Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 11, 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

Deacons:

Robert Bonfante, Sr.
Patrick W. Hearty
Scott D. Titmas, Sr.
Joseph C. Tobin

School Principal:

Annette Pioppo

School Vice Principal:

Diane Zarate

PREP Director:

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

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!



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY AUGUST 12

8:00am Luis Coppola r/o Gerard & Elizabeth Drumm

12:15pm Frank E. Davis r/o Janet & Ernie Fessel

Priest of the Day: Rev.Randy Gamboa Espinoza

TUESDAY AUGUTS 13

8:00am Donna Cardillo r/o Grace Poli 12:15pm John Corcoran r/o Lora Corcoran

Priest of the Day: Rev. Joseph Ho

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14 - ST. MAXIMILAIN KOLBE

8:00am Marie Isola r/o Barbara Inserra
12:15pm Robert Vreeland r/o Family
7:00pm VIGIL - ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Joseph V. Juliano r/o Suzanne Meyer

Priest of the Day: Rev. Larrydom Magdasoc

THURSDAY AUGUST 15 - ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00am Helen & Stanley Rojek r/o Family

12:15pm Vincent Bark, Mark McGoy & Gerard Flynn r/o

Family the cou

Priest of the Day: Rev. Dawid Malik

FRIDAY AUGUST 16

8:00am Jean Elsie Morgan-Moloney r/o Linda Argent

12:15pm Robert Badillo Sr. r/o Isabel Badillo

Priest of the Day: Rev. Peter Phan

SATURDAY AUGUST 17

4:00pm Nancy Stahley r/o Ronnie Nolan *Priest of the Day: Re. Seamus F. Brennan*

SUNDAY AUGUST 18 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Nicole Basile r/o Mark & Elena Fallon

10:00am For Our Parishioners

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

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 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: Anthony Aurilia, Walter Blais, Catherine Franken, Walter Gladowski, Thomas La Marca, Mary Margett, Barbara McMillan, Paul & Vivian Montalban, Ernie Nocera, Frank Ranelli, Lucia Rella, Bob Samaco, John Soporowski, Eileen Stolte, Irene Sutton, Rich Szuminsky, Joseph Vasham.

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

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 OR code below
- Use your envelopes

Collection: August 3rd & 4th...\$18,003



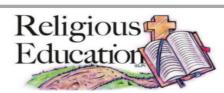
THANK YOU!

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

Our Goal - \$88,000 Amount Received - \$ 97,303.00

The Mary Candle in the Church this week burns in memory of: Frances Alberte

r/o The Bachonski Family



PREP REGISTRATION

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

WE NEED YOU!!

Serve as a Catechist or Catechist Aide...WHY?

- The best way to learn is to teach.
- Your own faith will come alive.
- You become an active participant in one of the essential responsibilities of a Church community.
- You assist in bringing Christ to others.
- You practice stewardship.
- You become a role model.
- Being a Catechist brings joy.
- A Catechist helps young people come to Christ and the riches of our faith by teaching PREP classes.

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

AIDES are needed to assist our Catechists on:

Monday afternoons: 4:30-5:30pm Tuesday afternoons: 4:15-5:45pm Thursday evenings: 6:00-7:30pm

PARENTS:

Classes begin: Monday, September 16th Tuesday, September 17th Thursday, September 19th

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary...

Thursday, August 15th is a holy day of obligation this year.



Masses are:

7:00pm Vigil on August 14th 8:00am & 12:15pm on August 15th

DECEASED + LOVED ONES

John Chilelli, Enola Barlik, Jacqueline Cavanagh, Brian Gage, and John Pereira

EUCHARIST

"Not to go to Communion is like someone dying of thirst beside a spring."

- St. John Vianney

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

August 11, 2024 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Again we continue with the Bread of Life discourse from John's gospel this week. Jesus says in v. 51, "I am the living bread

that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world," he does not seem to be saying that "it is very important to receive some sort of symbol" that represents his presence. As Catholics, we truly believe we are receiving the body and blood of Jesus at Mass. 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.

Stewardship Scripture Reflection

August 11, 2024 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!"

1 Kings 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need God's help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we unite our sacrifice with Jesus' sacrifice to do the will of God, Our Father. We receive the strength and courage to be His missionary disciples.

THANK YOU!!

St. Thomas Parish and St. Thomas Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who assisted or donated at our Summer Blood Drive. We are especially grateful to the St. Thomas Maintenance Staff, the NJ Blood Services Staff and our volunteers for creating a safe and secure environment for the donors. We are also very grateful to the Texas Roadhouse, Route 9, Old Bridge for their continued generous support of our blood drive by providing donor door prizes. We were credited with 96 units of blood. Once again, St. Thomas responded to the emergency blood shortage."



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.



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.



Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th or 75th 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. 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 Divine Revelation), Sacrosanctum Constitution on 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-

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 <u>Thursday</u>, <u>September 19, 2024, at 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.</u> 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:

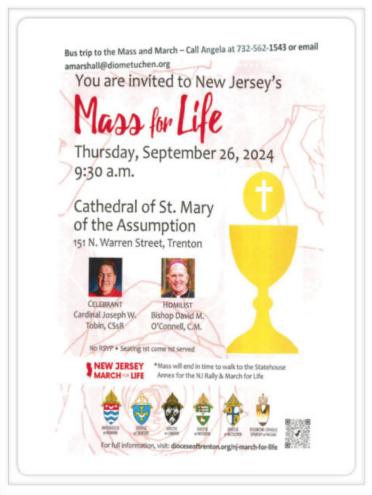
- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom-free if recovered from COVID-19
- May NOT donate if they have had a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May NOT donate if they are currently on selfquarantine 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.















Phone: (732) 607-1650

www.restaurantpontevecchio.com

AUTUMN LAKE

at Old Bridge

Bringing Hospitality to Healing

CARE AREAS

24/7 Skilled Nursing Care

Short-Term Rehabilitation

Long-Term Care · Respite (Vacation) Stays

Palliative/Hospice Care · Dementia Care For a tour of our facility or questions

about our programs and services: 732-254-8200

HEALTHCAR



MONUMENT COMPANY



Granite & Bronze Monuments

841 Cranbury Road, Jamesburg, NJ • 732-521-3020 (DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM HOLY CROSS BURIAL PARK)



COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL CONTROL WIRING • RESIDENTIAL 732-416-0043

www.KnorrElectricalContractors.com NJ LIC. #9441



St. Gabriel's Mausoleum Expansion

St. Catherine's Mausoleum named after the Holmdel Church, formerly the Mission Church of St. Gabriel's

549 Route 520 (Newman Springs Road) • Marlboro, New Jersey

SPECIAL PRE-CONSTRUCTION PRICES

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE OVER 12 MONTHS WITH NO INTEREST CHARGES.

www.stgabrielsmausoleums.com | 908-208-0786



ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Carbon Monoxide

111 ROUTE 516 · OLD BRIDGE, NJ

autumnlakeoldbridge.com

833-287-3502



ROOFING • CHIMNEYS • MASONRY • GUTTERS We Find & Fix Leaks!



\$800 OFF
Any New Roof Replacement

15% OFF
Any New Roof Replacement
Masonry Repair & SENIORS

Family Owned/Operated - Lic.#13VH11097900 Bonded & Insured - 20 Years Serving All of New Jersey

732-520-9554 | www.expertchimneyroofing.com

SUPPORT THE **ADVERTISERS** that Support our Community!



EUGENE A. ISOLA III, DDS

Raritan Bay Medical Center 2 Hospital Plaza, Suite 410 Old Bridge, NJ 08857 732-360-2500

Family Care, Cosmetics, Implant Cases Associate Professor at UMDNJ New Patients Always Welcome

MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF US

732-615-0005

www.kerriganelectric.com FREE ESTIMATES • SPECIAL ON GENERATORS

EIGHTEEN LUMBER CO. 652 State Highway 18

RUSSO CONTRACTING INC Capital Home Improvement

Call Joe for an estimate at 732-723-1984

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

EMERGENCY SERVICE! SERVICE UPGRADE! GENERATORS!

PROFESSIONAL, QUALITY WORK!

(800) 33*LUNAR (58627)

www.lunarelectric.com NJ Lic. #10775

"Reach For The Moon"

www.russocontracting.com General Contractor Lic# 13VH00362800



(732) 963-2377

OLD BRIDGE, NJ PLUMBING LIC.# 36BI01264400 NEW JERSEYMASTERPI LIMBING COM

Mention St. Thomas for \$25 Off Any Service

East Brunswick, NJ 257 - 6004

FREE DELIVERY IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMed*Alert*! ✓ Ambulance ✓ Police/Fire ✓ Family ✓ GPS & Fall Alert 800.808.9294

md-medalert.com





Assisted Living | Rehabilitation | Skilled Nursing

(732) 607-9230 www.reformedchurchhome.com

1990 Route 18 North • Old Bridge, NJ • 08857





3377 US HIGHWAY 9 OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857 (732) 679-4422

ScaliaFuneralHomes.com

CatholicMatch.com/NJ





EllenRosenbaum.com 3 Grace Drive Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Ann Marie Rini

Broker Associate in NJ & NY Cell: 917-363-4284 Office: 732-679-5661



Contribution to the Church for each Closing!

Nearly 50 years of combined experience serving families



FUNERAL HOME "Family Owned & Operated"

2350 Route 516, Old Bridge, NJ 08857 (732) 607-9500

JerseyMemorial.com

THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN **Catholic Cemeteries**

Holy Cross Cemetery 840 Cranbury-South River Rd., Jamesburg Featuring Mary Sorrowful Mother Mausoleum Crematorium On Site

Resurrection Cemetery Hoes Lane & Park Ave., Piscataway

Grand Opening of the Mausoleum of the Holy Spirit DIOMETUCHEN.ORG/CEMETERI For Your Peace of Mind & Information: 800-943-8400

732-254-1655

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!