

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“To make disciples, as we know, love and serve one another”

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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: Tel -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!



MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY	APRIL 27
4:00pm	Frank Pasqua r/o Pasqua Family
SUNDAY	APRIL 28 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00am	For Our Parishioners
10:00am	Clara Valentino r/o Allan & Mary Pollack
12:00pm	Nina Brown r/o Dennis & Donna Brown & Family
MONDAY	APRIL 29 - ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
8:00am	Margaret Blair r/o Connie Pfeiffer
12:15pm	Monthly Memorial
TUESDAY	APRIL 30
8:00am	Mary Matko r/o Marie Marchese
12:15pm	Carol Ann Dahlquist r/o Wayne & Laurie Ann Miller
WEDNESDAY	MAY 1
8:00am	Rosa Go r/o DeSello Family
12:15pm	Irene Toto r/o Rosary Society
THURSDAY	MAY 2 - ST. ATHANASIUS
8:00am	Angela Gallucci r/o DeSello Family
12:15pm	Tony Toto r/o Marge, Peggy & Frank Boyle
FRIDAY	MAY 3— STS. PHILIP AND JAMES
8:00am	Ron Krausankas r/o Brian & Mary Ellen Wilson
12:15pm	Helene Ventriello r/o Suzanne, Bob & Family
SATURDAY	MAY 4
4:00pm	Nicholas & Angelina Vastola r/o Mary, Ann, Fran & Tony
SUNDAY	MAY 5 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00am	Norbert & Ruth Tschinkel r/o Tom Tschinkel
10:00am	For Our Parishioners
12:00pm	Rosemarie Abagnalo r/o Lisa & Chris Marzella

DECEASED + LOVED ONES

Mary Greene, Barbara Curcio & Anthony Andolfi

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!

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

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, Sienna Franco, Anthony D., John Derenoski, Joseph Fricano, Joanne Howard, Patricia Howley, Sina Indelicato, Pat & Rudy Maurer, Barbara McMillian, Daniel Mechkowski, Paul & Vivian Montalban, 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
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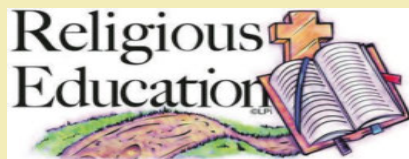
*The collection April 20th/21st... \$ 12,844.00
THANK YOU!*

Mother's Day Triduum

A Triduum of Masses will be offered for Mothers, living, and deceased on Sunday May 12th. To enroll a mother, complete an envelope (available at the church exits and in the Pastoral Center) and drop it in the collection box or forward to the Pastoral Center by Thursday, May 9th.

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*...is a simple way for us to communicate with you via email or text! Simply register for **Flocknote.com** and follow the instructions it's so easy!*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for the children and their families of our parish who received our Eucharistic Lord for the first time yesterday. We pray that they will be a part of the Eucharistic celebration on each Lord's Day. We rejoice with them and invite them to wear their special attire at weekend Masses.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Catholic Relief Services THIS WEEKEND

The proceeds will benefit the Native & Black American Collection as well as Catholic Relief Services.

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal STAY WITH US, LORD

Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

If you missed it, you can still see the Bishop's Annual Appeal video by going online to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>. Watch it and see all the good work being done in your name, thanks to your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider a gift today!

2024 Appeal

Our Goal - \$88,000

Amount Received - \$65,414.75

MEMORIAL GIFT AVAILABLE



The Altar Bread and Wine (weekend) are available in memory of your Loved Ones.

With a \$25 offering, your Loved One will be acknowledged in the bulletin.



Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give the parents faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their 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.

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.

Encounter Jesus through Personal Prayer

Encounter School of Ministry Prayer Teams are available for personal prayer:

April 28th after the 10AM Mass

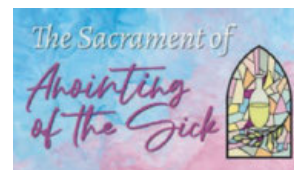
DEACONS TABLE



May 15, 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.



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Elderly will be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle on **Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 10:00am**. You may receive the sacrament if:

- you are ill
- you are a senior
- to have surgery
- a child if they have sufficient use of reason to be comforted by the sacrament

To register please call the Parish Office on 732.251.4000.



**The Table at St. Thomas
Saturday May 11, 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
or call 732-609-1499

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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY
 SOMERSET BASEBALL Picnic Area Game
Saturday May 4th, 2024
 Somerset Patriots vs New Hampshire Fisher
 Cats




Saturday May 4th @ 6:30pm Gate 5:30pm
 \$40 per person #1-5 , #6-7 \$250, #8-9 #325, #10+\$390
 Picnic Area Menu
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Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish
 FUN-Raising Committee Presents



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Let the games begin and join us to "sample" foods from
 around the world to celebrate different cultures & heritages.

Saturday, May 18th, 2024
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

\$25 per person
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To register visit: www.diometucvhen.org/faith-formaiton.
 For more information email:
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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
WEEKEND JULY 19-21, 2024

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 and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and
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Amazon baby registry: <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/corpus-christi-may-2024-southriver/zf3NYRo42OX3fD>

CONTACTS:
 ANN LENTO @ 732-238-2957
 ELIANA NEYRA @ 732-770-8245

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April 19	# 930	April 27	# 775
April 20	# 604	April 28	# 951
April 21	# 343	April 29	# 717
April 22	# 819	April 30	#819
April 23	# 427		

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

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.

B I N G O

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Tuesday & Thursday 11am
 Friday 9pm
 Saturday Midnight
 Sunday 5pm

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