

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 4, 2024

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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### School Vice Principal:

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Andrea Madonna

### 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

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY AUGUST 3

4:00pm For Our Parishioners  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Leon S. Aniszczyk*

### SUNDAY AUGUST 4 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Antonio Toto r/o Vitello Family  
10:00am Henriette Gallagher r/o Mr. & Mrs. Thomas  
Kauffman  
12:00pm Billy Perry r/o Arlene Carlone  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Lukasz Blicharski*

### MONDAY AUGUST 5

8:00am Teresita Mangulabnan r/o Nora & Cora Reyes  
12:15pm Marie & Salvatore Capasso r/o daughter Arlene  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Anthony Arockiadoss*

### TUESDAY AUGUST 6 - TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

8:00am Mary Hall r/o Tim & Maryanne Donoghue  
12:15pm Frank Davis r/o Chris Doyle  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Damian Breen*

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7

8:00am Mary Trimboli r/o Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Trimboli  
12:15pm Henriette Gallagher r/o Gary & Liz Carucci  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Edgardo D. Abano*

### THURSDAY AUGUST 8 - ST. DOMINIC

8:00am Geraldine Davis r/o Suzanne Meyer  
12:15pm Frank Davis r/o Tim & Maryanne Donoghue  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Thomas S. Aenekatt*

### FRIDAY AUGUST 9

8:00am Catherine "Toni" Stankiewicz r/o Bruce & Claire  
Stankiewicz  
12:15pm James & Rose Gaffney r/o Panepinto Family  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Leo Bagenda*

### SATURDAY AUGUST 10

4:00pm Matthew Gattuso r/o Elizabeth Hillier  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Karolus Bale*

### SUNDAY AUGUST 11 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am For Our Parishioners  
10:00am Richard Treacy r/o Loney Family  
12:00pm Florence Filizof r/o Janet & Tim Sewell  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Jan Bernas*

## 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.

**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, Brian Gage, Walter Gladowski, Joanne Howard, Patricia Howley, Sina Indelicato, Thomas La Marca, Mary Margett, Pat & Rudy Maurer, Barbara McMillan, Daniel Mechkowski, Paul & Vivian Montalban, Ernie Nocera, Frank Ranelli, Lucia Rella, Bob Samaco, Salvatore Sodano, John Soporowski, Eileen Stolte, Irene Sutton, Rich Szuminsky, Joseph Washam, 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***

### 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.*

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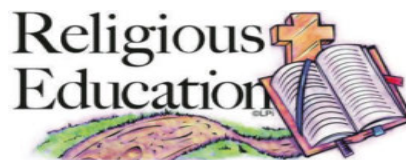
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Second Collection Summer A/C ....\$4,891  
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### 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

***Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission***

Our Goal - \$88,000  
Amount Received - \$ 96,958

***The Mary Candle in the Church this week burns in memory of: Helen & Josep Malkiewicz  
r/o Irene Gipel***



### PREP REGISTRATION

If you have not registered for PREP classes, please do ASAP. You can register online at [www.saintthomasob.com](http://www.saintthomasob.com) and click on the Religious Education tab. Registration forms are also available in the Pastoral Center.

### WE NEED YOU!!

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If interested....Call the PREP Office at 732.251.1660



“Our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ has no other purpose than to transform us into that which we receive.”

– Pope St. Leo the Great



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 follow 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.



### ESM Prayer Ministry Team

Saturday, August 10, 2024, after 4pm Mass.  
Encounter Jesus through Prayer!

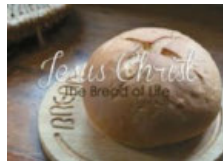
### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Any adult, 18 years of age or older, who has received First Communion, but not Confirmation, and is interested in Adult Confirmation, please contact Fr. John Rozembajgier at the Parish Office -732.251.4000.

### OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

August 4, 2024 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

We continue the Bread of Life discourse from John's gospel this week, telling the crowd that they should, "... not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life ..."; and then telling them that he is the "Bread of Life" and that whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Is there someone in your life who would like to know more about Jesus and the Bread of Life? Invite your relative or friend to call Lisa Giuliano at the parish office, 732-251-4000 ext. 8218 for information on OCIA. Our Inquiry sessions begin in September. Inquiry Sessions are opened to anyone who is unbaptized, baptized into another Christian Denomination or baptized Catholic but has not received BOTH sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Call Lisa at 732-251-4000 ext. 8218 for more information.



### Stewardship Scripture Reflection

August 4, 2024 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." Exodus 16:4*

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

### DEACONS TABLE



August 21, 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.



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

Next class: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 - 7:00pm 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.**

### LAZURUS MINISTRY



We are seeking people to join us in the Lazurus Ministry. This ministry involves helping families plan the Funeral Mass for their loved one and offers continued support for the family in the days following. If you are interested in this special Ministry, please call Lisa Giuliano on 732.251.4000 ext. 8218.

## Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> or 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 3:00 PM. **This year the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage.** Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org). Registration will close on October 11, 2024. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.

## 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 of the Second Vatican Council: *Lumen Gentium* (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church), *Dei Verbum* (Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation), *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](http://www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation). For more information, please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY FAIR RIGHT TO LIFE BOOTH

Volunteers needed to staff the Right to Life booth at the fair from August 5<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please call Gerry 732.251.5879.



### The Table at St. Thomas

WILL RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 14TH.

ENJOY THE REST OF THE SUMMER!

## CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS FOR JULY 16 - 31

July 16	# 1331	July 24	# 1410
July 17	# 513	July 25	# 669
July 18	# 723	July 26	# 1419
July 19	# 1299	July 27	# 794
July 20	# 1100	July 28	# 610
July 21	# 121	July 29	# 1265
July 22	# 365	July 30	#1114
July 23	# 881	July 31	#53

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**Saturday August 31, 2024**

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Bus trip to the Mass and March – Call Angela at 732-562-1543 or email amarshall@diometuchen.org

You are invited to New Jersey's

**Mass for Life**

Thursday, September 26, 2024  
9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption  
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**NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE** \*Mass will end in time to walk to the Statehouse Annex for the NJ Rally & March for Life



For full information, visit: [dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life)



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**September 7th, 2024**  
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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024**  
**9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway  
COST: \$25 PER INDIVIDUAL



*"Responding to the World's Darkness: Inspiration from Women Saints"*

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DIANNE M. TRAFLET, J.D., S.T.D.,  
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration  
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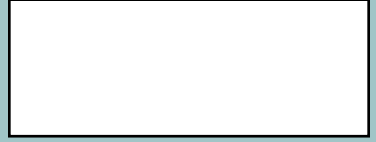
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