

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 20, 2024

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"To make disciples, as we know, love and serve God and 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: Telephone -732.251.4000

Fax - 732.251.4946

Website: [www.saintthomasob.com](http://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!



# MASS INTENTIONS

## TWENTY – NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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*

### MONDAY OCTOBER 21

8:00am Ed Lennan r/o Lori & Peter Donelan  
12:15pm Breda Cotter r/o Laura Kuhn  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Joseph Kaball*

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 22

8:00am Harry H. Pierce r/o Tim & Maryann Donoghue  
12:15pm Phyllis Tenaglia r/o Jeanne & Gerald Goll  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Krzysztof Kaczynski*

### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23

8:00am Annie Jennings r/o Bridget Hughes  
12:15pm Ann & Frank Major r/o Peter, Laura & Lisa  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Sebastian D. Kaithackal*

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 24

8:00am For Our Parishioners  
12:15pm Mary D. Filimon r/o John M. Filimon  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Alphonsus M. Kariuki*

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 25

8:00am Samuel DiCapua r/o Francesca Mitchell  
12:15pm Nicholas Vastola, Jr. r/o MaryAnn, Fran & Tony  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. John Kattatthu Chacko*

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 26

8:00am Patrick O’Neill r/o George Gonzalez  
4:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Robert Higgins r/o Yesis Family  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Mark F. Kehoe*

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 27 - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Mr. & Mrs. George Rassman r/o Anthony & Teri  
Cutrone  
10:00am Anastacia Benzon (liv. int) r/o Mr. & Mrs. Alberto  
Benzon  
12:00pm Cathy Bennet r/o Mike  
*Priest of the Day: Rev. Charles F. Kelly*

## 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](http://www.saintthomasob.com)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/pages/St-Thomas-the-Apostle-Church-Old-Bridge-NJ](http://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

## 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—before 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:

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



Weekly Collection October 12th -13th....\$15,561  
Hurricane Relief....\$3,928

THANK YOU!

The **Sanctuary Candle** in the Church this week burns in memory of Wolfgang Oberle.

- Joe & Helene Oberle



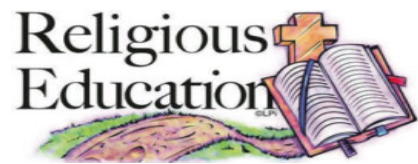
## THIS WEEKEND OCTOBER 19th-20th Second Collection

World Mission Sunday

**Thank you for your support!**

## Attention all Ushers

There will be an Ushers meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6th, at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. Please save the date and make every effort to attend our meeting.



## PREP NEWS

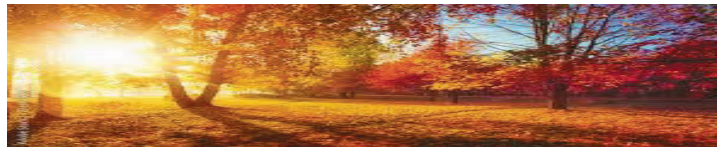
Liturgy of the Word for Children this week during the 10:00 AM Mass and November 1<sup>st</sup> at the 10:00 AM Mass.

We need help during PREP on Thursdays during class 6:00 PM – 7:30. Call the PREP Office if you can help!

Next Confirmation Session for PREP Students is Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:45 PM

No PREP Class on Halloween – Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

No PREP Class on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>.



## 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 - 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**

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 7:00PM**

During this liturgy we will remember the name of each parishioner who passed away this year (October 1, 2023 – September 24, 2024). As your loved one's name is read, a relative or friend will come forward to receive a candle and place it to the right of the altar. All are welcome to join us for this liturgy.

**Pilgrimage to National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestahowa and National Shrine of Padre Pio**  
**November 9, 2024**

Join Fr. John Rozembajgier on pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestahowa in Doylestown, PA followed by the National Shrine of Padre Pio in Barto, PA on Saturday, November 9, 2024.

The price of the trip is \$130.00 and will include a deluxe bus, a delicious lunch and a wonderful, beautiful day.

Please contact Chris Doyle for further information. 732-609-1499 or [chrisdoyle167@gmail.com](mailto:chrisdoyle167@gmail.com).

**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

**Jubilee 2025 - June - In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II**

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!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1333, tells us that; "At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, becomes Christ's Body and Blood. Faithful to the Lord's command the Church continues to do, in his memory and until his glorious return, what he did on the eve of his Passion: "He took bread..." "He took the cup filled with wine..." The signs of bread and wine become, in a way surpassing understanding, the Body and Blood of Christ."

**Communion for the Homebound**

If you or your loved ones are homebound and cannot attend Mass to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, please contact Lisa Guilano at 732-251-4000 ext. 8218 to have one of our ministers bring the sacrament in a home visit.

**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 [chrisdoyle167@gmail.com](mailto:chrisdoyle167@gmail.com)  
or call 732-609-1499

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Ms. Juliette Malone at her email [jmalone@saintthomasob.com](mailto:jmalone@saintthomasob.com)! We look forward to seeing you there!

**RETRouvaille**

Stress In Your Marriage?

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?  
Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?  
Have you thought about separation or divorce?  
Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETRouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETRouvaille consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **February 28 – March 2, 2025**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email [3024@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3024@helpourmarriage.org).

**DATE CHANGE FOR THE ANOINTING MASS**



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Elderly will be celebrated on Saturday, October 26th at 10:00am Mass. To register please call the Parish Office at 732.251.4000.

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



**October 20, 2024 - 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Often, like James and John, we think we know what we want or what would be best for us; however, with our limited view and human feelings, that is not always the case. In comparison, God has the fuller view and always knows what we need, when we need it and exactly how we need it. With His love, He gently guides us as He gives us the grace to conform our hearts to His.

Based on an understanding of how God operates, we can confidently offer our desires but surrender the response, trusting that God knows fully what is best for us and those we love, as well as how we need to grow in the moment. When we don't get what we were hoping for, with confidence we can say, "Jesus, I Trust in You," even as our hearts are breaking at the closed doors we were so certain would be opened. (Adapted from [www.Catholicmom.com](http://www.Catholicmom.com)) 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. Inquiry sessions are for those who wish to inquire, explore, and search for ways to grow in the Catholic faith. For more information, call Lisa at 732-251-4000 ext. 8218.

**HONEY FOR SALE**

Polish Supplementary School will be having a fundraiser selling honey here at St. Thomas the weekend of October 26th & 27th and November 2nd & 3rd.



Please help them achieve their goals!!

**CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS FOR OCTOBER 1 - 15**

Oct. 1	# 355	Oct. 9	# 843
Oct. 2	# 932	Oct. 10	# 362
Oct. 3	# 813	Oct. 11	#417
Oct. 4	# 271	Oct. 12	# 1111
Oct. 5	# 1219	Oct. 13	# 250
Oct. 6	# 1120	Oct. 14	# 238
Oct. 7	# 424	Oct. 15	# 675
Oct. 8	# 1212		

**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

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Feast of St. John Paul II

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Please join us, the Family of St. Thomas the Apostle Church for an evening of Prayerful Encounters in the Eucharist Adoration of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. At this evening, we will begin the invitation to the *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* to dedicate ourselves to God make ourselves 100% available to carry out His will on this earth.



*"The most beautiful and stirring adventure that can happen to you is the personal meeting with Jesus, who is the only one who gives real meaning to our lives."*

SAINT JOHN PAUL II



**Comedy Knight at the Old Bridge Columbian Club**

With the comedy of



Jeff Norris



Joseph Anthony



Jessica Collazo

Saturday, October 26 @ 6:30PM - 10PM or later

Doors Open & Buffet Starts @ 6:30 PM

Show starts between 7:30 and 8PM

\$50.00 Per person

Includes Buffet Dinner, Draft Beer, Wine, and Soda

Enjoy a night of fun and food!

Old Bridge Columbian Club (Home of the K of C)  
61 Pine St. Old Bridge NJ 08857

Ticket Info: Don Bruchez

908-705-4687 [donniebruchez@gmail.com](mailto:donniebruchez@gmail.com)

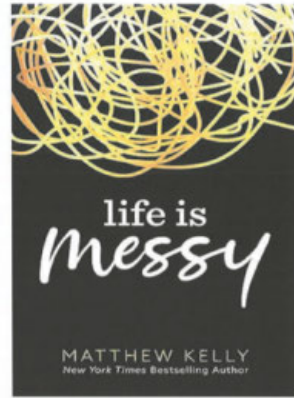
Advanced Purchase/reservations required

There will be a food drive for donations to the Old Bridge food bank. Please bring a non-perishable food item last day to reserve. Oct. 19

**SUMMER PHOTO  
CONTEST WINNERS**

Congratulations to the 2025  
St. Thomas Cash Calendar  
Photo Contest Winners!!

- January: Magnolia Walters
- February: Marilyn Harmyk
- March: Deacon Bob Bonfante
- April: Rick Remlinger
- May: Patricia Mioduszewski
- June: Mark Agolia
- July: Frank Tabert
- August: Elaine Knapp
- September: Carla Byler
- October: Gerry Fillimon
- November: Michael Mancino
- December: Dawn de la Cuesta
- Cover: Deborah Phacis



**Book Review and Discussion  
at  
St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
on  
*Life is Messy* by Matthew Kelly**

**Sunday, October 27, 2024**

**7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Schedule:**

- 7:00p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 7:30 p.m. – Reflection on *Life is Messy* by Matthew Kelly
- 7:45 p.m. – Group Discussion on *Life is Messy* by Matthew Kelly
- 8:30 p.m. – Departure

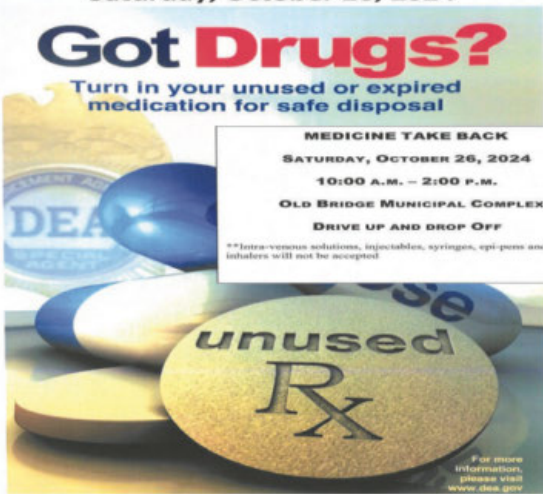
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**Got Drugs?**

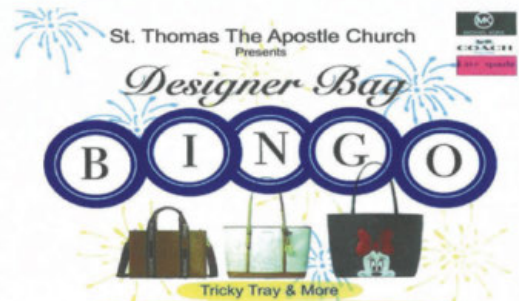
Turn in your unused or expired  
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**MEDICINE TAKE BACK**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024  
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
OLD BRIDGE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
DRIVE UP AND DROP OFF

\*\*Intra-venous solutions, injectables, syringes, epi-pens and  
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Wed. 11/20/24 @ St. Thomas the Apostle

**\$40 - Includes: 10 Games, Light Refreshments, and Free Dabber**

Doors open @ 5:30 pm  
First ball called @ 7:00 pm

\*No one under 18 years of age is permitted\*  
Participants are welcome to bring their own food and beverages  
Due to limited seating, don't delay in purchasing your tickets!



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Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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cause, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world."*

- St. Francis of Assisi

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