### Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 

**AUGUST 18, 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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Patrick W. Hearty
Scott D. Titmas, Sr.
Joseph C. Tobin

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**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!



### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY AUGUST 17

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

SUNDAY AUGUST 18 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:00am For Our Parishioners

12:00pm Silvia Sabbatino r/o Yvonne & Angel Heredia

Priest of the Day: Rev. Kenneth D. Brighenti

MONDAY AUGUST 19

8:00am Jason Acosta r/o Linda Argent 12:15pm Sarah Puleo r/o Peggy Boyle Priest of the Day: Rev. Sean A. Broderick

TUESDAY AUGUTS 20 - ST. BERNARD

8:00am Nathan J. Belger r/o Brenda & Roland Hagan 12:15pm Jorge Fabre r/o Barbara & John Cascella

Priest of the Day: Rev. Krystian S. Burdzy

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21 - ST. PIUS X, POPE

8:00am Jackie Davis r/o The Blum Family 12:15pm Baby Kaupke I r/o Gerard Kaupke

Priest of the Day: Rev. Marco A. Caceres

THURSDAY AUGUST 22 - THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00am Anna Errico r/o Rich & Louise Trembley 12:15pm Jeanne Keevins & The Keevins Family

Priest of the Day: Very Rev. Jeffrey M.Calia

FRIDAY AUGUST 23

8:00am Kelly Doherty r/o Bruce & Claire Stankiewicz

12:15pm Baby Kaupke II r/o Gerard Kaupke Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. William J. Capik

**SATURDAY AUGUST 24** 

4:00pm Dorothy & Cyprian D'Mello r/o D'Mello Family

Priest of the Day: Rev. Chester H. Carina

SUNDAY AUGUST 25 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Daniel Geiser r/o Wayne & Laurie Miller 10:00am Greg Crowe r/o Mr. & Mrs. Gary Holland

12:00pm For Our Parishioners

Priest of the Day: Rev. Alexander A. Carles

### 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 <a href="mailto:three-weeks">three-weeks</a> before the scheduled Baptism. <a href="mailto:PARENTS">PARENTS</a> 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, Edmund Crookhorn, 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 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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- visit https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/P1381
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- *Use your envelopes*

Collection: August 10th & 11th...\$13,364



THANK YOU!

### 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

Our Goal - \$88,000 Amount Received - \$ 98,494.50

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



T. R. Wang & Tsai Hua Hsieh

r/o Isabel Wang



### PREP REGISTRATION

If you have not registered for PREP classes, please do ASAP. can You register online 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

> **DECEASED + LOVED ONES** John Chilelli, Enola Barlik, Jacqueline Cavanagh, Brian Gage, John Pereira, and Frank Stefanelli



"Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of each of our parishes."

- Blessed Paul VI

### CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS FOR AUGUST 1 - 15

Aug. 1	# 1193	Aug. 9	# 228
Aug. 2	# 823	Aug. 10	# 1318
Aug. 3	# 1439	Aug. 11	# 1151
Aug. 4	# 559	Aug. 12	# 893
Aug. 5	# 1288	Aug. 13	# 272
Aug. 6	# 304	Aug. 14	# 112
Aug. 7	# 589	Aug. 15	# 868
Aug. 8	# 120		

### **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 18, 2024 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



Again we continue with the Bread of Life discourse from John's gospel this week. John 6:51-58 of the Bible is a difficult passage in which Jesus tells Jewish crowds that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood to have eternal life. As Catholics this passage supports our beliefs about the Eucharist. 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 18, 2024 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." John 6:56

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.

### **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.

### **LAZARUS MINISTRY**

We are seeking people to join us in the Lazarus 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.

### MEN OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP

Men of our parish (any age) are invited to join for a evening hour of prayer, readings and discussion: **Mondays**, **6pm** Pastoral Center. With Saint Joseph as our role model, this group hopes to inspire a more faith-focused approach to the workweek and our paternal roles by inviting God in.

Info: Deacon Joe: joetobininebnj@gmail.com.

### New Jersey Right to Life Raffle

Next weekend the St. Thomas Right to Life will be selling raffle tickets. Proceeds for benefit of New Jersey Right to Life.

- 1st prize: 2025 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV.
- 2nd prize: \$1,000 ShopRite gift certificate.
- 3rd prize: \$750 ShopRite gift certificate.
- 4th prize: \$500 ShopRite gift certificate.

Cost per ticket is \$10.00. Please support this worthy cause. Thank you.



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.







RAISING AWARENESS THROUGH LIVES LOST TO ADDICTION

### The BLACK POSTER PROJECT Old Bridge Medical Center

Help bring awareness to Substance Use Disorder Addiction and Overdose in our Community through Silent Memorials for those who have lost their lives in their battle with addiction.

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### **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.

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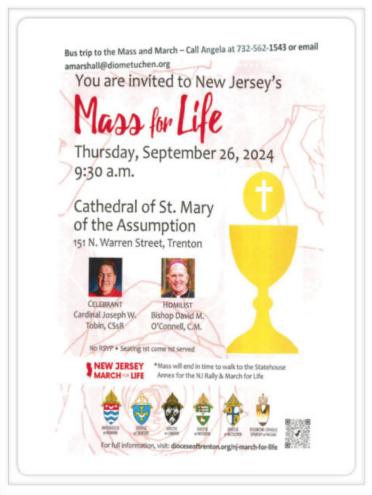
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