

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MARCH 31, 2024



Pastor:

Rev. Jerome A. Johnson

Parochial Vicars:

Rev. John M. Rozembajgier, JCL  
Rev. Joseph 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:

Debbie Yesis

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](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




## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 30 - HOLY SATURDAY</b>
8:00am	Morning Prayer
8:00pm	Easter Vigil
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY</b>
	<b>THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>
8:00am	Easter Flower Triduum
10:00am	Easter Flower Triduum
12:00pm	Easter Flower Triduum
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 01</b>
9:00am	For Parishioners
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 02</b>
8:00am	Gail Funk r/o Holowinski Family
12:15pm	Mark Brower r/o Nellie Moran
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 03</b>
8:00am	Barbara Carney r/o Eileen Carney
12:15pm	Howard Donald Hutchkin r/o Richard J. McGuire
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 04</b>
8:00am	Jude Nelson r/o Ranelli Family
12:15pm	Henriette Gallagher r/o Ed & Lois Bachonski
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 05</b>
8:00am	Nancy Stahley r/o Tim & MaryAnn Donoghue
12:15pm	Bellina Crocefissa r/o Daughter-in-law & Grandchildren
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 06</b>
4:00pm	Barbara Romaine r/o Frank, Peggy & Marge Boyle
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 07 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>
8:00am	Prayer Blanket Recipients r/o Blanket Ministry
10:00am	For Our Parishioners
12:00pm	Harold Donald Hotchkin r/o Richard J. McGuire

*The Sanctuary Candle in the Church this week burns in loving memory of: T.R. Wang & Tsai Hua Hsieh  
r/o Isabel Wang*



*The Mary Candle in the Church this week burns in loving memory of: Harold Maresco  
r/o Marchuck Family*



## 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.  
*So please register... and Welcome!*

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

[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

**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—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 dangerous 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: Bob Andrews, Anthony Androvich, Ronald Atlak Sr, Walter Blais, Edmund Crookhorn, Chet Dudek, Sienna Franco, Anthony D., Joseph Fricano, Joanne Howard, Patricia Howley, Pat & Rudy Maurer, Barbara McMillian, Daniel Mechkowski, Paul & Vivian Montalban, Rita Murray, Ernie Nocera, Frank Ranelli, Lucia Rella, Salvatore Sodano, John Soporowski, Eileen Stolte, Irene Sutton, Rich Szuminsky, Joseph Vasham, Isilio Villa, Nell White.

*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](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



*The collection was not available at the time of printing.*

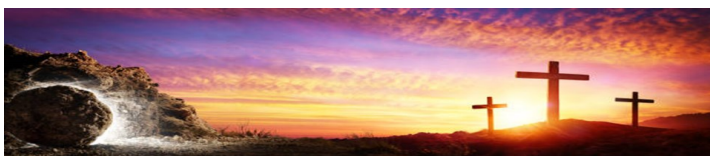
THANK YOU!

## Bishop's Annual Appeal 2024

Our Goal - \$88,000  
Amount Received - \$44,870

*The Altar Bread and Wine this weekend is offered in loving memory of: Michael Cavallo*

*r/o Stella Cavallo*



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration on the first Friday of each month following the 8:00am Mass, and concluding with the 12:15pm Mass.

*Come spend some time with our Lord!*



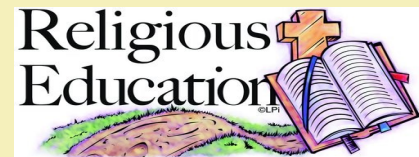
## PLEASE NOTE:

*The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 1st and re-open on Tuesday, April 2nd at 9:00am.*

## HOLY LAND COLLECTION

*Good Friday - March 29*

*The single beneficiary of this collection is the commissariat of the Holy Land which is responsible for the preservation of the shrines of the Holy Land and the Sacred Congregation of Oriental Churches.*



## PREP Level 2 Students:

Students who attended Level 2 PREP classes this year are required to attend class on **Tuesday, April 9 at 4:15 - 5:45pm OR Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 - 7:30pm.** Please bring your child to PREP on the day that they attended during the year for activities and reflection in preparation for First Communion. This is for PREP students only.

**\*\* Second grade students who attend St. Thomas School will have their class of activities and reflection in preparation for First Communion during their school day. \*\***

## Confirmation:

Confirmation will be celebrated **Wednesday, April 17th at 4:00pm.** Confirmation rehearsal will be on Monday, April 15th at 6:00pm in the Church. Sponsor or parent must attend rehearsal with the candidate.

## Easter Quote

Jesus said: I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die...

John 11:25-26



Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to children/grandchildren the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give us faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire us to offer our children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of our children is called to the priesthood and religious life. Let your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

**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.



Parents who are having their first child baptized are required to attend a Baptism Preparation session in advance. **Next class:** this **Tuesday, April 23, 2024 - 7:30pm** 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.

**VOTIVE AND WALL OF REMEMBRANCE CANDLES ...**

Are available near the Mary and St. Joseph statues. The votive candles in front of the statues are \$2, and will burn for 2 hours at a time. The Wall of Remembrance will burn for one year, and the cost is \$250 per year, and will be marked with a plaque with your loved one's name. Please visit the Parish Office.

**DEACONS TABLE**



April 17, 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.

Please RSVP to [stitmas@sttaob.com](mailto:stitmas@sttaob.com) or Call the parish office at 732.251.4000

**Come join the fun**  
Tuesday & Thursday 11am  
Friday 9pm  
Saturday Midnight  
Sunday 5pm  
Facebook: STA Bingo  
Saint Thomas  
**BINGO**



**The Table at St. Thomas  
Saturday, April 13, 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

**PLEASE BE SURE TO PICKUP BETWEEN 12:00 & 1:30**

**DONATIONS**



If you would like to make a donation to the St. Thomas Tricky Tray, please drop it off at the Pastoral Center or call Jen at: 908.601.6210.

Thank You!

## Easter Sunday

*“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth” -*  
COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia.” Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His Salvation plan.

### CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS FOR MARCH 16-31

Mar. 16	# 92	Mar. 24	# 1134
Mar. 17	# 696	Mar. 25	# 622
Mar. 18	# 832	Mar. 26	# 348
Mar. 19	# 268	Mar. 27	# 1209
Mar. 20	# 1452	Mar. 28	# 58
Mar. 21	# 363	Mar. 29	# 1222
Mar. 22	# 29	Mar. 30	#944
Mar. 23	# 435	Mar. 31	#409

**NEW JERSEY  
CATHOLIC  
YOUTH RALLY**  
at **SIX FLAGS  
GREAT ADVENTURE**  
**MAY 19, 2024**

Please Visit Our Website  
to Register by **May 10th:**  
[www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally](http://www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally)

**TICKETS**  
**\$75.00**  
PER PERSON  
**\$25.00**  
FOR SEASON  
TICKET HOLDERS

### ST. MICHAEL the ARCHANGEL PRAYER

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wiles and wickedness of the devil. Restrain him O God, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin and destruction of souls. Amen*

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>** - Communion Breakfast in the Pastoral Center after 10am Mass - Guest Speaker - Parish Committee Forum. Cost \$20 pp.

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>** - Somerset Patriots -vs- New Hampshire Fisher Cats \$40 pp. More information to come!

**Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>** – Sight and Sound Theater Lancaster, Pa. Time 7am – 7:30pm. The show “Daniel” and Bird-in-Hand Restaurant and Bus \$180pp.

### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

In our OCIA sessions, we welcome all who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or know someone who is, please have them contact me. For some, this may be an opportunity for a “refresher course” in the Faith. Our classes are weekly. Please invite anyone you know who may be interested in the Catholic Church. Registration is required. - Deacon Pat Hearty -**732.251.4000 ext. 8218.**

### ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES WORLD RELIGIONS

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center  
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway

10 Classes April 18 – June 27, 2024  
Thursday 10:00AM – 11:30AM  
Fr. Comandini, S.T.D. will teach about Hinduism - Buddhism - Judaism - Christianity - Islam

To register visit: [www.diometuchen.org/faith-formaiton](http://www.diometuchen.org/faith-formaiton).  
For more information email:  
[amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732.562.1543

### 2024 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

**STAY WITH US, LORD**

*Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission*

Jesus gave us a perfect example to follow, constantly demonstrating love and care for those around Him. Much of the work that is done through our Church to advocate for respect for life, consoling those who are in hospital or prisons, and providing for the poor and vulnerable depends on the sharing of our financial resources through the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

### PRAYER BLANKET

Anyone who needs spiritual, mental or physical comfort, and can benefit spiritually from a prayer blanket, contact the Pastoral Center: 732.251.4000.





### 8TH ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY FAMILY HEALING RETREAT

Saturday, April 13, 2024 8:00am - 4:00pm  
Our Lady of Fatima Gymnasium  
501 New Market Road, Piscataway

Guest speakers: Rev. Ignastius Mary Okoroji, Rev. Renae Canales and Rev. Giuseppe Siniscalchi, CFR.

Questions: call Max Gutierrez at 732.925.7788.



## DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

LIFE WITH CHRIST IS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE

APRIL 20, 2024 / 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL, EDISON



**CHIKA ANYANWU**  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Throughout the course of this day, 8th-12th grade teens from across the diocese will come together to enter into the sacrament of the Mass, have fun with one another, hear talks from our keynote speaker Chika Anyanwu, have the opportunity for Adoration and Confession, enjoy live music, good food, and more!

**COST: \$20** Per Person

**Register Today!**



Scan QR code or visit [www.diometuchen.org/diocesan-youth-day](http://www.diometuchen.org/diocesan-youth-day)



### BE A BUDDY or FIELD CREW.... JUST 4kixs

**BUDDIES:** Just4kixs is looking for responsible teens to be a buddy to a child with special needs. Just4kixs has been teaching soccer to children with special needs for 16 years. If you are between the ages of 12- 19 you can be a buddy and friend to a special child.

You do not need any soccer experience to be a buddy. All you need is patience, enthusiasm, and a friendly smile. You will work alongside a child with special needs for one hour each Saturday for 8 sessions.

You will receive 12 hours of community service for completing the 8-week Spring program and an additional 2 hours for attending our buddy training class as well as a lifetime of memories for sharing your time. We need about 200 buddies each season, bring your friends to sign up as well.

**FIELD CREW:** Our field crew is a HUGE part of this program. They are responsible for setting up the field each week. Since we have 5 different teams and over 120 players, we need as much help as possible to make a smooth transition into play time.

We have two field crew managers who will explain the job to be done and oversee the set up and clean up. Ages 10 & up can be part of our field crew team. Field crew will NOT work with a child on the field, they are simply responsible for set up and clean up.

You will receive 16 hours of community service for completing the 8-week Spring program and an additional 2 hours for attending our field crew training class.

We can assure you it will be one of the best and most rewarding experiences you will ever have.

**Register online:**

Sign up is easy, visit the [www.just4kixs.org](http://www.just4kixs.org) or go to [www.oldbridgesc.com](http://www.oldbridgesc.com)

Spring season begins Saturday, April 6, 2024

Season ends Saturday, June 1, 2024

Playtime is (11:30 am-12:30pm)

**Additional info...**please email Linda Giasullo

[vgpg03@gmail.com](mailto:vgpg03@gmail.com)



## Health Fair

April 7th  
Sunday  
10a-1:30p



**Our Lady of Victories Church**  
**42 Main St. Sayreville, NJ**

**Screenings:**  
**Blood Pressure**  
**Blood Sugar**  
**Cholesterol**



**Balance Test**  
**Physical Therapist**  
**Dietician**  
**ENT**  
**YMCA**



**Face Painting/Kid Games**  
**and so much more!**

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2024**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.