Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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Rev. Jerome A. Johnson

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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!



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY APRIL 20 - 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

MONDAY APRIL 22

8:00am Irene Toto r/o Jeanne & Jerry Goll 12:15pm Henriette Gallagher r/o Charles Heppel

TUESDAY APRIL 23

8:00am Thomas J. Fitzpatrick r/o Stella Cavallo 12:15pm Walter G. Schmitt r/o Wendy & Terry Crane

WEDNESDAY APRIL 24

8:00am Irene Toto r/o Tim & Maryann Donoghue

12:15pm Frank Major & Fank William Major r/o Ann Major

THURSDAY APRIL 25 - ST. MARK, THE EVANGELIST 8:00am Ruben Bagadion r/o Robin Bagadion

12:15pm Veronica Hudock r/o Ted & Eileen Hudock

FRIDAY APRIL 26

8:00am Mary Matko r/o Madeline Luke

12:15pm Genevieve Verescak r/o Peter & Anna Simonitis

SATURDAY APRIL 27

4:00pm Frank Pasqua r/o Pasqua Family

SUNDAY APRIL 28 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00am For Our Parishioners

10:00am Clara Valentino r/o Allan & Mary Pollack

12:00pm Nina Brown r/o Dennis & Donna Brown & Family

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

r/o Filandro, Mittendorf & Jennings Families



The Mary Candle in the Church this week burns in intention of: Daniel Leone

r/o Caroline Delfino



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

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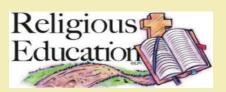
The collection April 13th/14th... \$ 17,460 THANK YOU!

Mass for Children

Our Mass for Children will be on April 27th at 4:00pm. All children are welcome to participate as readers, ushers, and gift bearers. Please sign up at the desk after Mass.

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



Congratulations to the 85 teenagers of our Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in a ceremony with Bishop Checchio this past Wednesday evening. Please keep them in your prayers together with all who prepared them or contributed in some way to this special event, especially our PREP staff: Debbie, Terri, Andrea, and Sue. Confirmation facilitators: Helen Atlak, Marilyn Harmyk, Mike Keller, Terry Merrigan and Steve Pauls, also Annette Pioppo, Betsey Conway, Daniel Neff and the Parish Choir, Servers, Ushers, Maintenance Staff and Greeter; Terry Merrigan. Our heartfelt thanks!

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.

Catholic Relief Services Weekend of April 27th-28th

The proceeds will benefit the Native & Black American Collection as well as Catholic Relief Services.

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal STAY WITH US, LORD Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen
NJ 08840-4000 or give online at https://diometuchen.org/BAA.

2024 Appeal

Our Goal - \$88,000 Amount Received - \$58,470.25





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 28th after the 10AM Mass

DEACONS TABLE



May 15, 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 May 11, 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

Donation

The Pascal Candle was donated by Jesse Bachonski.









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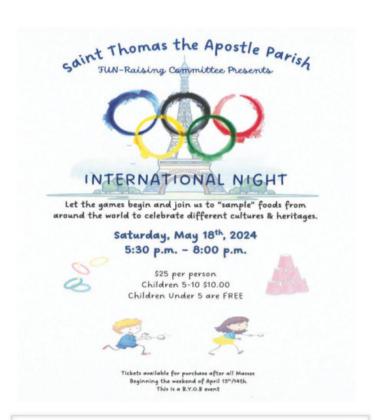
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway

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

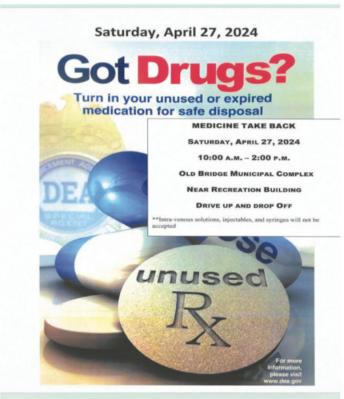




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A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phonel .732.904.9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.





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