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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

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

MARIAN
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July 1, 2018 • Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, July 2

- 7:30 am Catherine Cooney – Friend
- 11:30 am Delaney Family – Family

Tuesday, July 3

- 7:30 am Margaret Mitchell – Family
- 11:30 am Marian Palagano – Friend/Family

Wednesday, July 4

- 8:30 am Vera Esposito – Friends

Thursday, July 5

- 7:30 am Josephine & Dominick Tortorello – Bequest
- 11:30 am Daniel Listmeier – Friends

Friday, July 6

- 7:30 am Romana Vatauvuk – Cousin
- 11:30 am Al Garth – Friend

Saturday, July 7

- 8:30 am Isador Davis, Jr. – Friend

Sunday, July 8

Saturday, July 7

- 5:00 pm For The People

Sunday, July 8

- 7:30 am Thomas Joseph Herrmann – Friend
- 9:00 am Dec'd members of Polak Family - Family
- 10:30 am John Vantuno – Family
- 12:00 am Marguerite Hicks – Family



In this today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Virginia Fallan, Lynette Fisherman,
Nancy Salerno, Scott Valenga

REST IN PEACE

Josephine Guardabasco,
Hector Feliz

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Church: Jerome Mulvaney



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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 24th 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 \$17,181.

Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$856,000	\$908,710	\$0.00

The year to date amount is positive by \$52,726 as of week number 51 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?

Beyond Cornerstone Service Ministry

Summer Camp Day at St Augustine Soup Kitchen Friday, July 27th

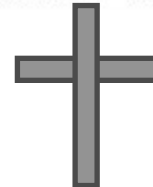
A meeting will be held on **June 20 at 7pm** in the St. Peter's room to plan this special day for the children attending day camp at St. Augustine's.

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.

Ushers & Greeters Needed!

We invite you to Join us



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- ✓ We Collect
- ✓ We help with whatever

PARISH CENTER SUMMER HOURS



July 1st through Labor Day

Mondays – Thursdays 9 am – 5pm

Fridays 9 am – 2 pm

Saturday 9 am – 1pm

The September Club

During the summer months of July and August the September Club holds four informal Meetings. You bring your lunch, and the Club provides iced tea and lemonade. We get together just to chat or play cards or board games. Meeting time is the usual 11:30 am until 2:30pm. You're welcome to drop in if you're around. Formal Meetings resume on September 10th (always the Monday after Labor Day Monday).



Informal Summer Meeting Dates:

July 9th & 23rd August 13th & 27th

The September Club is open to all seniors 55 years of age and older. In addition to regular meetings, we sponsor special events and trips. Call Roz Frunzi at 973-785-0576 for more information or contact her via email at rozybabe1@aol.com.

Summer Safety Tip: Stay well hydrated and cool

Increase fluid intake during hot weather.

If you have a condition sensitive to fluid balance or you are on medication that causes dehydration, consult with your Health Care Provider regarding fluid intake.

Air conditioning is the most effective protection during extreme heat. Use home air conditioners or go to air-conditioned places during hot weather, especially during heat waves. **Most heat stroke victims are overcome by heat in their own homes** and do not have fully working air conditioners; fans do not provide sufficient cooling during extremely hot weather. Fans should only be used when the air conditioning is on or windows are open, and at night to bring in cooler air from outside.

While outside, protect your skin with sunscreen, wear a hat and shirt and stay in the shade as much as possible. Sunglasses protect your eyes from sun damage.

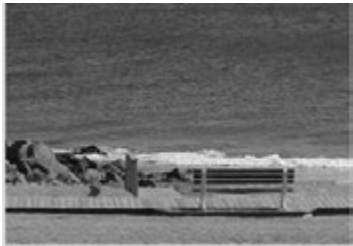
Check on family members, friends and neighbors living alone, especially those who cannot care for themselves, to assist them in staying cool and well hydrated before and during hot weather.

Be alert to the signs and symptoms of heat-related illness or exacerbation of chronic medical conditions—headache, nausea, dizziness, fast heart rate, confusion and fainting.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 sup- 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, preemie 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.*

Moving?



Please let us know.

Within the parish – to update new address
Out of parish – to discontinue mailings

Please call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190.



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.

ARE YOU GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL? DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER IN THE HOSPITAL?



We would like to visit our parishioners who are homebound, in the hospital or other health care facility. Because of patient confidentiality laws, however, the only way we can know is if someone informs us.

Call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190, leaving your name and number so we may return your call, or you may leave the information at the Parish Desk on Sunday mornings.

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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