www.just4kixs.org or go to</u> <u>www.oldbridgesc.com</u>

Spring season begins Saturday, April 6, 2024 Season ends Saturday, June 1, 2024 Playtime is (11:30 am-12:30pm)

Additional info...please email Linda Giasullo

vgpg03@gmail.com

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES WORLD RELIGIONS

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway

10 Classes April 18 – June 27, 2024 Thursday 10:00AM – 11:30AM Fr. Comandini, S.T.D. will teach about Hinduism -Buddhism - Judaism - Christianity - Islam

To register visit: www.diometucvhen.org/faith-formaiton.

For more information email:

amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732.562.1543





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