

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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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!

MASS INTENTIONS



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY	APRIL 13
4:00pm	Marie Philomeme 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
MONDAY	APRIL 15
8:00am	Charles Keler r/o St. Thomas School Sunshine Club
12:15pm	Souls in Purgatory r/o Ann Major
TUESDAY	APRIL 16
8:00am	Vincent Napoli r/o Joseph & Anna Napoli
12:15pm	Gloria Ryan r/o Michael & Diane Russo
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 17
8:00am	Michael Costagliola r/o Paula & Children
12:15pm	Harold Hotchkin r/o Richard McGuire
THURSDAY	APRIL 18
8:00am	Henriette Gallagher r/o Nancy D’Mello
12:15pm	Angelo J. Spinazzola r/o Allan & Mary Pollack
FRIDAY	APRIL 19
8:00am	Michael Rozembajgier r/o Fr. John
12:15pm	Joseph A. Lisa r/o Kathy Salmon
SATURDAY	APRIL 20
4:00pm	Ann Major r/o Tom Smith
SUNDAY	APRIL 21 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00am	Grace & Chet George 60th Wedding Anniversary
10:00am	Jerome G. Johnson r/o Family
12:00pm	Nancy Stahley r/o Gail Miranda

*The Sanctuary Candle in the Church this week burns in loving memory of: John Lund
r/o Caroline Delfino*



*The Mary Candle in the Church this week burns in intention of: Rosalie Leone
r/o Claire Brusca*



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—before 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 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 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*

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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 April 6th/7th... \$ 21,979

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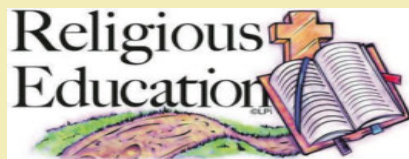
Bishop's Annual Appeal 2024

Our Goal - \$88,000

Amount Received - \$56,205.25

ST. MICHAEL the ARCHANGEL PRAYER

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wiles and wickedness of the devil. Restrain him O God, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin and destruction of souls. Amen



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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Met every Sunday during the

Lenten season.



2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

STAY WITH US, LORD

Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are keeping Christ's presence alive in the world today. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

You can find the link to the Bishop's Appeal video by going to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.



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



CANCELLED

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.



**The Table at St. Thomas
Saturday May11 , 2024**

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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 chrisdoyle167@gmail.com
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!

NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY
 at **SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE**
MAY 19, 2024

Please Visit Our Website to Register by **May 10th**:
www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally

TICKETS
\$75.00 PER PERSON
\$25.00 FOR SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

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

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS FOR APRIL 1-15

April 1	# 1179	April 9	# 856
April 2	# 162	April 10	# 1322
April 3	# 842	April 11	# 215
April 4	# 377	April 12	# 955
April 5	# 513	April 13	# 275
April 6	# 1329	April 14	# 363
April 7	# 626	April 15	#443
April 8	# 1016		

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.

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-formaton.
 For more information email: amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732.562.1543

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish
 FUN-Raising Committee Presents


INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Let the games begin and join us to “sample” foods from around the world to celebrate different cultures & heritages.

Saturday, May 18th, 2024
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

\$25 per person
 Children 5-10 \$10.00
 Children Under 5 are FREE


Tickets available for purchase after all Masses Beginning the weekend of April 13th/14th.
 This is a B.Y.O.B event

20  24

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

LIFE WITH CHRIST IS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE

APRIL 20, 2024 / 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL, EDISON




CHIKA ANYANWU
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Throughout the course of this day, 8th-12th grade teens from across the diocese will come together to enter into the sacrament of the Mass, have fun with one another, hear talks from our keynote speaker Chika Anyanwu, have the opportunity for Adoration and Confession, enjoy live music, good food, and more!

COST: \$20 Per Person

Register Today!



Scan QR code or visit
www.diometuchen.org/diocesan-youth-day

Lenten Family Craft Night



St. Thomas the Apostle's FUNraising Committee

Would like to thank those who attended this year's Simple Soup Suppers.

Blessed Easter to All.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

SOMERSET BASEBALL Picnic Area Game

Saturday May 4th, 2024

Somerset Patriots vs New Hampshire Fisher Cats




Saturday May 4th @ 6:30pm Gate 5:30pm

\$40 per person #1-5, #6-7 \$250, #8-9 #325, #10+\$390

Picnic Area Menu

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken Strips, Green Salad, Brownies, Cookies and unlimited soda, water and coffee

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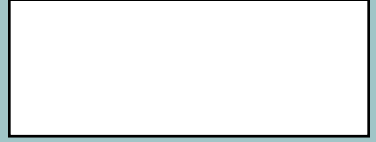
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