# Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 

SEPTEMBER 1, 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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#### **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

#### **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!



# TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### SATURDAY AUGUST 31

4:00pm For Our Parishioners

Priest of the Day: Rev. John Kattattu Chacko

# SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Robert McGovern r/o Kevin & Rosemary Hayes
10:00am Charlotte Guarino r/o Peggy & Marge Boyle

12:00pm William Hunter r/o Vallo Family Priest of the Day: Rev. David Chalackal

#### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2 - LABOR DAY

9:00am Diane Andrews r/o Michael & Rita Martin

Priest of the Day: Very Rev. Timothy A. Christy

#### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3 - ST. GREGORY

8:00am Edwin F. Sese r/o Ignacio & Jesusa Pua 12:15pm Fiorentina Hefferon r/o McNulty Family Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. Charles W. Cicerale

#### **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4**

8:00am Dorothy Argondizzo r/o Wally & Stacey Tier 12:15pm Charlotte Guarino r/o Nellie Moran

Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. Raymond L. Cole

#### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5

8:00am Jesus "Frankie" DeJesus r/o Mr. & Mrs. Martino

12:15pm Henry Dunn r/o Ermina Dunn *Priest of the Day: Rev. Glenn J. Comandini* 

#### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6

8:00am Carole Falogico r/o Gerry Tier 12:15pm Dolores O'Malley r/o Nancy Pindilli

Priest of the Day: Rev. James F. Considine

#### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7

8:00am For Our Parishioners 4:00pm Joseph Sansone

Priest of the Day: Rev. Roberto D. Coruna

# SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am For Our Parishioners

10:00am Deceased parents of Mr. & Mrs. Erminio Nocera

r/o Nocera Family

12:00pm Virginia Florence Sansevere r/o Borawski Family

Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. Sylvester J. Cronin

#### 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, John Derenoski, 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, Isilio Villa.

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

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- visit https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/P1381
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Collection: August 24th & 25th....\$13,053.00

THANK YOU!

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

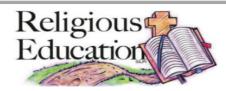
Our Goal - \$88,000 Amount Received - \$ 99,214.50

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The Parish Office will be **closed on** Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day and will re-open on Tuesday May 28th at 9:00am.

#### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

<u>First</u> **Friday** Adoration on the first <u>Friday of each month</u> following the 8:00am Mass, and **concluding** with the 12:15pm Mass.



#### PREP REGISTRATION

If you have not registered for PREP classes, please do ASAP. You can register online at <a href="https://www.saintthomasob.com">www.saintthomasob.com</a> 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.
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- 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**

Frank Boyle, Donald Chandler Jr., Anne Hackett, James Fallon, and Nell White



#### Pilgrimage to Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington D.C. September 28, 2024

Fr. John Rozembajgier and the Knights of Columbus are organizing a pilgrimage to Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington DC on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024 for all parishioners and friends.

Tentatively, the trip would encompass the following:

- Transportation to and from Washington DC by bus
- A private guided tour of the pilgrimage to Saint John Paul II National Shrine
- Lunch
- Mass

If you are interested or want more information there is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk or call the Parish Office.

#### New Jersey Right to Life Raffle

This 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.

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



September 1, 2024 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time

### ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO....

- -expressed an interest in becoming Catholic
- -has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized -was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Beginning next Sunday, September 8, we will begin our small group sessions to learn more about our faith. Our sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. Separate sessions for children. For more information please contact: Lisa Giuliano at 732-251-4000 ext. 8218.

#### **Stewardship Scripture Reflection**

#### September 1, 2024 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." James 1:22 It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your words and actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God daily? Do you use your talent to help those in need without expecting anything in return? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

#### **DEACONS TABLE**



September 18, 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.

#### **Table at St. Thomas**



September 14th, 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

#### CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS FOR AUGUST 16 - 31

Aug. 16	# 44	Aug. 24	# 311
Aug. 17	# 216	Aug. 25	# 852
Aug. 18	# 730	Aug. 26	# 743
Aug. 19	# 103	Aug. 27	# 46
Aug. 20	# 962	Aug. 28	# 1015
Aug. 21	# 92	Aug. 29	# 900
Aug. 22	# 1229	Aug. 30	# 782
Aug. 23	# 199	Aug. 31	#781

#### **Encounter School of Ministry Prayer Teams**

Available after Mass on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and September 29<sup>th</sup> at 12pm.

#### Save the date!

#### September 21, 2024 or October 5, 2024

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Parish Retreat on the Eucharist and St Francis of Assisi "Rebuild My Church" by Fr. John Rozembajgier

#### **September 28, 2024**

Parish Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. John Paul II in Washington, DC

#### October 12, 2024

Parish Pilgrimage to Old St. Thomas the Apostle on Old Bridge Turnpike, Old Bridge, NJ with Fr. John Rozembajgier and Fr. Iaroslav Korostil

#### The Faith Sharing group will be presenting:

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Beginning September 12<sup>th</sup> and for 8 weeks there will be 3 different sessions:

Thursday 10am-12pm

Thursday 7-9pm

Saturday 10am-12pm

Call Marilyn Harmyk at 732.735.5907 or email:marilynharmyk@gmail.com.

# 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. For more information, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

#### 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!



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.

#### **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.



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.

#### Bake Sale for Fr. Joseph's Charity in India

Hello everyone, I will be hosting a bake sale for my charity in India to help the Poor and Orphan Children, with the costs of school supplies, the weekend of September 7 & 8 in the auditorium after all Masses. Please note the date in your calendar and come forward generously for this good cause. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Fr. Joseph









#### 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, September 19, 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 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.





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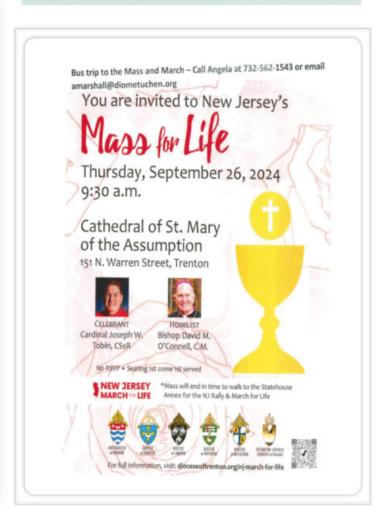
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