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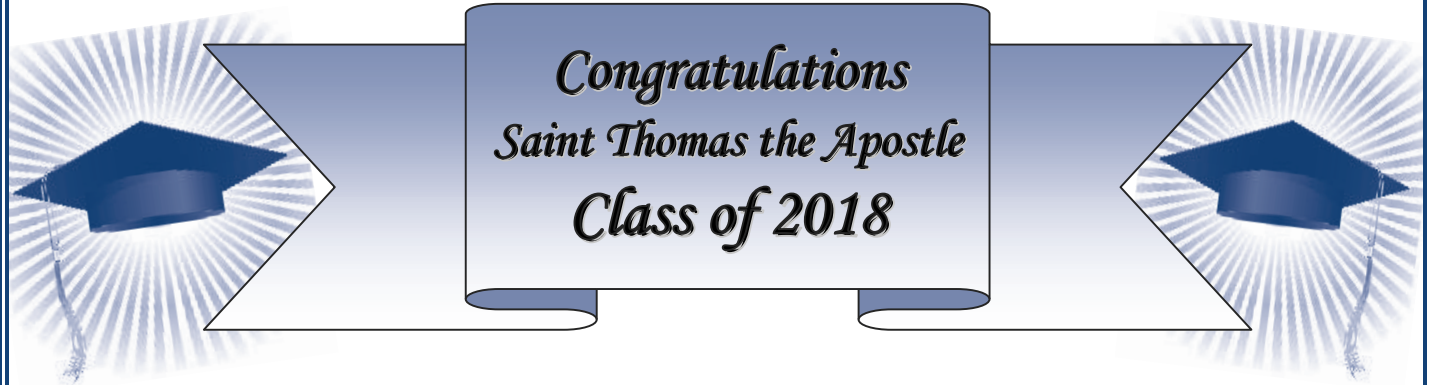
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June 17, 2018

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, June 17

- 7:30 am For All Fathers Living & Deceased
- 9:00 am For All Fathers Living & Deceased
- 10:30 am For All Fathers Living & Deceased
- 12:00 am For All Fathers Living & Deceased

Monday, June 18

- 7:30 am Salvatore Rotunda – Family
- 11:30 am Muriel Triano – Son

Tuesday, June 19

- 7:30 am Vera Colicelli – Friend
- 11:30 am William Eng – Sister

Wednesday, June 20

- 7:30 am Edward O’Leary – Family
- 11:30 am Joseph Vanacore – Friend

Thursday, June 21

- 7:30 am Charles H. Lenhart – Friend
- 11:30 am Alyssa Martino – Friend

Friday, June 22

- 7:30 am James B. Riccardi – Friend
- 11:30 am Lottie Szajkowski – Family

Saturday, June 23

- 8:30 am Dolores DiMiele – Family

Sunday, June 24

- Saturday, June 23**
- 5:00 pm Brendan Boyle – Bequest

Sunday, June 24

- 7:30 am James B. Riccardi – Friend
- 9:00 am Dorothy J. Collins – Family
- 10:30 am For The People
- 12:00 am Patrick F. DeLora – Family



Today’s Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is “how it is with the kingdom of God.” A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God’s kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus’ part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God’s kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord’s Prayer, we pray, “thy kingdom come.” We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Luis Goris, Christine DePoto,
Virginia Fallan, Lynette Fisherman,
Nancy Salerno

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



The main source of operating funds for St. Thomas is our weekly / holyday offertory collections. The information below will show where the Parish is as of June 10th compared to the budget amount for the year. The break-even date is June 30, 2018. The amount needed each week is \$16,784 and the amount collected last weekend was \$17,675.

Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$856,000	\$874,717	\$0.00

The year to date amount is positive by \$52,301 as of week number 49 in our current budget year.

PARISH CENTER SUMMER HOURS

July 1st through Labor Day
Mondays - Thursdays 9 am - 5 pm
Fridays 9 am - 2 pm
Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Needs Eucharistic Ministers

To distribute Holy Communion to the Congregation on Saturday nights and Sundays

Who is eligible?

Any parishioner who is over 18 years of age and is available to serve Communion at Mass regularly. You will be assigned to the Mass of your choice and will normally distribute Communion approximately every other week. Being a Eucharistic Minister is a great opportunity to serve God and meet other parishioners and maybe create a few new friendships.

Training

Training to become a Eucharistic Minister only takes two evenings. Training is provided by a current Eucharistic Minister and Father Miller. Religious procedures are discussed and demonstrated. No special talents are required – only the desire to serve God and the congregation.



Interested?

Contact John Nelligar, Eucharistic Minister Coordinator, JNelligar2004@yahoo.com or at 973-338-1970 or call Father Miller via the Parish Center at 973-338-9190.

Why not consider doing God's work?

The Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth would like to thank the many faithful and generous friends who contributed to the recent special collection. A total of \$4983.05 was received to support the mission of charity and the sisters who require long term care. All of the Sisters appreciate your prayers, generosity, and friendship. They will continue to hold the good people of St. Thomas the Apostle in their prayers.

Men's Scripture Reading and Reflection

ALL MEN are invited **Monday, June 25**, at 7:30pm in St. James room.

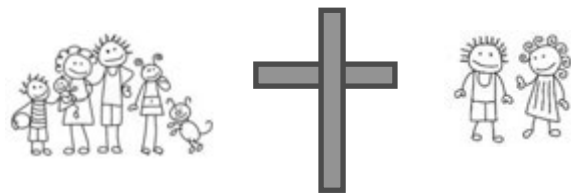
Join a group of ordinary men and spend 90 minutes reflecting on the Sunday Scripture Readings for the coming week.

We'll also be reading the great Christian Apologetic, CS. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* and discuss Church teachings within these readings.

Come - share the extraordinary Word of God and together we can learn more about our beautiful Catholic faith.

Ushers & Greeters Needed!

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**JULY 4TH BULLETIN
SUBMISSION DEADLINE**



Monday June 25th at 5pm

THE WELLNESS MINISTRY
is offering

**BLOOD PRESSURE &
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**June 24th 8am – 12 noon
Parish Center**

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY
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ON OR BEFORE JUNE 10

Food Pantry



There is a Food Pantry at St. Thomas, established to serve the needs of parishioners and others in need. The goal of the program is to provide sustenance to individuals and families who, for many reasons, do not have enough to eat. If you are in this situation simply contact the Parish Center and we'll do our best to assist you. If you know of a parishioner that you feel may have this need, please make them aware of the program and have them contact us.

Food Collection Sunday is usually the third Sunday of each month, when our parishioners generously drop off Grocery store gift cards in the collection basket in an envelope marked "food pantry" and leave food at the church doors for those in need.

The September Club

of St. Thomas the Apostle Church was founded in 1970 to meet the needs of seniors (55+) to socialize. In addition to regular meetings in the Parish Center with activities, we sponsor special events and trips. If you would like to join us for some fun and fellowship, call Roz Frunzi 973-785-0576 for more information or contact her via email at rozybabe1@aol.com.

2018 Meeting Dates

June 18th 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry

LAST MEETING BEFORE OUR SUMMER BREAK

We welcome all crafters to join us on Sunday, June 24th at 11:30 in the Parish center. If you can knit or crochet we need your help.

Patients being cared for at the Villa Marie Claire hospice and palliative care center receive a Prayer shawl upon admission. We have been invited to participate in this project to help meet the demand.

Each baby baptized in our parish receives a baby blanket to welcome them into our parish community.

We also keep a supply of shawls and lap robes for those who are in special need of prayers.

Please ask for one if you know of anyone in need of a shawl---Perhaps you know of someone receiving chemo or radiation therapy.

We make chemo hats, premie hats and baby blankets. Our prayerfully made items are available by contacting the Parish Center, Betsy or Alicia.

I now reach out to all crafters to consider helping us with these projects. Our Ministry can provide you with the guidance for this prayerful activity. If you wish to help, please call Alicia at 973-473-6633—email aliciavons@gmail.com or call Betsy @973-893-244

Let us continue to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them.

Beyond Cornerstone Service Ministry Summer Camp Day at St Augustine Soup Kitchen---Friday, July 27th

A meeting will be held on **June 20 at 7pm** in the St. Peter's room to plan this special day for the children attending day camp at St. Augustine's. Help will be needed to set up, cook, serve the children, and help with the crafts and games.

Please let us know if you are interested in participating in any way but can't make the meeting. All donations are welcome.



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2018 TRIPS ON
CHARTER BUSES!**



***Empire City Casino in Yonkers NY**

July 18th (Wednesday) - \$27 includes Bus, \$10 Slot Money & \$5 Food Coupon.
Bus will depart at 9:30am.

***Jersey Dreamers Joe Zisa & Friends
"Boardwalk" Show & Lunch at the
Brownstone**

August 7th (Tuesday) - 11am Lunch & Rock N Roll "Summer Tunes" \$73 Per Person includes Lunch & Bus. Bus will depart at 10:15am

***Newport Rhode Island (3 Days/2
Nights)**

October 2nd thru 4th (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) – White Star Guided Tour of 2 historic mansions, oldest synagogue in U.S., harbor cruise, gaming at Newport Grand Slots, shopping at Brick Marketplace, wine tasting & vineyard tour. \$420 Per Person (based on Double Occupancy) includes: Entrance Fees to all activities, 2 Nights Lodging, 2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners & Bus. Bus will depart Tuesday morning - Time TBD.

***Brunch at the Stoney Brook Grill in
Branchburg**

November 4th (Sunday) - Buffet Brunch rated one of the best in Somerset County. \$52 includes Brunch & Bus. Bus will depart at 10:00am. **Sold Out – Taking names for wait list**

All Trips have a maximum number of participants, so please book early. Call Fran Gardella at 848-448-4335 or email her at fgardella@hotmail.com to get the Information Sheet with the Stub to be returned to reserve your spot. Hope to see you. ☺

PARISH INFORMATION

**Did you know
FOR ST. THOMAS PARISH**

Registration

If you are presently not on our mailing list, receiving envelopes and the various parish mailings, the chances are that you are not a registered member of our parish. You are not automatically a registered member because you were married here or even if you were brought up here and lived in the parish with your parents—or went to school here. Membership is by formal registration only. Just call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190 and let us know that you wish to register and the registration form will be mailed to you. Thank you.

How Do I Arrange a Wedding?

Archdiocesan policy requires that arrangements be made with a Parish Priest at least one year before the wedding date. Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Center, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. You should be a registered parishioner of St. Thomas in order to be married here.

"Time of Marriage"

Well in advance of making other arrangements for your wedding, the time of your marriage should be arranged with one of the Parish Priests.

'Directives'

You should consult one of the parish priests concerning the current Church law when a Catholic is marrying a person of another faith. All procedures for Marriage Preparation must still be followed,

In preparation for Marriage here at Saint Thomas, you would ask you to be willing to follow the norms set by Canon (Church) Law, Archdiocesan and Parish Policy.

Baptisms

We remind you to contact the parish at least three months prior to the Baptism of your child.

We have scheduled various dates for Baptisms during the year. These schedules are published in the Bulletin and are available at the Parish Center.

Baptism is a community celebration. Individual Baptisms are normally performed only in case of necessity.



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