Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 13, 2024

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"To make disciples, as we know, love and serve God and one another"

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Annette Pioppo

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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: Telephone -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 – EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12

8:00am Joseph Gualtieri r/o Elizabeth Loney &

Joseph-Louis D'Amore

4:00pm Valentine Steinmetz r/o Bob & Carol Safchinsky

Priest of the Day: Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Herlihy

SUNDAY OCTOBER 13 - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Dorothy & Dennis Sullivan 60th Wedding Anniv.

r/o Dorothy & Dennis Sullivan

10:00am Judith & Ed Palluzzi r/o The Palluzzi Family

12:00pm Veronica Tenneson r/o Erin Kelleher

Priest of the Day: Rev. John G. Hillier

MONDAY OCTOBER 14

9:00am Christopher Albano r/o Laurieann & Wayne Miller

Priest of the Day: Rev. Francis Hilton

TUESDAY OCTOBER 15 - ST. TERESA

8:00am Michael Young r/o Deacon Bob Bonfante 12:15pm Elizabeth Slizewski r/o Gary & Joann Holland,

Steven & Rupa

Priest of the Day: Rev. Joseph Illes

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16

8:00am Cirila Manares r/o Lucille Ancheta

12:15pm Domanico & Filippa Condemi r/o Daughter &

Grandchildren

Priest of the Day: Rev. Pervaiz Indrias

THURSDAY OCTOBER 17 - ST. IGNATIUS

8:00am Michael Mooney r/o Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Layden

12:15pm Christopher Albano r/o Christine Doyle

Priest of the Day: Rev. Ronald L. Jandernoa

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18 - ST. LUKE

8:00am Mark Spehalski r/o Annette & Don Ruocco

12:15pm Nancy Stahley r/o Betty Lonegan

Priest of the Day: Rev. Wilson Jerusalem

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19

8:00am Int. of Teresa Jimenez r/o Daughter 4:00pm Lily & Lucas Dias r/o D'Mello Family

Priest of the Day: Rev. Jerome Johnson

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20 - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Michael Costagliola r/o Costagliola Family 10:00am Danny Treacy r/o Nellie & Marty Moran 12:00pm Ann DeMaria r/o Walter & Stacey Tier

Priest of the Day: Rev. Imre Juhasz

Welcome to the Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle Church!

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

Telephone: 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 Telephone: 732.251.4812 **PREP Telephone:** 732.251.1660

Contact Information:

Website: www.saintthomasob.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/St-Thomas-the-

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Parish Office Staff:

Business Administrator: Ms. Michelle Loney
Parish Secretary: Ms. Lisa Sorrentino
Reception/Bingo Coordinator: Ms. Jennifer Bachonski

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 or by appointment by calling the Parish Office.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Parishioners desiring the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES ...

Sanctuary Candle/Mary Candle, lit for one week in Church, available during daytime by contacting the Parish Office.

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, Sylvia Bowman, Edmund Crookhorn, John Derenoski, Cathy Duh, Catherine Franken, Clark French, Walter Gladowski, Thomas La Marca, Mary Margett, Pat & Rudy Maurer, 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 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

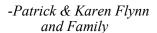
Online Giving... Visit our website to get started: www.saintthomasob.com or other ways to give:

- visit https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/ P1381
- Scan the QR code below
- Use your envelopes

Weekly Collection October 5th -6th....\$18,572

THANK YOU!

The **Sanctuary Candle** in the Church this week burns in memory of Bridget Colavito.

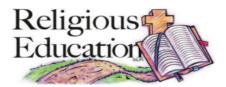


PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be **closed on** Monday, October 14th for Columbus Day and will re-open on Tuesday 9:00am.

ANOINTING MASS

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Elderly will be celebrated on Saturday, October 19th at 10:00am Mass. To register please call the Parish Office at 732.251.4000.



.<u>Liturgy of the Word for Children - Beginning Sunday,</u> October 6, 2024 during the 10:00 am Mass

On the first and third Sunday of the month we invite all children grades K-8 to join us for Liturgy of the Word for Children. The priest will call all children into the center aisle and they will process to the Chapel where they will hear the Gospel, sing, pray, and have a discussion on their level. They will return to you during the Offertory Hymn.

FEUCHARIST

"You left us yourself in the Sacrament of the Altar, and you opened wide your mercy to us. There is no misery that could exhaust you. You have called us to this fountain of love, to this spring of God's compassion."

- St. Faustina



Eucharistic Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration is the act of worshiping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Since the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and distributed the wine saying, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood," Catholics have believed that the bread and wine are no longer merely baked wheat and fermented grape juice, but the actual living presence of the Second Person of the Trinity—Jesus Christ. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the Living God. Adoration occurs whenever someone kneels in front of a tabernacle that contains the Blessed Sacrament, genuflects toward a tabernacle, bows before receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Mass, or, in a more focused way, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration. Join us every First Friday in 2024—October 4, November 1, and December 6. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues from the conclusion of 8:00 am daily Mass on First Friday until the beginning of 12:15 pm Mass that very same day. Please come and embrace Jesus in which you say to Him: "I am yours, and I ask you, please stay with me always." -Pope Benedict XVI

Vocations Prayer

Jesus, make me your disciple,
with your joy fill me,
by your love form me,
in your hope lead me,
show me the vocation that you desire for me,
the path to love and follow you. **Amen**

HONEY FOR SALE

Polish Supplementary School will be having a fundraiser selling honey here at ST. Thomas the weekend of October 26th &27th.

Please help them achieve their goals!!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

October 22nd - Feast of St. John Paul II - 7-8:30pm

Adoration of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament with a reflection on Mary and St. John Paul II.

We will also begin the 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory—
Consecration to devote ourselves to God and make ourselves 100% available to carry out His will on this earth.

Saturday, October 26th - 2pm

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

Sunday, October 27th - 7:00-8:30pm

Adoration of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament with a book discussion on Matthew Kelly's <u>Life is Messy</u>

June 17-30, 2025 - Poland (Krakow, Wadowice, Czestochowa, and Warsaw) and Italy (Rome/Assisi) with Fr. John M. Rozembajgier. More information to follow.

Jubilee 2025 - September - Trip to Italy

September 22 - October 2, 2025 - Rome/Assisi & 6 night River Cruise to Venice and the Vento Region with Fr. Jay Johnson. More information to follow!

From the Upper Room to the Resurrection: October 15th at 7:30pm in the Pastoral Center

The Eucharistic Revival, all are invited to join Fr. Jay for an exciting Bible Study that will cover the Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper to the Resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke. All you need is a Bible and an open heart! Please call the Parish Office to let us know you are coming!

Table at St. Thomas the Apostle



Saturday, November 9, 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

DEACONS TABLE



Wednesday, October 16, 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.

YOUTH GROUP at ST. THOMAS

Are you between grades 7-12? Do you want to give back to your community, learn about your faith, and have a place to meet enthusiastic likeminded peers? Join us in the Parish Center on Wednesday, October 30th at 6:30PM-8:30PM for our first monthly Youth Group meeting of the year! We will be having a Fall themed get together where we will be painting pumpkins and making candy bags for a local Senior Residence center! We will also have snacks, participate in other fun Fall activities, and learn more about what Youth Group has to offer! If you would like more information, feel free to reach to our Youth Minister Juliette Malone at her email lone@saintthomasob.com! We look forward to seeing you there!

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

October 13, 2024 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"As he set out on a journey" are powerful words for many of us. I'm sure we have all felt lost on a long and arduous journey to an unknown land at some point in our lives. Yet we should be powerfully reminded that "With man, it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."

Moving beyond the minimum, we must tear down any obstacle that stands between God and us. To be in right relationship with God, we must rely entirely on him, not ourselves. Jesus says if the man wants to have a deeper relationship with God - if he wants to go "all in"- then he must let go of his wealth, give up everything. The "letting go" was the only way he would experience true charity and giving of self. This is the love that God; for all things are possible with God." Please pray for our Inquirers this week, those who are actively seeking His love and truth, that their-hearts may be open to the beauty of His grace. For more information, call Lisa at 732.251.4000 ext. 8218.

Be a Champion for Catholic Charities

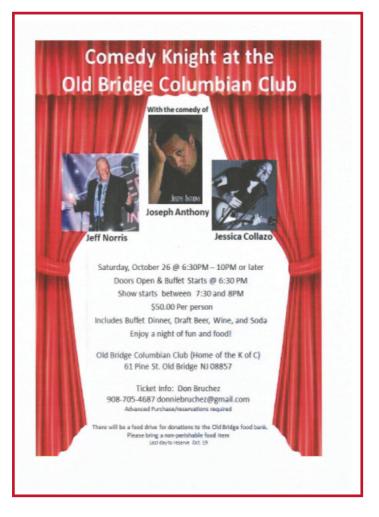
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Go to <u>www.diometuchen.org/champions</u> to make a gift or download a raffle form to purchase a ticket. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Champions for Catholic Charities and mailed to Champions for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, PO Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191. Questions may be directed by email to <u>champions@diometuchen.org</u> or by phone to 732-562-2432.



Here is a link to the downloadable <u>Parish Year of Mission Playbook</u> for the National Eucharistic Revival. This includes information about the Walk With One program.

Bishop Burbidge, USCCB Pro-Life Chair, with a prayer to pray between now and Election Day. It can be found in English and Spanish at https://www.usccb.org/resources/prayer-life-jesus-blessed-sacrament.



Encounter the Love of Jesus through personal prayer

Encounter School of Ministry Prayer Teams are available:

Saturday, October 19th after 4pm Mass

Sunday, October 27th after 10am Mass



Marriage Encounter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held October 18 - 20.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Life Choices Resource Center "Baby Bottle Blessings"

St. Thomas is hosting a "Baby Bottle Blessings" Campaign for Life Choices Resource Center which is based in Metuchen.

For over 39 years, **Life Choices** has been serving women and families in our local communities by offering **FREE** services and support. We offer hope and friendship for those facing crisis pregnancies and post abortion healing. WE are "Walking with Moms in Need."

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We would be most grateful if you would take home a bottle or an envelope and return it with your donation (cash, check or credit card information) by October 13th. Donations also can be mailed directly to: **Life Choices Resource Center**, 503 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840 *or* made on-line at *www.Life ChoicesRC.com* or by using the QR code.

Your gift will help us serve our Lord's most precious creation!

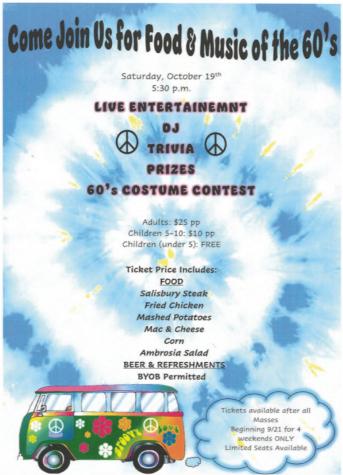
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