

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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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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July 15, 2018 • Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**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

**Monday, July 16**

- 7:30 am Helen Welsh – Friend
- 11:30 am Elizabeth Molnar – Anniv. – Family

**Tuesday, July 17**

- 7:30 am Raymond Gambacorta – Friend
- 11:30 am Margaret O’Boyle Dunigan – Friends

**Wednesday, July 18**

- 7:30 am Salvatore Alfano – Family
- 11:30 am Antoinetta Rotunda – Family

**Thursday, July 19**

- 7:30 am Antoinetta Rotunda – Family
- 11:30 am Alvin R. Beilin – Friend

**Friday, July 20**

- 7:30 am Joseph Powers – Family
- 11:30 am Elaine Vanacore – Friend

**Saturday, July 21**

- 8:30 am Celeste DeCotiis – Friend

**Sunday, July 22**

**Saturday, July 21**

- 5:00 pm Brendan Boyle – Bequest

**Sunday, July 22**

- 7:30 am Mary Roberts – Family
- 9:00 am For The People
- 10:30 am Alvin R. Beilin – Friend
- 12:00 am Matilde Williams – Family



This week’s Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples’ return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark’s Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod’s fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus’ public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark’s theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist’s ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark’s Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus’ ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Jesus’ instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Scott Valenga, , 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 July 8<sup>th</sup> compared to the budget amount for the year. The break-even date is June 30, 2019. The amount needed each week is \$17,242 and the amount collected last weekend was \$17,955.

Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$896,600	\$34,674	\$861,926

The year to date amount is positive by \$190 as of week number 02 in our current budget year.

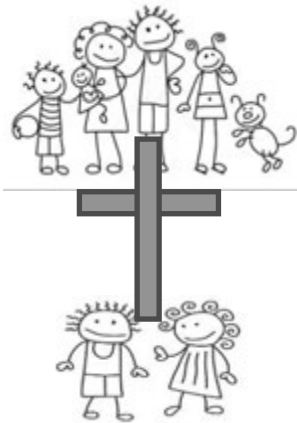
*The Little Sisters of the Poor  
from St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly  
will be visiting our parish on  
Saturday and Sunday, July 21 - 22, 2018.*

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## Beyond Cornerstone Service Ministry Summer Camp Day at St Augustine Soup Kitchen Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

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.

## 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.

## PARISH CENTER SUMMER HOURS



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## September Club News

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 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**August 13<sup>th</sup> August 27<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto:rozybabe1@aol.com).

## ***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?***

### **THIS IS MY PARISH**

*It is composed of people like me.*

*We make it what it is.*

*It will be friendly, if I am.*

*Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them.*

*It will make generous gifts to many causes; if I am a  
generous giver.*

*It will bring other people to worship and fellowship;  
if I bring them.*

*It will be a church of loyalty and love,  
of fearlessness and faith,  
and a church with a noble spirit.*

*if I, who make it what it is,  
am filled with these qualities.*

*Therefore, with the help of God*

*I shall dedicate myself  
to the task of being all things  
that I want my parish to be.*

### ***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.**

### **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.***

## 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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