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

MARIAN
DEVOTIONS:
Mondays
Novena Prayer
11:30am Mass

LITURGY OF
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August 12, 2018 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, August 13

- 7:30 am Maria Nopia – Friend
- 11:30 am Thomas Gonzalez – Friend

Tuesday, August 14

- 7:30 am Maria Avallone – Friend
- 11:30 am Brendan Boyle – Bequest

Wednesday, August 15

- 7:30 am Joseph & Anne Dukiet – Family
- 11:30 am Hoyt Peavy – Family
- 7:30 pm Asuncion A. Flores – Family

Thursday, August 16

- 7:30 am Ambrosia Costales – Daughter
- 11:30 am Joseph Furnari – Wife

Friday, August 17

- 7:30 am Carmelina Syracuse – Bequest
- 11:30 am Teresa O’Connell – Friend

Saturday, August 18

- 8:30 am Joseph Simeone – Children

Sunday, August 19

Saturday, August 18

- 5:00 pm Marian Palagano – Friend

Sunday, August 19

- 7:30 am For The People
- 9:00 am Teresa O’Connell – Friend
- 10:30 am Robert A. Critides – Friends
- 12:00 am Vera Esposito – Friends



We continue to read from the “Bread of Life discourse” found in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father’s will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today’s Gospel reading.

Today’s Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus’ claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John’s Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today’s reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week’s Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Daniel Sierchio, Victoria Rooney,
Virginia Fallan

REST IN PEACE

Dorothy A. Kaplonski

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Church: Thomas Greenfield

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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 August 5th 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 \$16,239.

Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$896,600	\$96,444	\$800,156

The year to date amount is negative by \$7,008 as of week number 06 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



Just give any Usher or Greeter your
NAME, CELL #, EMAIL

- ✓ We Greet & Seat
- ✓ 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:
Monday, August 13th
Monday, 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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9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Located in the Parish Center

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

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.

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.*

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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