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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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Patrick DeCotiis, Finance Committee

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

MARIAN
DEVOTIONS:
Mondays
Novena Prayer
11:30am Mass

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September - June

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Masses for the Week

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

Monday, August 6

- 7:30 am Thomas J. McGarry – Bequest
- 11:30 am Mary & Edward Molinsky – Friend

Tuesday, August 7

- 7:30 am Rev. Msgr. William C. Hatcher – Friend
- 11:30 am Alda Francalancia – Family

Wednesday, August 8

- 7:30 am Thomas Gerard Greenfield – Family
- 11:30 am Dan Melleby – Friend

Thursday, August 9

- 7:30 am Alicia Flores-Marquez – Family
- 11:30 am Mary Margaret Tizzano – Husband

Friday, August 10

- 7:30 am Natalia A. Espinol – Family
- 11:30 am James O'Hara – Daughter

Saturday, August 11

- 8:30 am Kevin P. Dunigan – Friend

Sunday, August 12

- Saturday, August 11**
5:00 pm For The People

Sunday, August 12

- 7:30 am Thomas Greenfield – Mother
- 9:00 am Anna & Joseph Stevens – Daughter
- 10:30 am Liberty & Severino Abdon – Daughter
- 12:00 am Vera Esposito – Daughter

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

REST IN PEACE

Joseph Zdyrski

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Church: Sam Lataro
Rectory: Tom Greenfield

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This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John's report of Jesus' walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John's Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that that he gives in the Eucharist.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

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 29th 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 \$14,669.

Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$896,600	\$80,205	\$816,395

The year to date amount is negative by \$6,005 as of week number 05 in our current budget year.

HELP WANTED

Part time Receptionist
for the Parish Center
Saturday mornings

9am – 1pm

For more information or to apply contact
Jim Gasparini – 973-338-9190 ext. 111

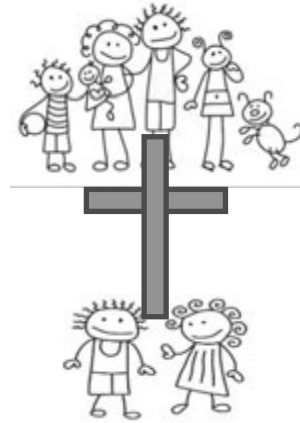
St. Thomas the Apostle Mission Statement

The Roman Catholic faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle recognizes God's call to be a sign of His Kingdom in the communities we serve. We respond to this call by:

- † Leading people to a deeper relationship with Christ by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, renewal, education, the celebration of the Sacraments, and the worship of God in the sacred liturgy;
- † Encouraging a commitment to justice and to service of those in need;
- † Promoting good stewardship of our time, talent and treasure;
- † Building a community of hospitality and support in the daily living out of Christian ideals by nourishing mutual respect and understanding within our Church, our families, our community, and other faith traditions.

Ushers & Greeters Needed!

We invite you to Join us



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- ✓ We Collect
- ✓ We help with whatever

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



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.

Volunteers Needed

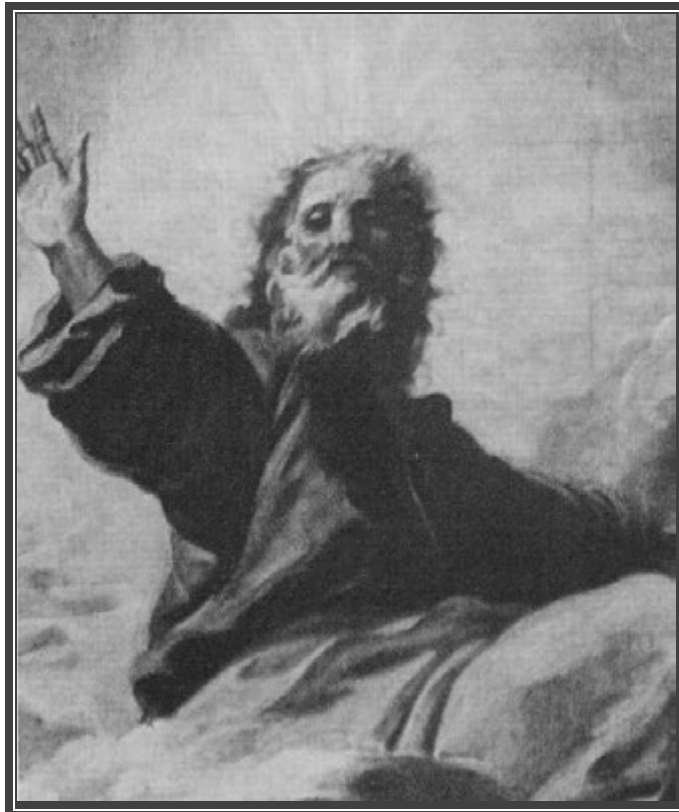
St. Thomas is in need of individuals who could occasionally substitute for regularly assigned personnel to launder Eucharistic Purificators. A simple task as need arises with Abundant Blessings.

If interested, contact: John Rennie at 973-338-4615

Come let us adore!
Come let us worship!
With Jesus, Our God and Savior,
the Holy Spirit, Our God and Sanctifier
and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Mother
Come, let us renew our "Fiat", our "Yes" to
God, Our Heavenly Father and Creator!

"Devotion to God the Father"

God, Father of All Humanity



AUGUST 12, 2018 (Sunday)

12:00 PM Holy Mass

1:00 Consecration Prayers to God Our Father

2:00 Fellowship (St. Peter, Parish Center)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
60 BYRD AVENUE, BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003

-----For further information and directions, please contact-----

St. Thomas Parish Center at 973.338.9190

or Alliance of the Two Hearts – NJ Mission at 202-374-9831

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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