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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 29, 2018 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, July 29

7:30 am Antonin Scalia – Friend
 9:00 am Carolina S. Roc – Family
 10:30 am For The People
 12:00 am Janet Blasi – Son

Monday, July 30

7:30 am Fred Roberts – Family
 11:30 am Michelina Nyman – Friend

Tuesday, July 31

7:30 am Hil O – Friend
 11:30 am Rosa Da Costa – Friend

Wednesday, August 1

7:30 am Fay DeLorenzo – Friends
 11:30 am Nuala Blennerrhasset – Family

Thursday, August 2

7:30 am Joseph DeLorenzo – Bequest
 11:30 am Magdalena Middleton – Friends

Friday, August 3

7:30 am Gail K. Pilsbury – Husband
 11:30 am Margaret (Peggy) Dunigan – Friend

Saturday, August 4

8:30 am George McGarry – Bequest

Sunday, August 5

Saturday, August 4
 5:00 pm Frank O’Sullivan – Family

Sunday, August 5

7:30 am Sam Lataro – Family
 9:00 am Antoinette Morici – Family
 10:30 am Rosaria Gallo – Family
 12:00 am For The People

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Virginia Fallan, Lynette Fisherman,
 Nancy Salerno, Daniel Sierchio,
 Victoria Rooney

REST IN PEACE

Regina Biunno

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Church: Antonio Russo

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Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark's Gospel, we would next hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents this event from the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

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 22nd compared to the budget amount for the year. The break-even date is June 30, 2018. The amount needed each week is \$17,242 and the amount collected last weekend was \$17,093.

Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$896,600	\$65,536	\$831,064
The year to date amount is negative by \$3,432 as of week number 04 in our current budget year.		

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.

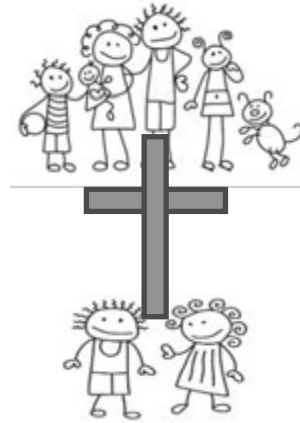
While outside, protect your skin with sunscreen, wear a hat and shirt and stay in the shade as much as possible. Sunglasses protect your eyes from sun damage.

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.

Ushers & Greeters Needed!

We invite you to Join us



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- ✓ We Collect
- ✓ We help with whatever

ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS



Catholic Charities received a check for \$1,666 as a result of your generosity to the donation bin from December 1st, 2017 to May 31st, 2018. These funds combined with monies from other parishes in a similar program throughout the Archdiocese alleviated the sufferings of the needy who sought relief through the many operations of Catholic Charities. Our counseling services provided 37,306 hours of counseling to 5,407 families in crisis (FY 2017).

Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

PARISH CENTER SUMMER HOURS



July 1st through Labor Day

Mondays – Thursdays 9 am – 5pm

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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:

August 13th

August 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.

Godly Goods



Gift Shop

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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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