

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

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 5, 2024**

## **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

**"To make disciples, as we know, love and serve one another"**

### **Pastor:**

**Rev. Jerome A. Johnson**

### **Parochial Vicars:**

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### **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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>MAY 4</b>  |
| 4:00pm           | Nicholas & Angelina Vastola r/o Mary , Ann, Fran & Tony |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>MAY 5 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>                   |
| 8:00am           | Norbert & Ruth Tschinkel r/o Tom Tschinkel              |
| 10:00am          | For Our Parishioners                                    |
| 12:00pm          | Rosemarie Abagnalo r/o Lisa & Chris Marzella            |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>MAY 6</b>  |
| 8:00am           | Virginia Florence Sansevere r/o Jerry & Trish Zambardi  |
| 12:15pm          | Harold Donald Hotchkin r/o Richard McGuire              |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>MAY 7</b>  |
| 8:00am           | James Shields r/o Ruocco Family                         |
| 12:15pm          | Henriette Gallagher r/o Arlene Carlone                  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>MAY 8</b>  |
| 8:00am           | Thomas Campanelli r/o Elizabeth                         |
| 12:15pm          | Richard McCaffrey r/o Wife & children                   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>MAY 9 - ASCENSION of THE LORD</b>                    |
| 8:00am           | Mark R. Brower r/o Tim & Maryann Donoghue               |
| 12:15pm          | Danny Treacy r/o Shirley Regan                          |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>MAY 10</b>   |
| 8:00am           | John Misiewicz r/o Tim & Maryann Donoghue               |
| 12:15pm          | Dolores O'Malley r/o Gerry Tier                         |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>MAY 11</b>   |
| 4:00pm           | Bernice Donohue r/o Michael & Barbara Clements          |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>MAY 12 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>                |
| 8:00am           | Mother's Day Triduum                                    |
| 10:00am          | Mother's Day Triduum                                    |
| 12:00pm          | Mother's Day Triduum                                    |

### DECEASED + LOVED ONES

*Zerene Manaloto & Charles Karmara*

### THIS WEEKEND Collection for the Development of the People

The proceeds benefit the Church in Latin America, the Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa, the Church in Eastern Europe and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.

## 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, 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.*

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*St. Thomas Church, One St. Thomas Plaza  
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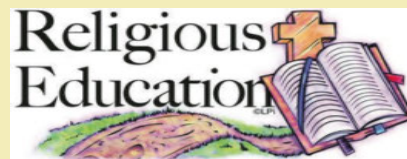
## Mother's Day Triduum

A Triduum of Masses will be offered for Mothers, living, and deceased on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup>.

## 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

Our Goal - \$88,000

Amount Received - \$ 72,662.25



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for the 71 children of our parish who received their First Communion 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.

## PREP REGISTRATION beginning June 1, 2024

Families with children in Grades 1-8, who attend public school can now register for weekly Religious Education classes. The students will receive instruction in the Sacraments and learn our Catholic Faith. Classes will be:

- Special Needs classes: Monday afternoons 4:30-5:30pm
- Tuesday: 4:15-5:45pm
- Thursday: 6:00-7:30pm
- PREP Confirmation classes: Monday evenings 6:45-8:30pm and calendar to be determined.

Registration forms can be found on our website:

- [www.saintthomasob.com](http://www.saintthomasob.com) and click on the Religious Education tab
- Registration forms are also available in the Pastoral Center

Questions?? Call the PREP Office at 732.251.1660

Our PREP Program is dependent upon generous volunteers who want to make a difference in the lives of the children of our parish by sharing their time, talents and faith. Please consider joining St. Thomas PREP!

## MEMORIAL GIFT AVAILABLE



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

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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, May 28, 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.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND JULY 19-21, 2024**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. 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.

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

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

# MISSION IMPACT.

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**Bulletin Announcement**  
**Fr. Paul Aquino SVD**

Fr. Paul Aquino SVD will be at *St. Thomas the Apostle Parish* on **June 8-9, 2024** to celebrate masses and to speak about the many ministries of his religious community, Divine Word Missionaries. They are an international religious community of missionary priests and Brothers serving in 79 countries helping to build chapels, celebrate the sacraments and spread the Word of God in remote mission communities.

Born in the Philippines, Fr. Paul was ordained in 2016 in Chicago. Following his ordination, he was assigned to work at Divine Word College Mission Seminary (DWC) in Epworth, IA as a liturgical musician, spiritual director and formator. He then went to take a Master of Music degree in Vocal Performance at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC and finished his studies in May 2020. He returned to DWC and now serves as a music instructor and formator.

Nearly 6,000 active Divine Word Missionaries minister in the far corners of the world. They build hospitals to care for the sick and build schools to educate the poor. They teach the hungry to farm. They provide life's necessities—water, food and shelter—in impoverished communities. These priests and Brothers help those neglected and forgotten by society to build a better future. They also foster vibrant Catholic communities of service and faith around the world.

This mission appeal is part of the Missionary Cooperative Program of our Diocese of Metuchen. Please be generous with your prayers and contribute to the second collection to help support the missionary work of the Divine Word Missionaries. To meet some of the people Divine Word Missionaries help, please read the *stories* at <https://missionimpact.dwtmissions.org/mission-update>

# 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

\$25 per person  
Children 5-10 \$10.00  
Children Under 5 are FREE



Tickets available for purchase after all Masses  
Beginning the weekend of April 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>  
This is a B.Y.O.B event

### Menu For International Night - May 18th

- France - Coq Au Vin & Croissants
- Italian - Penne Vodka Sauce & Italian Meatball
- Polish - Potato Pancakes & Pierogies
- Filipino - Spring Rolls & Fried Rice
- Mexican - Taquitos & Mini Tacos
- German - Spaetzle & Bratwurst with Sauerkraut
- Irish - Shepards Pie & Irish Soda Bread

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CONTACTS:  
 ANN LENTO @ 732-238-2957  
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**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.

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

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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 call the Parish Office at 732.251.4000.

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