

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 12, 2024

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY	MAY 11
4:00pm	Bernice Donohue r/o Michael & Barbara Clements
SUNDAY	MAY 12 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD
8:00am	Mother's Day Triduum
10:00am	Mother's Day Triduum
12:00pm	Mother's Day Triduum
MONDAY	MAY 13
8:00am	For Our Parishioners
12:15pm	Rita Poy Eng r/o Pauline Choi
TUESDAY	MAY 14 - SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE
8:00am	Nancy Christian r/o MDSU & IV Dept. O.B. Hospital
12:15pm	Victor Klimowicz Sr. r/o Dorothy Klimowicz
WEDNESDAY	MAY 15
8:00am	Nancy Stahley r/o The Rosary Society
12:15pm	Thomas Doyle r/o Chris Doyle
THURSDAY	MAY 16
8:00am	Brian Fabrizzi r/o Bingo Chair People
12:15pm	Marcella Treacy r/o Loney Family
FRIDAY	MAY 17
8:00am	Charlotte Guarino r/o Mr. & Mrs. E. Nocera
12:15pm	Rafael & Margarita Marrero r/o Nellie & Marty
SATURDAY	MAY 18
4:00pm	Ron Weber r/o Andrew, Justin & Matthew
SUNDAY	MAY 19 - PENTECOST SUNDAY
8:00am	For Our Parishioners
10:00am	Nancy Stahley r/o Marge & Peggy Boyle
12:00pm	Cheryl Heiss r/o Joan Cesareo

DECEASED + LOVED ONES

Zerena Manaloto, Charles Kamara and Nancy Pannetta

The Sanctuary Candle in the Church this week burns in loving memory of: Vinny Zirpola

r/o Nellie and Marty Moran



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, Sienna Franco, Anthony D., John Derenoski, Joseph Fricano, Joanne Howard, Patricia Howley, Sina Indelicato, Pat & Rudy Maurer, Barbara McMillian, Daniel Mechkowski, Paul & Vivian Montalban, 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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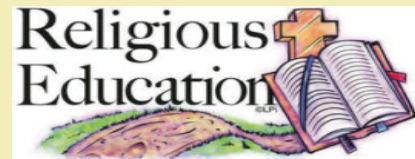


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2024 Bishop’s Annual Appeal
Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

Our Goal - \$88,000

Amount Received - \$ 76,545.00



PREP REGISTRATION beginning June 1, 2024

Families with children in Grades 1-8, who attend public school can now register for weekly Religious Education classes. The students will receive instruction in the Sacraments and learn our Catholic Faith. Classes will be:

- Special Needs classes: Monday afternoons 4:30-5:30pm
- Tuesday: 4:15-5:45pm
- Thursday: 6:00-7:30pm
- PREP Confirmation classes: Monday evenings 6:45-8:30pm and calendar to be determined.

Registration forms can be found on our website:

- www.saintthomasob.com and click on the Religious Education tab
- Registration forms are also available in the Pastoral Center

Questions?? Call the PREP Office at 732.251.1660

Our PREP Program is dependent upon generous volunteers who want to make a difference in the lives of the children of our parish by sharing their time, talents and faith. Please consider joining St. Thomas PREP!

THIS WEEKEND MAY 11-12, 2024
Second Collection

Ascension of the Lord

Weekend of May 18-19
Second Collection

Catholic Communication Campaign



MEMORIAL GIFT AVAILABLE



The Altar Bread and Wine (weekend) are available in memory of your Loved Ones.

With a \$25 offering, your Loved One will be acknowledged in the bulletin.



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, May 28, 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.

DO YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE NUMBER 2945????

Parishioner using contribution envelope number **2945**, please call Lisa in the Parish Office at 732.251.4000 ext.8211, so that you may receive proper credit for your

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 Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Elderly will be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle on **Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 10:00am.** You may receive the sacrament if:

- you are ill
- you are a senior
- to have surgery
- a child if they have sufficient use of reason to be comforted by the sacrament

To register please call the Parish Office on 732.251.4000.



**The Table at St. Thomas
Saturday June 8, 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 chrisdoyle167@gmail.com
or call 732-609-1499

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

MISSION IMPACT.

Divine Word Missionaries In Action
www.dwmis.org



Bulletin Announcement
Fr. Paul Aquino SVD

Fr. Paul Aquino SVD will be at *St. Thomas the Apostle Parish* on **June 8-9, 2024** to celebrate masses and to speak about the many ministries of his religious community, Divine Word Missionaries. They are an international religious community of missionary priests and Brothers serving in 79 countries helping to build chapels, celebrate the sacraments and spread the Word of God in remote mission communities.

Born in the Philippines, Fr. Paul was ordained in 2016 in Chicago. Following his ordination, he was assigned to work at Divine Word College Mission Seminary (DWC) in Epworth, IA as a liturgical musician, spiritual director and formator. He then went to take a Master of Music degree in Vocal Performance at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC and finished his studies in May 2020. He returned to DWC and now serves as a music instructor and formator.

Nearly 6,000 active Divine Word Missionaries minister in the far corners of the world. They build hospitals to care for the sick and build schools to educate the poor. They teach the hungry to farm. They provide life's necessities—water, food and shelter—in impoverished communities. These priests and Brothers help those neglected and forgotten by society to build a better future. They also foster vibrant Catholic communities of service and faith around the world.

This mission appeal is part of the Missionary Cooperative Program of our Diocese of Metuchen. Please be generous with your prayers and contribute to the second collection to help support the missionary work of the Divine Word Missionaries. To meet some of the people Divine Word Missionaries help, please read the stories at <https://missionimpact.svtmissions.org/mission-update>

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

Menu For International Night - May 18th

- France - Coq Au Vin & Croissants
- Italian - Penne Vodka Sauce & Italian Meatball
- Polish - Potato Pancakes & Pierogies
- Filipino - Spring Rolls & Fried Rice
- Mexican - Taquitos & Mini Tacos
- German - Spaetzle & Bratwurst with Sauerkraut
- Irish - Shepards Pie & Irish Soda Bread

Potluck Pentecost Picnic – May 19th, 1pm

The South Amboy/Sayreville Catholic Young Adult Group invites young adults ages 21-39 and their families to a picnic at the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park on Sunday, May 19th at 1:00pm for fellowship, food, and fun! Please contact Mike at mconawa8@gmail.com about what you would like to bring and if you have any questions.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND JULY 19-21, 2024

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. Phone 1.732.904.9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

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Amazon baby registry: <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/corpus-christi-may-2024-southernriver/sf?NYRa420X3fD>

CONTACTS:
 ANN LENTO @ 732-238-2957
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FLEA MARKET JUNE 8th

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Corpus Christi Church in South River, will be holding a Flea Market on June 8, 2024, with a rain date of June 15. It will be in the lower parking lot off of Kamm Ave. from 8am to 1pm. Many private vendors will be participating and Chick-fil-A will be offering coffee and food items for sale. Spots are \$15 each, pay in advance. Cash or checks made out to St. Vincent de Paul Society, mailed or dropped off at the rectory, 100 James St., South River, NJ 08882. Bring your own table. Any questions to svdpcorpuschristi38@gmail.com.

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

PRAYER BLANKET



Anyone who needs spiritual, mental or physical comfort, and can benefit spiritually from a prayer blanket, contact the Pastoral Center: 732.251.4000.

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

VOTIVE AND
WALL OF REMEMBRANCE CANDLES ...

Are available near the Mary and St. Joseph statues. The votive candles in front of the statues are \$2, and will burn for 2 hours at a time. The Wall of Remembrance will burn for one year, and the cost is \$250 per year, and will be marked with a plaque with your loved one’s name. Please call the Parish Office at 732.251.4000.

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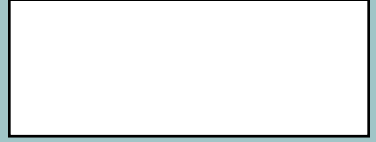
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