

# ***Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School***

**ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE**

**JULY 6, 2025**

## **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:**

**Michele Racavich**

### **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!**



## ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE JULY 6, 2025

### SATURDAY JULY 5

8:00am Frank Bolye r/o Jeanne & Jerry Goll

4:00pm Stan D'Mello r/o Nerine D'Mello

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Francesco Carraro*

### SUNDAY JULY 6 - ST. THOMAS - APOSTLE

8:00am Clementine Ilar r/o The Weissert Family

10:00am Josephine & Leonard Coviello r/o Jean &  
Anthony Tesoriero

12:00pm Ernest Rios r/o Armani Family

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Kevin Carter*

### MONDAY JULY 7

8:00am Peggy Sommers r/o Wayne & Laurie Miller

12:15pm Clemente Ferrari r/o Acquilynn & Bill Devery

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Arjay Cecilio*

### TUESDAY JULY 8

8:00am For Our Parishioners

12:15pm Robert Klimowicz r/o Dorothy Klimowicz

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Thomas Chembor*

### WEDNESDAY JULY 9

8:00am Venceslau D'Silva r/o Madej Family

12:15pm Jocelyn DiGiacomo r/o Karen & Joe Ungrady

*Priest of the Day: Rev. James Cerbone*

### THURSDAY JULY 10

8:00am Billy Merrill r/o Nerine D'Mello

12:15pm Margaret & Richard Peveril r/o John Veverka

*Priest of the Day: Very Rev. John Chadwick*

### FRIDAY JULY 11 - ST. BENEDICT - ABBOT

8:00am Annette Tormey r/o Eng Lian

12:15pm Patricia Kolakowski r/o Gregg & Lillian  
Fiorentino

*Priest of the Day: Rev. James Chern*

### SATURDAY JULY 12

8:00am Marie E. Palluzzi r/o Korona Family

4:00pm Stan D'Mello r/o Nancy D'Mello

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Thomas Cherry*

### SUNDAY JULY 13 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am For the protection of babies in the womb and their  
families r/o Life Net

10:00am Int. of Fr. Tom Walsh r/o Gerry & Mike Martin

12:00pm John Pereira r/o Elsa Santos

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Peter Cho*



*The Sanctuary Candle in the Church this week  
burns in living intention of:*

**Therese & Joseph Oberle**

*r/o Joseph & Helen Oberle*

## 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](https://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. 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: Sylvia Bowman, Edmund Crookhorn, Cynthia Czarnecki, John Derenoski, Jack DeRuvo, Rhody Estacio, Richard Fazio, Sina Indelicato, Harriert Kunzman, Mary Margett, Frank Ranelli, Dolores Rinella, Thomas Smith, John Soporowski, Eileen Stolte.

*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.*

## DECEASED + LOVED ONES

John Cracchiolo

Richard Fazio

Frank Pasqua

Humbert Romano

## 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](http://www.saintthomasob.com) or other ways to give:*

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



*Collection amount for June 29th was not available at time of printing.*

**THANK YOU!**

## Altar Flower Memorial

If you would like to contribute to the Altar Flowers prices are as follows:

\$100 weekly for Altar Flowers

\$35 each for small vases placed by the Tabernacle

Please drop off your donations at the Parish Office.

## Encounter the Love of Jesus through personal prayer

Encounter School of Ministry Prayer Teams will be available this morning July 6th after 10am Mass.

## 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 on July 11th for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:00am Mass.** 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

## Parish Summer Office Hours

Monday	9:00am - 4:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am - 7:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 4:00pm
Thursday	9:00am - 7:00pm
Friday	<b>CLOSED</b>
Saturday	10:30am - 1:30pm
Sunday	10:30am - 1:30pm



## Bereavement Group at St. Thomas

A weekly bereavement group held on Wednesday's in the Parish Room at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. To find out more information or to register, please call Lisa at 732.251.4000 ext.8218.

## VOCATION MINISTRY

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." (Luke 10:2) God's vineyard is overflowing with opportunities, and there is a heartfelt need for dedicated laborers. Might Christ be inviting your child to join this vital work? Suggest that they consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, as their unique gifts could profoundly impact others. Talk to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.



## LOST and FOUND

There will be a Lost and Found Box in the Ushers room. Should you leave or lose an item in Church, please check with an usher or check in the usher's room.

## OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)



### July 6, 2025 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Christians are called and empowered by our baptism to be disciples of Jesus. Jesus calls us to take our spiritual development seriously and embark on our spiritual journey from an adult perspective. That Good News, though, was tough and realistic. It included the truth that Jesus didn't come to bring perfection to this world, and that we must not only be grateful for his salvation but must actually share it by carrying our responsibilities. Although we can't offer instant solutions to all problems or suffering, Jesus' Good News can alone provide true peace. Do you know someone who would like to learn more about Jesus, and how we can follow him through the Catholic Faith? All who are unbaptized, baptized into another faith denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist and Confirmation, are invited. For more information we invite you to call Lisa at 732-251-4000 ext. 8218.

## The Jubilee Prayer



Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee awaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



Parents who are having their first child baptized are required to attend a Baptism Preparation session in advance.

**Next class: Tuesday, July 29th - 7:00pm** in the 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.

## Thank you!



Our Vacation Bible Camp Adventure into Alaska ... **'TRUE NORTH – Trusting Jesus in a Wild World'** was an incredible experience! We had 46 campers, 24 student volunteers, and 6 adults participating in and leading our sessions. It was wonderful to see so many people singing, learning, and engaging with our faith! Countless friendships and memories were made! A heartfelt thank you to Lori Harris-Ransom, Desiree Abenante, Ashley Giuliano, Kim Ivan, Carolina Andrade, and Gerard Kaupke for leading our sessions and ensuring the safety of our campers!

### All Confirmation Candidates – Confirmation Interviews

Mark your calendars, Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in St. Thomas Auditorium is your first opportunity to have your Confirmation Interview.

PREP Families register now for Cardio Rosary! Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in St. Thomas Auditorium. Join us for some faith, fun and ice cream! Send an email to [amadonna@saintthomasob.com](mailto:amadonna@saintthomasob.com).

Register for PREP now to make sure you get the time and day you need!!!

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Any adult, 18 years of age or older, who has received First Communion, but not Confirmation, and is interested in Adult Confirmation, please contact Fr. John Rozembajgier at the Parish Office -732.251.4000.

### TO THE PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST...

+Relax! God put the wiggle in children; do not feel you have to suppress it in God's house. ALL ARE WELCOME!

+Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little one to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of other's heads.

+Quietly explain the parts of Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, etc. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

+If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

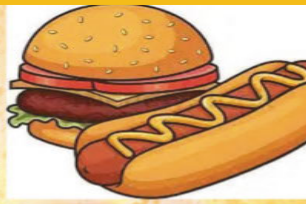
+Remember that the way we welcome children in the church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

### TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

The presence of children is a gift to the church, and they are a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents!



## DEACONS TABLE JULY BBQ



**July 16, 2025  
4:30 PM- 6:30 PM  
St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
333 Highway 18, Old Bridge, NJ**

*We will be distributing dinners  
to take home.*

*Come pick up your BBQ dinner at St.  
Thomas the Apostle Church.*

*Please RSVP to [sttmas@sttaob.com](mailto:sttmas@sttaob.com)  
or call parish office (732) 251-4000*



### 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 July 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](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.

## CRITICAL BLOOD SHORTAGE SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, August 2, 2025  
8:00am to 2:00pm**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
333 Route 18, Old Bridge, NJ**

**In conjunction with  
St. Thomas**

**Knights of Columbus Council 4815**

Appointments recommended. Walk-ins accommodated if space allows.

For an appointment go to [nybc.org/drive](http://nybc.org/drive)

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Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

Donors 76 and over need a doctor's note unless one is already on file. 16 year olds need signed NYBC parental consent form. We urge you to make an appointment even though you are not sure of the exact time you will be able to donate. Select a time about when you think you can come.



# PLAYS IN THE PARK

## 2025 SUMMER SEASON

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**CONTACT**  
732.548.2884  
[middlesexcountynj.gov/PP](http://middlesexcountynj.gov/PP)

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## CELEBRATE LIFE

**A MORNING FOR  
GRANDPARENTS AND  
SENIORS (55+)**

**THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025**  
9:30 am- 12:30 pm  
Celebrating the  
Feast of Sts. Anne & Joachim

**Guest Speaker: Keaton Douglas**  
Consultant, Educator, Counselor

**Schedule:**

**9:30 am Welcome, Breakfast and Fellowship**

**10:30 am Presentation**  
"The Spiritual Gifts of Aging: Wisdom, Patience & Grace"

**11:45 am Holy Mass**

Event is free, registration is required! Scan code:

Contact Angela at  
+732-562-1543





# SAVE THE DATE!!!

## ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH PICNIC

**September 14, 2025**

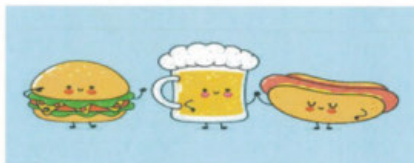
**1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

at

**THOMPSON PARK - Grove 4B, Jamesburg**

**TICKETS GO ON SALE AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES  
STARTING AUGUST 16TH**

**FURTHER DETAILS COMING SOON**

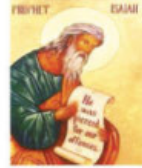


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# The PROPHETS



This Adult Enrichment Course will introduce attendees to the prophetic books of the Old Testament by reading, examining and contemplating the words and deeds of the prophets of Israel. The goal is to familiarize attendees with the prophetic corpus of the Bible using the historico-critical method of exegesis. This presupposes that the interpretation of Scripture will be, at times, literal, allegorical or anagogical.



*This course will be taught by*

**Fr. Glenn J.  
Comandini, S.T.D.**

*Coordinator of On-Going  
Faith Formation*

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Thursdays  
September 4 – December 18, 2025  
10:30 AM – 11:30 PM

\$20 Per Person For All 14 Classes  
Register Online:  
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For questions  
email [amashalk@diometuchen.org](mailto:amashalk@diometuchen.org) or  
call (732) 562-1543

Sept 4 Introduction  
Sept 11 Amos  
Sept 18 Hosea  
Sept 25 Isaiah 1-39  
Oct 2 Micah & Zephaniah  
Oct 9 Daniel  
Oct 16 Jeremiah  
Oct 23 Habakkuk  
Oct 30 Habakkuk  
Nov 6 Ezekiel  
Nov 13 Isaiah 40-55  
Nov 20 Haggai & Nahum  
Dec 4 Isaiah 56-66  
Dec 11 Obadiah & Malachi  
Dec 18 Joel & Jonah

**REQUIRED TEXT:**  
Any Bible which contains the works of the  
Former (Historical) and Latter (Book) Prophets  
such as the *New American Bible* or  
the *Revised Standard Version*.  
If needed the New American Bible may be  
purchased for \$10 during online registration.

## CALLING ALL PILGRIMS OF HOPE FROM ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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**\$50.00 PER PERSON**

**FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT**

**CHRIS DOYLE 732-609-1499 OR**

**[CHRISDOYLE167@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CHRISDOYLE167@GMAIL.COM)**

# LIFE-GIVING Wounds RETREAT



*A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce, Separation, or Family Brokenness*



August 22-24th



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**Register Now At:**

[diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce](https://diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce)

**Questions:**

[cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org)

or scan here:



## Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th, 50th, 50+ or 5th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 3:00 PM. The Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will again include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543. Registration will close on October 10, 2025. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.

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