

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

***THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH***

***DECEMBER 28, 2025***



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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**

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AND JOSEPH  
DECEMBER 28, 2025**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 27**

8:00am Liv. Int. Wu & Luu r/o Cam & Family  
4:00pm John G. Fillimon r/o John Fillimon

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Joseph Ciar*

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 28 - HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH**

8:00am John Pereire r/o Delminda Ribeiro  
10:00am Arpad Joseph Csizmadia r/o Loving Mom  
12:00pm For Our Parishioners

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Andrew Colvin*

**MONDAY DECEMBER 29**

8:00am Christopher Heppel r/o The Heppel Family  
12:15pm Monthly Memorial

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Stephen Curry*

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 30**

8:00am Marcelo Abes, Sr. r/o Bruce Skriloff  
12:15pm Darlene Gliese r/o Peter & Lori Donelan

*Priest of the Day: Rev. James Dever*

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE**

8:00am Barbara McAndrew r/o Veronica McGrath  
4:00pm For Our Parishioners  
7:00pm Isilio Villa r/o Dorothy Chandler & Al Jolly

*Priest of the Day: Rev. John Dolan*

**THURSDAY JANUARY 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

10:00am The Czarnecki Family r/o Cindy and Nicole  
Czarnecki

12:00pm Edward Obal r/o Family

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Thomas Donio*

**FRIDAY JANUARY 2 - STS. BASIL AND  
GREGORY**

9:00am Kyle Furey r/o The Furey Family

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Nicholas Dudo*

**SATURDAY JANUARY 3**

8:00am Brenden Luke r/o Madeline Luke  
4:00pm Gloria Sansone r/o Pasqua Family

*Priest of the Day: Rev. James Durkin*

**SUNDAY JANUARY 4 - THE EPIPHANY OF  
THE LORD**

8:00am For Our Parishioners  
10:00am Robert J. Mohring r/o wife, Patricia & Sons  
12:00pm McGrath Family r/o Tom & Margaret McGrath

*Priest of the Day: Rev. Michael Field*



**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

Walter Blais, Edmund Crookhorn, Cynthia Czarnecki, Nicky DeFonte, John Derenoski, Jack DeRuvo, Brien Essenbreis, Christopher Horn, Sina Indelicato, Anatoli Karnicki, Harriet Kunzman, Maria Lim, Harold Mann, Mary Margett, Pat & Rudy Maurer, William Mendez, John McDevitt, Florence Picco, Angela Principe, Frank Ranelli, Lynda Savickas, Richmond Sesay, Thomas Smith, Migdalia Soto, Irene Sutton, Frances Thippabathini, Tristan Thompson, Daphne Ulveling, Mary Yu.

*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*

### PARISH SUPPORT

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*Collection for Immaculate Conception ...\$3,028*

*Collection for December 14th....\$ 9,733.50*

*Collection for Retired Religious...\$1,9787*

*Collection for December 21st was not available at time of printing.*

**THANK YOU!**



**Solemnity of the Holy Family Masses - Sunday, December 28**

**Saturday 4:00 pm, 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses -**

**Vigil Wednesday, December 31, 4:00 pm**

**Thursday, January 1, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon**

**Epiphany of the Lord Masses - Saturday/Sunday, January 3/4**

**Saturday - 4:00 pm Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am**

**Sunday - 12:00 Noon - Baby's First Christmas**

**Parish Christmas Concert—Sunday, January 4, 3:00 pm**

## 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 January 2nd for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 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

### CHRISTMAS PRAYER



Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS PLEASE NOTE:

**The Parish Office will close at 12:00pm on December 31st for New Year's Eve and reopen on Friday, January 2nd at 9:00am.**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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## OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)



### December 28 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

When we speak of the Holy Family, we are referring to the family of Jesus, the Divine Son of God; the Blessed Virgin Mary; and Saint Joseph, Jesus' father on earth. We know from the Gospels about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and the flight into Egypt and of finding Jesus in the temple. Essentially, we know enough to know this specific feast day celebrates our human family unit using Jesus' family as our example of faith and prayer. It is through their love shown in their family that we learn that prayer and love of God need to become the center of all families. Saint Paul gives advice on family life in Colossians 3:17: "And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." The feast of the Holy Family is a good time to pray for all families, both living and deceased. Please pray for our candidates this week, those who are actively seeking His love and truth, that their hearts may be open to the beauty of His grace.



Parents who are having their first child baptized are required to attend a Baptism Preparation session in advance. **Next class: Tuesday, January 27th - 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.

### SPONSOR LETTERS FOR BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

To receive a sponsor letter to be a Godparent for a Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation, the Sponsor must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Have received Baptism, Communion & Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
2. If married, you must have been married in the Catholic Church.
3. If divorced, you must not be remarried without having received an annulment for the first marriage.
4. Be a **registered and practicing** member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

**If you have moved out of the parish, and no longer live within our parish boundaries, we CANNOT give you a Sponsor Letter, even if you grew up here and made all your Sacraments here and your family still lives here. You are given a Sponsor Letter from the parish whose boundaries you live within currently.**



Dear Parent(s),

An invitation to  
"Baby's First Christmas."

On the Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday, January 4th, 2026 at 12:00 noon, our parish will celebrate a special Mass to mark your **Baby's First Christmas**. At this time, your child will receive a special blessing. Following the Mass, we will gather for a reception in the Pastoral Center to which you and your family members are cordially invited.

I hope you will be able to join us on January 4th. Please phone the Pastoral Center 732.251.4000 **no later than Tuesday, December 30th**, to let us know how many family members will join us so appropriate arrangements can be made.

We here at Saint Thomas wish you and your family a blessed and healthy Christmas and New Year.

In Christ Jesus,  
Rev. Jerome Johnson  
Pastor

**Very Rev. Jonathan S. Toborowsky to  
serve as Diocesan Administrator**



Fulfilling the role given to them by Canon Law, today the College of Consultors of the Diocese of Metuchen elected Very Rev. Jonathan S. Toborowsky to serve as Diocesan Administrator, until such time as Pope Leo XIV names a new Bishop of Metuchen.

Rev Toborowsky, a priest of the Diocese of Metuchen, was ordained to the Priesthood in 1998. A native of Port Reading, NJ, he has served in the parishes of St. James in Basking Ridge, St. Mary in Alpha, St. Thomas in Old Bridge, St. Lawrence in Laurence Harbor, and Immaculate Conception in Annandale, and served as Vicar General since 2022.

Father Toborowsky asks the faithful for their prayers as he assumes this new role, as we all continue praying for the Holy Spirit's guidance in the Holy Father's selection of our next bishop.

## CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS FOR DECEMBER 1 - 31

Dec. 1	# 20	Dec. 16	# 595
Dec. 2	# 24	Dec. 17	# 436
Dec. 3	# 443	Dec. 18	# 1473
Dec. 4	#355	Dec. 19	# 1211
Dec. 5	#897	Dec. 20	# 1234
Dec. 6	#347	Dec. 21	# 1001
Dec. 7	#842	Dec. 22	# 561
Dec. 8	#1336	Dec. 23	# 1455
Dec. 9	#998	Dec. 24	# 1316
Dec. 10	#1030	Dec. 25	# 953
Dec. 11	#746	Dec. 26	# 900
Dec. 12	#214	Dec. 27	# 231
Dec. 13	#530	Dec. 28	# 140
Dec. 14	#288	Dec. 29	#1070
Dec. 15	#77	Dec. 30	#637
		Dec. 31	#60

### Table at St. Thomas the Apostle



**Saturday, January 10, 2026**  
**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

### FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED!

**We are in need of the following items:**

Coffee, canned soups, juice boxes, snacks (individual), canned fruit, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, Dinty Moore stew, Vienna sausage, Spam, ketchup, mayo, pasta, pasta sauce (plastic jars ONLY), tuna fish, canned chicken, toilet paper and paper towels.

**Please be sure your items are not used and do not carry expired dates.**

**Thank you!**



Saint Thomas wants to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday!!!

**Christmas Ink** will be handed out one per person starting **Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**Our End of the Year Payouts are as followed:**

Tuesday December 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Midnight December 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup>

**Bingo is Closed**

Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day  
 Friday December 26<sup>th</sup> Christmas Weekend  
 Midnight December 27<sup>th</sup> Christmas Weekend  
 Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup> New Years Day  
 Bingo Resume Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>

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### 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.

### 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. for your item.





# BUNDLE UP & GIVE

# BLOOD DRIVE

**JESSICA UVEGES LoNIGRO WINTER BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup> | 8am to 2pm**  
**St. Thomas RC Church – 333 Route 18, Old Bridge**

Appointments strongly recommended. Scan the QR or sign up at: [www.nybc.org/drive](http://www.nybc.org/drive) use sponsor code 68640



Jessica was a life-long resident of Old Bridge. She was a loving wife, daughter, granddaughter, sister, auntie, niece, cousin, teacher, coach, and friend to many.

To honor Jessica, we are running blood drives in her memory.  
 Jessica relied on blood to keep her alive and we want to help others in the same way.  
 Since our first drive in 2015, we have collected almost 2900 pints, helping to save over 8,700 patients!

**TO DONATE BLOOD**

- You must be between 17 and 75 years old (16-year-olds can donate with parental consent and those 76 years or older can donate with a doctor's note.)
- Most medications will not keep you from donating. People with diabetes and blood pressure controlled by medication can donate.

Please bring your nybc donor card or a photo ID. Eat well and hydrate before donating.  
 Not sure if you can donate? Call 1-800-685-0900 for medical questions.

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Visit [nybc.org/newsroom](http://nybc.org/newsroom) for COVID-19 safety protocols.



800.933.BLOOD - nybc.org #nybloodservices

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# DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

## 2026!

### Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Monet Souza**



**Cost: \$20 (Lunch included!)**

**Music By:**  
**Marisel Rodriguez**



**Grades 8-12**




**St. Thomas Aquinas High School Edison, NJ**  
**10:30am-5:00pm**

# Come Pray a ROSARY for LIFE


**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026**  
**AT 1:00 PM**  
**MAIN STREET, WOODBRIDGE, NJ**

**IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE**

You are asked to park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm, 369 Ambury Ave., Woodbridge, NJ. There is a 12-18 pm Daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend. For more information, please contact [magnese@dometachen.org](mailto:magnese@dometachen.org)



## Stress in your Marriage?




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ANNOUNCING AN UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE  
**WEEKEND FOR COUPLES**

**JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

Is your marriage going down the right road... or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track.



# Blood Drive

**Celebrating National Blood Donor Month**



**SATURDAY, JAN 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8 AM – 2 PM**  
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800.933.BLOOD - nybc.org

**Prepare to donate**

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
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## CHRISTMAS GIFT

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

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The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 13 – 15.

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