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

MARIAN
DEVOTIONS:
Mondays
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11:30am Mass

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August 26, 2018 • Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, August 26

- 7:30 am John Fagan – Family
- 9:00 am For The People
- 10:30 am Peter Teti – Family
- 12:00 am Most Rev. Thomas Donato – Friend

Monday, August 27

- 7:30 am Ricardo David – Wife
- 11:30 am Thanksgiving

Tuesday, August 28

- 7:30 am Kathleen Lataro – Family
- 11:30 am Gerard Zoppi – Friend

Wednesday, August 29

- 7:30 am Teresa Mazzeo – Friend
- 11:30 am Fran Gardella – Friend

Thursday, August 30

- 7:30 am Louis & Lucy DeFalco – Bequest
- 11:30 am Thomas McKenna – Friend

Friday, August 31

- 7:30 am Teresa Mazzeo – Friend
- 11:30 am Derick Burns – Friend

Saturday, September 1

- 8:30 am Kristine DeFalco – Friend

Sunday, September 2

- Saturday, September 1
- 5:00 pm Thomas Grady – Friend

Sunday, September 2

- 7:30 am Mary Roberts – Family
- 9:00 am Meredith Lombardi – Friend
- 10:30 am For The People
- 12:00 am Lawrence, Frances, Nicolette, & Nicholas Salerno



For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ own disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’ disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Virginia Fallan, Nancy Salerno,
William Braun, Lou Diese

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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 12th 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 \$15,301.

Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$896,600	\$111,745	\$784,855

The year to date amount is negative by \$8,949 as of week number 07 in our current budget year.

WELLNESS MINISTRY

Blood Pressure Screening

Sunday, September 16

St Peter Room

Parish Center

8 am - noon

All are invited!

Please feel free to ask for nurse advice during your meeting with one of our nurses.

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.

Community Blood Drive

Sponsored by

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Sunday, September 16th

9:00 AM – 1 PM

(Inside School Cafeteria)

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For Medical questions please contact:
Ms. Joanne Cherishian

Beyond Cornerstone Service Ministry

Throughout the summer months we have continued to serve hearty, attractive meals to the homeless at St. Augustine's soup kitchen.

In July we provided a day of prayer, song, games, snacks, dinner, and take-home bags for the children attending the summer camp. It was a wonderful day for the children, Sisters, and volunteers. We are able to do this through the generosity of the St. Thomas parishioners.

A special thanks must be given to Tracey Hann, the summer CCD program children, and parents who gave of their time and donations. The Sisters have expressed their deep appreciation for our generosity. We are in their prayers and were asked that we remember them in ours.

**Our next meeting will be
Wednesday,
September 19th at 7pm
in the St. Peter Room
All are welcome!**

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:

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.

Attention Confirmation Parents

Confirmation Dates

A thru L:

October 7th at 3pm

M thru Z:

October 28th at 3pm

Godly Goods



Gift Shop

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9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Located in the Parish Center

St. Thomas the Apostle Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our mission is to provide you with prayers, warmth, and comfort, to share your pain, your sorrow, or your joy. And to remind you that you are never alone.

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry knit or crochet items, working either privately at home or with a group. Crafters begin each item with prayers for the recipient and continue their intentions throughout its' creation. A prayer may also be offered when the shawl is presented.

Over the past year our members have donated some sixty shawls and lap robes to parishioners and their loved ones who may be in special need of prayers. These are people who are confined to home, entering an extended care facility, entering Hospice, seriously ill, going through chemotherapy or have lost a loved one.

We have provided Villa Marie Claire hospice patients with nearly one hundred shawls and lap robes.

We welcomed over eighty babies in our parish as they receive one of our blankets. Several mothers of babies born with special needs have also received shawls and blankets as a reminder that they are continually in our prayers.

We made hats and scarves for local shelters and contributed many bags full of handmade gifts to the advent giving tree. We made chemo hats, premie blankets and premie hats too numerous to count and also provided shawls for Rachael's Vineyard

Our latest project is crocheting prayer squares. They are given to anyone you wish to remind that they are in your prayers. Small enough to slip into a pocket, the recipient can touch and be comforted throughout their day. We spent a wonderful evening introducing these to the youth group. They all tried their hand at making them. At their request, we provided prayer squares to give as Mother's Day gifts. A hospital Chaplain gives them to patients to serve as a reminder that they are in his prayers.

All crafters are welcome to joins us on the third Sunday of the month from September to June unless otherwise specified. We meet in the St. Peter's room at 11:30 until 1:30. These meetings give our members a chance to pray and work together—to exchange patterns and ideas. All are welcome to join us but you do not need to attend these meeting to be an active member.

Ask for any of our prayerfully made items by calling the parish center, by speaking to one of our members, dropping by during one of our meetings or by contacting Alicia @ 973-473-6633 or aliciaavons@ gmail.com You may support this Ministry by donating an ACMoore gift card. We also appreciate donations of your left over yarn.

Let us continue to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting Dates

The Ministry meets in the St. Peter's room 11:30AM – 1:30 PM usually on the third Sunday of the month from September 2018 until June 2019

September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 28 (fourth Sunday because of Easter) May 19, and June 23.

Our next meeting is Sunday, September 16th at 11:30 in the St. Peter's Room

The September Club

restarts its weekly meetings with a Welcome Back "Picnic" on September 10th. If you are planning to join us September 10th, please let Roz know so we can order food accordingly and introduce you to the Club. We are looking forward to seeing everybody again, and welcoming new members.

In addition to regular meetings with activities, we sponsor special events and trips. If you would like to join us for some fun and fellowship, call Roz Frunzi at 973-785-0576 for more information or contact her via email at rozybabe1@aol.com.

2018 - 2019 Meeting Dates

Sept 10th, 17th, & 24th Oct 1st, 15th, 22nd, & 29th
Nov 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th Dec 3rd & Dec 10th

Jan 7th, 14th, & 28th Feb 4th, 11th, & 25th
March 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th April 1st, 8th, & 29th
May 6th, 13th, & 20th June 3rd & 10th

The September Club meets on Mondays from 11:30am until 2:30pm in the St Peter's Room of the Parish Center and is open to all seniors (55+). You are welcome to visit a meeting any time.



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.

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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