

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 7, 2024

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

### Pastor:

Rev. Jerome A. Johnson

### Parochial Vicars:

Rev. John M. Rozembajgier, JCL

Rev. Jojappa Thippabathini

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Robert Bonfante, Sr.

Patrick W. Hearty

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### School Principal:

Annette Pioppo

### School Vice Principal:

Diane Zarate

### PREP Director:

Debbie Yesis

### Director of Sacred Music/Liturgy:

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](http://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



## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 6</b>
4:00pm	For Our Parishioners
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 7 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00am	Stan D'Mello r/o D'Mello Family
10:00am	Michael Cavallo r/o Stella & Children
12:00pm	Stan D'Mello r/o John & Maureen Nigro
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JULY 8</b>
8:00am	Robert Bury r/o Nadine Duval & Family
12:15pm	Tony Toto r/o Nellie & Marty Moran
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 9</b>
8:00am	Clemente Ferrari r/o Acquilyne & Bill Devery
12:15pm	Robert Klimowicz r/o Dorothy Klimowicz
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 10</b>
8:00am	Mark R. Brower r/o The Rosary Society
12:15pm	Jesus Jimenez Jr. r/o Marcia & Ashley Williams
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JULY 11 - ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT</b>
8:00am	Fred Diaz r/o Maureen & John Nigro
12:15pm	Frank Davis r/o Alice & Jim Byrne
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JULY 12</b>
8:00am	Billy Policari r/o Janet Ratiner
12:15pm	Fred Gonzeles r/o John & Maureen Nigro
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 13</b>
4:00pm	Eleanor Dudek r/o Sue & Bob Taureck
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 14 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00am	Int of Grace /Gerald George on their 60th Anniv. r/o Craig/Betty Wunderly
10:00am	Loretta Doyle r/o Justine Durstewitz & Family
12:00pm	Mark R. Brower r/o Arlene Carlone

*The Sanctuary Candle in the Church this week  
burns in loving memory of: Therese & Joseph  
Oberle.*

*r/o Joe & Helene Oberle*



## 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](http://www.saintthomasob.com)

[www.facebook.com/pages/St-Thomas-the-Apostle-Church-Old-Bridge-NJ](https://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, Anthony Aurilia, Walter Blais, Edmund Crookhorn, Manuel DeGuzman, Kathryn Duh, Sienna Franco, Anthony D., John Derenoski, Catherine Franken, Joseph Fricano, Walter Gladowski, Joanne Howard, Patricia Howley, Sina Indelicato, Mary Margaret, Pat & Rudy Maurer, Barbara McMillan, 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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[www.saintthomasob.com](http://www.saintthomasob.com) or other ways to give:

- visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/PI381>
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Collection : June 29th & 30th...Not available at time of print.

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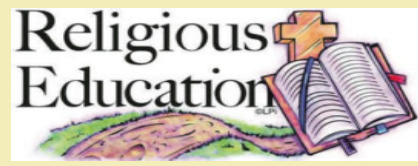
## 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

*Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission*

Our Goal - \$88,000  
Amount Received - \$92,901

## 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 contribution.



## PREP REGISTRATION

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](http://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!**

## What is a Catechist?

The word **catechist** comes from the Greek word “echo”. Catechists echo the Word of God to our parish children. They come from all occupations and all ages: Women, men, parents, grandparents, confirmed teenagers. Catechists are people, just like you, who generously volunteer their time to share our Catholic faith and values with our younger brothers and sisters. They are positive role models who help children grow in faith and spirituality. **What an important ministry!**

## Top Reasons to Become a Catechist!

- You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
- Your Baptism calls you to share in the ministry of Jesus.
- Children, teens, and adults in today's world need to hear the Word of God.
- Children, teens, and adults need good role models of faith.
- You will help others deepen their relationship with Jesus. You will be an evangelizer.
- You will be handing on a **2000-year old** tradition that changes life.
- **It is our job: Jesus sent us to “go and teach all nations.”**

## Stewardship Scripture Reflection

**July 7, 2024 - 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you...’”* Ezekiel 2:2-3

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

## 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](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.



**The Table at St. Thomas  
Saturday July 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 [chrisdoyle167@gmail.com](mailto:chrisdoyle167@gmail.com)  
or call 732-609-1499

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

## **Summer Office Hours**

Monday	9:00am - 4:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am - 7:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 4:00pm
Thursday	9:00am - 7:00pm
Friday	<b>CLOSED</b>
Saturday	10:30am - 1:30pm
Sunday	10:30am - 1:30pm



## DEACONS TABLE



July 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 BBQ dinner at  
St. Thomas the Apostle Church.



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

**Next class: Tuesday, July 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.

## SPONSOR LETTERS FOR BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

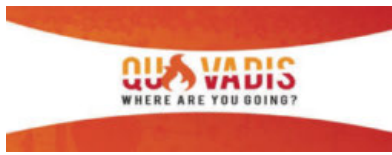
To receive a sponsor letter to be a Godparent for a Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation, the Sponsor must fulfill the following requirements:

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.

## **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!*



## QUO VADIS ADVENTURE RETREAT 2024

An invitation for young men (High School Students) ages 14-17 to attend our Quo Vadis Adventure Retreat 2024! This is an opportunity to have fun, grow in your faith, and begin to think/pray about where God may be calling you in life.

**Quo Vadis** - a Latin phrase which translates to “**Where are you going?**” is an opportunity to hear from priests and seminarians about their journey. It is also an opportunity to take seriously our own gifts, talents, and weaknesses and begin prayerfully processing where God is leading us. This will be an action-packed few days with opportunities to play sports, participate in leadership/teambuilding exercises, pray, share meals, and grow in our faith together.

- **Where:** Camp Shiloh, 753 Burnt Meadow Rd., Hewitt, NJ 07421.
- **When:** Tuesday, **July 30 at 10AM** arrival and concludes with 1:00PM departure on August 1, 2024.

If you are interested in attending “Quo Vadis” please email Fr. Tom at: [tlanza@diometuchen.org](mailto:tlanza@diometuchen.org)

**Activities Include:** (all optional based on comfort level)

Rock Wall, Zipline, Teambuilding Challenges, Swimming, Hiking, Volleyball, Basketball.

### 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.

### For Rent??

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### 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*


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**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**DEACON JERRY JABLONOWSKI**  
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**SCHEDULE OF DAY**

**9:30 AM:**  
Welcome and Breakfast

**10:30 AM:**  
Presentation by Dcn. Jerry Jablonowski

**11:30 AM:**  
Adoration followed by Mass


**EVENT IS FREE**  
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Mail completed form to Office of Human Life and Dignity, Director of Metuchen, P.O. Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840

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**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**



## BLOOD DRIVE



Most Holy Redeemer Parish (Desmond Hall)  
133 Amboy Road, Matawan, NJ 07747

New Jersey Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive at Most Holy Redeemer Parish on **Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in Desmond Hall. At this time, the blood supply is critically low – PLEASE HELP.

To remain in compliance with the federal guidelines for social distancing.

### DONORS PRESENTING:

- Must wear a mask or face covering.
- Will have their temperature taken.
- Must be 14 days symptom-free if recovered from COVID-19.
- May NOT donate if they have had a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 the last 14 days.
- May NOT donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions. Please be aware that we DO NOT TEST for COVID 19.

You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested. Remember to eat, drink, and bring your Donor ID or ID with your name and photo.

## Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi 2024 Summer Choir Camp

August 12-16, 2024

The Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi is pleased to announce its 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER CHOIR CAMP for all rising 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students from any parishes within or outside of the Diocese are welcome to attend! Every day, students will participate in choir rehearsals, music theory classes with the Camp's outstanding music faculty, work on composer projects, and sing for the Cathedral's daily 12:10 Mass. There will also be fun outdoor activities (weather permitting), games, and snacks! Plus, each chorister will have an opportunity to play the Cathedral's pipe organ!

### General Information:

Dates: August 12-16, 2024

Times: Mon-Thurs 9am – 2:30pm; Friday 9am – 1:30pm

Tuition: \$250 per chorister

Food: All chorister are required to bring a bag lunch (including drink) Monday through Thursday. Friday will conclude with an Ice Cream Party after the 12:10 Mass. Dismissal is at 1:30pm on Friday, Aug 25. A mid-morning snack will be provided each day by the Cathedral.

Add'l Info: Contact Christopher Delbert, Director of Sacred Music – Music@StFrancisCathedral.org

Registration Deadline: July 8, 2024 N.B. – Full payment of tuition must accompany this registration form. Checks should be made out to Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi. Memo line: 2024 Summer Choir Camp

OR

USE THE QR CODE at the bottom of this form to register and make payment. Thank you.

Name of Student Chorister \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (in September 2023) \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL (circle one)

Any allergies or medical conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_



# BLOOD DRIVE

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**September 7th, 2024**  
(rain date Sept. 14th)  
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1 space = 8ft x 19ft

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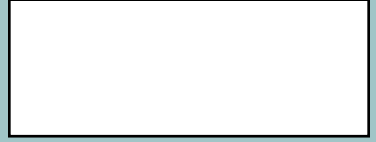
  
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