Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 8, 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!



TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7

8:00am For Our Parishioners

4:00pm Joseph Sansone r/o Pasqua Family

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9 - ST. PETER CLAVER

8:00am Natividad DeSello r/o DeSello Family
12:15pm Patricia McDonald r/o Mary Gavin

Priest of the Day: Rev. Michael E. Crummy

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10

8:00am Norbert & Ruth Tschinkel r/o Tom Tschinkel 12:15pm Chris Loughlin r/o Brian & Mary Ellen Wilson

Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Curry

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11

8:00am Chris Dincuff r/o Family

12:15pm Mass of Remembrance Victims of 9/11

Priest of the Day: Rev. Edward A. Czarcinski

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12

8:00am Rosanne McCarthy r/o Nick & Patricia Casertano

12:15pm Raymond C. Remus r/o Lori & Peter Donelan

Priest of the Day: Rev. Arlindo P. DaSilva

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13 - ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

8:00am Ann Major r/o Peter, Laura, & Lisa

12:15pm Christopher Alband r/o Nellie & Marty Moran

Priest of the Day: Rev. James DeFillipps

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14

8:00am Richard England r/o Kathy Salmon

4:00pm Vincente Manalastas r/o Carmen Valerio & Family

Priest of the Day: Rev. Joseph L. Desmond

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15 - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Antonio DeSello r/o DeSello Family

10:00am For Our Parishioners

12:00pm Joan Szuminksy r/o Novellino Family

Priest of the Day: Rev. Manuel Diaz

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-

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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, 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

Online Giving... Visit our website to get started: www.saintthomasob.com or other ways to give:

- visit https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/P1381
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- Use your envelopes



At time of printing the collection for August 30th and September 1st was not available.

THANK YOU!

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

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

THIS WEEKEND SEPT. 7-8TH: Second Collection

PETER'S PENCE

This collection will is the annual Holy Father's Collection and all proceeds are designated for that singular purpose.

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

Theresa Borgone







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

DECEASED + LOVED ONES

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



"We must not separate our life from the Eucharist. The moment we do so, something shatters."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

"Open wide the Doors to Christ in Your Life!"

Join Fr. John Rozembajgier on Pilgrimage to the

National Shrine of St. John Paul II in Washington, DC.



Saturday, September 28, 2024 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. \$140.00 (per person) (cash or check)

Price includes the Total Freedom Tour Package of transportation to and from Washington, DC; a tour of the National Shrine of St. John Paul II; Exhibit on St. John Paul II; the Rosary; Mass celebrated in the Luminous Mystery Chapel; a delicious lunch; the Divine Mercy Chaplet; and fun and excitement along the journey. Please note that if you are paying by check, please make check out to: St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Thank you and look forward to you joining us in this pilgrimage of a lifetime.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

<u>September 8, 2024 - 23rd Sunday</u> <u>in Ordinary Time</u>



In today's gospel Jesus cures a man of his deafness speech impediment with just the touch of his hand and gives him a whole new life. The story reminds us of how much of an impact Jesus can have on our lives. We may not even realize the tiny blessings that he sends us each day or the little miracles that he works in our lives. Is there someone in your life who would like to know more about Jesus? Our Inquiry sessions begin this Sunday. 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

<u>September 8, 2024 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" James 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson .When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

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





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.

The Faith Sharing group will be presenting:

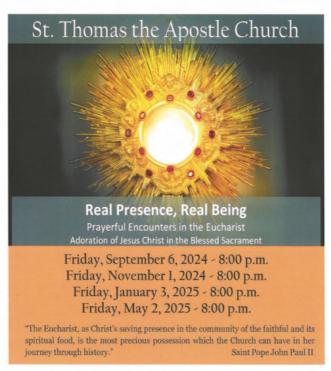
A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Beginning September 12th 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.

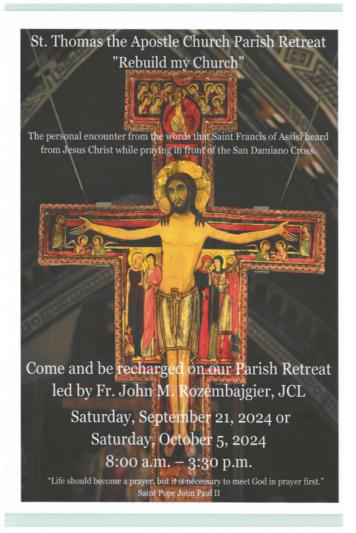


We all need a time and place where we can go and quietly reflect. We all have personal challenges that make us tired and weary. We all search for hope and peace in such a busy and noisy life. As Christians we believe real Hope is found in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Come and allow his presence to heal and nourish you.

We invite you to four Holy Hour's this year focused specifically on the Real Presence of Christ. This will be a time for you to hear readings relevant to our lives, music that will help you to reflect, and a message of Hope. We will gather afterwards for refreshments and small table discussions. You can find more information on our website: https://saintthomasob.com/.

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.



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 Orphaned 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 <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.

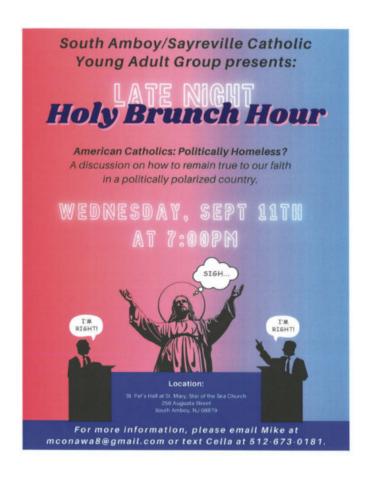
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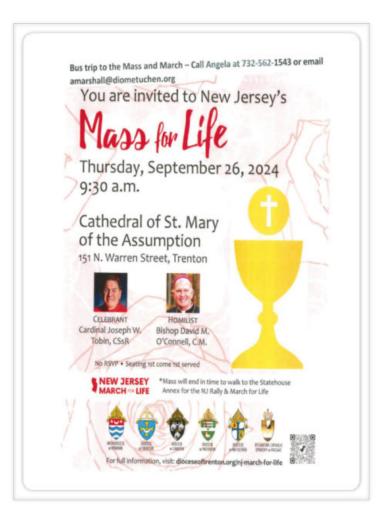
- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom-free if recovered from COVID-19
- May NOT donate if they have had a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May NOT donate if they are currently on selfquarantine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

Remember to eat, drink, and bring your Donor ID or ID with your name and photo.

Encounter School of Ministry Prayer Teams

Available after Mass on September 8^{th} at 10:00am and September 29^{th} at 12pm.









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