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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday Eve: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30, 9:00,
10:30am & 12:00 Noon

Weekdays: 7:30, & 11:30am

Saturday Mornings: 8:30am Only

Holy Days:
7:30, 11:30am & 7:30pm

Holidays: 8:30am Only

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR
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Mr. Timothy Dennin

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James McKittrick, Finance Council
Patrick DeCotiis, Finance Committee

SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION:
(Penance/Confessions)
Saturday: 11:00am

MARIAN
DEVOTIONS:
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June 24, 2018 • Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, June 25

- 7:30 am Mary Fagan – Family
- 11:30 am Camille & Bill Ricigliano – Daughter

Tuesday, June 26

- 7:30 am Sophia Urmameta Harris – Friend
- 11:30 am Larry & Martha Kenney – Friend

Wednesday, June 27

- 7:30 am Fay DeLorenzo – Bequest
- 11:30 am Lucas Alexander Kantrowitz – Friend

Thursday, June 28

- 7:30 am Robert Dennin – Family
- 11:30 am Mary Margaret Tizzano – Husband

Friday, June 29

- 7:30 am Peter Rohan, Sr. – Family
- 11:30 am Diane Reilly – Friend

Saturday, June 30

- 8:30 am Lilah Beth Pfund – Grandparents

Sunday, July 1

Saturday, June 30

- 5:00 pm Gerard Sabella – Family

Sunday, July 1

- 7:30 am Al Garth – Friend
- 9:00 am Teodorico Q. Flores – Family
- 10:30 am Benedetto & Isabella Giordano – Family
- 12:00 am For The People

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Christine DePoto, Virginia Fallan,
Lynette Fisherman, Nancy Salerno,
Scott Valenga



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The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel alternate between stories of two births. One is the annunciation and birth of John the Baptist, who was, for Luke, the last great prophet of the Old Testament and who prepared the way for someone greater than any prophet—Jesus the Messiah. The annunciation and birth of Jesus is the other story. The story of John sets the very Jewish environment into which Jesus and John were born. Jesus' annunciation and birth begins to move the Gospel into the environment of the Roman empire.

In the verses before those read today, the birth of John the Baptist has been announced by the angel Gabriel to Zechariah, who was performing his duties as a priest in the Jerusalem Temple. Gabriel then announced the birth of Jesus to Mary in her home in Nazareth. Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, are an old couple who have never had children. Mary is engaged to Joseph, but they have not yet come to live together.

We read today that Elizabeth's neighbors and relatives rejoice with her because God has shown her mercy in the birth of a son. But they are confused when she tells them that his name is to be John, which means "God has been gracious." Zechariah has been unable to speak since Gabriel appeared, because, unlike Mary, he doubted the angel's word. But when he writes on a tablet "John is his name" all are amazed, and a great fear comes upon everyone. Fear, along with joy and praise, is for Luke the appropriate response to God's mercy. People ask, "What, then, will this child be?" But this question has already been answered by the angel. "He will be great in the sight of the Lord. He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God."

Zechariah responds with praise in his famous canticle, the Benedictus. But that is not read today. Instead we jump to the last verses of the chapter, which explain that John will become strong in spirit living in the desert until it is time to show himself to the people of Israel. When John appears at the beginning of Chapter 3, after the stories of the birth and childhood of Jesus, he will prepare people for the ministry of Jesus by preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

From the Pastor's Desk

I am happy to be able to share with you good news affecting our parish. Recently we were honored to receive a visit from our new Archbishop, Cardinal Joseph Tobin. The Cardinal came to our 2018 St. Thomas the Apostle School graduation ceremony, where he was the guest speaker for our graduates and their families.

In addition, he was able to stay for an extended period of time during which he visited with our graduates and their families, discussing their future plans and pausing for photographs. All who were there were greatly impressed with his personal warmth and generous spirit.

I am also impressed with the generous spirit of our parishioners who responded to our request last fall for increased giving so that we could balance our budget. Our balanced budget has been made possible by parishioners like you who consistently respond to this continuing need. Your increased giving has also made possible several important projects and some unforeseen repairs.

New landscaping for the front of our church

Church roof repair

Church organ repair

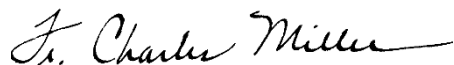
Altar lighting repair

As you can see your efforts in supporting our parish made these improvements and repairs possible.

This success relies on your continuing support for increased giving. We hope that you are aware of the need to continue your support especially in the summer months when many of our families are away on vacation. The costs of running our large and wonderful parish, however, do not become smaller in the summer months. Your continuing help and understanding are needed and appreciated.

Throughout this coming summer, may the Lord bless you and those you love.

Sincerely in the Lord,



Rev. Charles J. Miller,

Pastor

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 17th 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 \$16,812.

Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$856,000	\$891,529	\$0.00

The year to date amount is positive by \$52,329 as of week number 50 in our current budget year.

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 Nellegar, Eucharistic Minister Coordinator, JNellegar2004@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?*

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.

PARISH CENTER SUMMER HOURS

July 1st through Labor Day

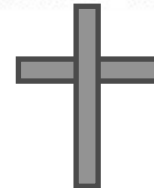
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Fridays 9 am – 2 pm

Saturday 9 am – 1pm

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE**



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The Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth

The sisters 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.

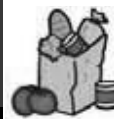
They will continue to hold the good people of St. Thomas the Apostle in their prayers.

**THE WELLNESS MINISTRY
is offering**

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**June 24th 8am – 12 noon
Parish Center**



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.

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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