Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 19, 2024

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

Pastor:

Rev. Jerome A. Johnson

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Debbie Yesis

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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!



PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

MAY 20 - BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF **MONDAY**

THE CHURCH

8:00am Deceased members of Kaluzny & Certo Families

r/o Family

12:15pm Monthly Memorial

TUESDAY MAY 21

8:00am Robert Bury r/o Bury & Duval Families

Rita Claire Fitzsimmons r/o Alrene Carlone & 12:15pm

Pat Moran

WEDNESDAY MAY 22

8:00am Mark Brower r/o Kathy Catchpole 12:15pm Charlotte Guarino r/o Chris Doyle

THURSDAY **MAY 23**

Robert Sousa r/o Mother & Father 8:00am Mary Matko r/o Nellie Moran 12:15pm

FRIDAY **MAY 24**

8:00am Patricia Bak (Liv. Intention) r/o Wanda Lucci 12:15pm

Susie Bendekovitz r/o Daughter Susan

SATURDAY **MAY 25**

4:00pm Barbara Romaine r/o Ann Rowe

SUNDAY MAY 26 - MOST HOLY TRINITY

8:00am Michael M. Crawford r/o Holowinski Family

10:00am Arpad Czimadia Jr. r/o Mom 12:00pm Cherie Madonna r/o STA PREP

DECEASED + LOVED ONES

Isabella Aleah Flores Arcila, Ronald Pinon and Frances Marzocchi



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 serious 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, Don Begina, Walter Blais, Edmund Crookhorn, Manuel DeGuzman, Kathryn Duh, Sienna Franco, Anthony D., John Derenoski, Catherine Franken, Joseph Fricano, Joanne Howard, Patricia Howley, Sina Indelicato, Mary Margett, 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 <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

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 May 11th/12th... \$ 11,918 Ascension of the Lord \$ 3,388 Mother's Day \$ 2,969

THANK YOU!

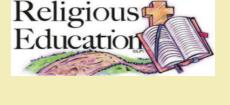
2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

Our Goal - \$88,000

Amount Received - \$ 78,403.25

Weekend of May 18-19 Second Collection

Catholic Communication Campaign



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!

Monthly MEMORIAL Mass.....

Is offered for specifically-recommended deceased loved ones. The names are inscribed in a **Memorial Register** located at the rear of the Church under a lighted candle. For more information, call the Pastoral Center:732.251.4000.

FLOCKNOTE.COM ...

..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!

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.

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

We celebrate and give thanks for our priests who celebrate their Priestly Ordination Anniversaries!

Fr. Jay celebrates his 38th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood on May 31st.

Fr. Joseph celebrated his 22nd Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood on April 22nd.

Fr. John celebrates his 20th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood on May 29th.

May God continue to bless our clergy in their ministry to the Church!

Fr. John's Twentieth Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

In honor of this milestone Anniversary, we will celebrate as a parish on **Saturday**, **June** 1st beginning with the 4 PM Mass and continuing afterward with a **Light Reception in the** Auditorium. All are invited to join us as we give thanks for Fr. John's 20 years of priesthood!

EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

A reminder that the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage makes it way through our dioceses in <u>two weeks</u>, on Monday, May 27th and Tuesday, May 28th. Information about the walking as well as events at 3 locations can be found on this link: <u>https://diometuchen.org/nep2024</u>.



Parents who are having their first child baptized are required to attend a Baptism Preparation session in advance.

Next class: 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



June 26, 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.

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



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

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





Bulletin Announcemen 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 impoveriahed communities. These priests and Brothers help those reglected 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.evdmissions.org/mission-update.

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 today 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. Phone1.732.904.9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.



15 Week Adult Enrichment Course Documents of Vatican II

Beginning September 5, 2024 Fr. Glenn Comandini, S.T.D. will present 12 classes on the Documents of Vatican II. Classes will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ on Thursdays from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Attendees will learn about the Constitutions Vatican Council: Lumen Gentium (Dogmatic of the Second Constitution on the Church). Dei Verbum (Dogmatic Divine Revelation), Constitution on Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy) and Gaudium et Spes (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the modern world). There is a \$35 fee per person for all 12 classes which also includes attendees receiving a copy of the book "The Documents of Vatican II". To register please visit: www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation. For more information, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

Encounter Jesus through Personal Prayer

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

June 8th after the 4 PM Mass June 23rd after the 12 PM Mass

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS FOR MAY 1-15

May 1	# 265	May 9	# 1160
May 2	# 1202	May 10	# 1032
May 3	# 1031	May 11	# 1322
May 4	# 702	May 12	# 1458
May 5	# 286	May 13	# 186
May 6	# 724	May 14	# 117
May 7	# 1344	May 15	#1146
May 8	# 332		

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.



FLEA MARKET JUNE 8th

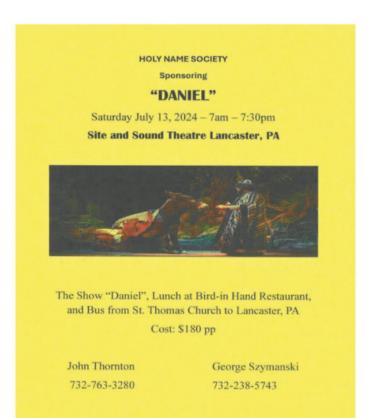
The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Corpus Christi Church in South River, will be holding a Flea Market on June 8, 2024, with a rain date of June 15. It will be in the lower parking lot off of Kamm Ave. from 8am to 1pm. Many private vendors will be participating and Chick-fil-A will be offering coffee 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.



Congratulations!!!

Recently, the St. Thomas Parish Blood Drive and its coordinators, Greg Marchuck and Jim Tabert, were honored at the New Jersey Chairpersons' and Volunteers Recognition Event sponsored by New Jersey Blood Services. We were presented with the YOU MEAN THE



WORLD TO US award in recognition of our over 47 years of sponsoring Parish Blood Drives and collecting more than 10,400 units of blood. In addition we were thanked for the quality of our blood drives which included how we contact potential donors; treat the donors and NJBS staff; the number of volunteers at each drive and the excellent facility in which the drive is conducted.

This would not be possible without the complete support of our Pastor, Fr. Jay, the Parish Office staff and the Parish Maintenance staff. Also, it would not be possible without you, our parishioners, who come out drive after drive to donate blood and/or volunteer their time.

Thank you all for all you do for our Parish Blood Drive and for those planning ahead, our <u>Summer Blood Drive will be</u> <u>Saturday</u>, <u>August 3</u>, <u>2024</u>.

Father's Day Triduum

A Triduum of Masses will be offered for Fathers, living and deceased, on Sunday June 16th. To enroll a mother, complete an envelope (available at the church exits and in the Pastoral Center) and drop it in the collection box or forward to the Pastoral Center by Thursday, June 13th.



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