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

MARIAN
DEVOTIONS:
Mondays
Novena Prayer
11:30am Mass

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July 8, 2018 • Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, July 8

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

Monday, July 9

- 7:30 am Sr. Margaret Mary Murphy, S.C. – Family
- 11:30 am Brendan Boyle – Bequest

Tuesday, July 10

- 7:30 am Thomas J. Herrmann – Friends
- 11:30 am Ann Imfeld – Family

Wednesday, July 11

- 7:30 am Thomas Millerchip – 3rd Anniv. – Family
- 11:30 am Mary Margaret Tizzano – Husband

Thursday, July 12

- 7:30 am Antoinetta Rotondo – Family
- 11:30 am Anna & Jerry Parcaro – Daughter

Friday, July 13

- 7:30 am Phyllis Kindler – Family
- 11:30 am Carmine & Virginia Ricciardi – Family

Saturday, July 14

- 8:30 am Celeste DeCotiis – Cousin

Sunday, July 15

Saturday, July 14

- 5:00 pm Marian Palagano – Friend

Sunday, July 15

- 7:30 am For The People
- 9:00 am Carl Tuosto – Wife
- 10:30 am Lawrence Freda – Family
- 12:00 am Vera Esposito – Friend

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Nancy Salerno,
Scott Valenga



SANCTUARY CANDLES

Church: "The Lord"

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Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to +be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words brother and sister were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

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

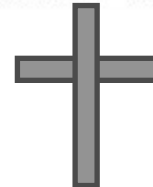
A meeting will be held on **June 20 at 7pm** in the St. Peter's room to plan this special day for the children attending day camp at St. Augustine's.

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.

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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

A Prayer for Immigrant Children

Loving Father, In your infinite compassion,

We seek your divine protection for refugee children who are often alone and afraid.

Provide solace to those who have been witnesses to violence and destruction; who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they cherish due to war or persecution.

Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need.

Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children too, Lord.

Reunite them with their families and loved ones. Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land to a place of peace and safety. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need.

Show us how we might reach out to these precious and vulnerable children.

Open our hearts to migrant and refugee children in need, so that we might see in them your own migrant Son.

Give us courage to stand up in their defense against those who would do them harm.

For this we pray through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you; in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

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.

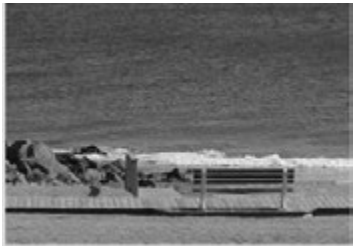
Check on family members, friends and neighbors living alone, especially those who cannot care for themselves, to assist them in staying cool and well hydrated before and during hot weather.

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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6444

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ON OR BEFORE JUNE 10

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 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.***

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.

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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