



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

JULY 17, 2022



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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM (*Winter*) or 5:00PM (*Summer*)

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00AM

Daily Liturgy

Monday - Thursday: 8:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 (*Winter*) or 4:00-4:45 (*Summer*)
or by appointment



16th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 17, 2022



Sunday, July 17th
 5:00 PM for Michael Corti (2nd Anniversary)
 (requested by his wife, Victoria Corti)
 7:30 AM for the intentions of St. Thomas Parish Family
 9:00 AM for Maria Braga
 (requested by the Martins Family)
 11:00 AM for Sal and Salvatore Laezzo
 (requested by sisters - Barbara Laezzo and
 Liz and William Giancarli)

**THERE WILL BE
 NO WEEKDAY MASSES**

**JULY 18 - JULY 22
 and
 JULY 25 - JULY 29**

Saturday, July 23rd
 5:00 PM for the intentions of St. Thomas Parish Family

Sunday, July 24th
 7:30 AM for the future of St. Thomas the Apostle parish
 9:00 AM for police, firefighter, EMTs, and all who
 serve the common good
 11:00 AM for greater respect for our Common Home -
 the earth

SUNDAY, JUNE 17TH
Coffee And ...
*Hosted by the Community Life Committee
 after all Masses (7:30AM, 9:00AM and 11:00AM)*

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FAITH ADVENTURE CAMP
MONDAY, JULY 18TH - FRIDAY, JULY 22ND
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Church Hall and Grounds

MONDAY, JULY 18TH
Zoom Bereavement: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM


TUESDAY, JULY 19TH
Picnic Meeting:
 7:00 PM Lower Parish Center - Large Room

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH
In-Person New Day:
 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Lower Parish Center - Large Room

EVENING Bereavement:
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Lower Parish Center - Large Room

SATURDAY, JULY 23TH
Confessions: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM


In Our Prayers

 If you would like to be prayed for or have a loved one who would like to be prayed for, please call Debbie in the parish office at 888-2382 and let her know. This week, please pray for all those who are ill in mind, body or spirit.

Martha DeSabia	Justine Macrini
Fred Fink	Bob Potter
Judith Jablonski	Jerry Salvatore
Amy Labosky	

and all those who have died, especially
 Edna DuFresne

Please Note:
 Names will appear in the bulletin for 4-weeks and then removed unless their name is resubmitted by calling the parish office. Using this method we can keep names current. Thank you for your cooperation.

 The Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus Christ, burned this past week (7/9 - 7/16) for Henry Ward's Name Day on 7/13 requested by Loretta Ward.

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY IN FOREIGN LANDS



Please God.....
 Grant them courage,
 When times seem bleak.
 Grant them strength,
 When they feel weak.
 Grant them comfort,
 When they feel all alone,
 And most of all, God,
 Please bring them
 All home.

Readings for the week of July 17, 2022

Sunday Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/
 Lk 10:38-42 **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
 23/Mt 12:38-42 **St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest**

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and
 17/Mt 13:1-9 **St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr**

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/
 Mt 13:10-17 **St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and
 Doctor of the Church**

Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6,
 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 **St. Mary Magdalene**

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/
 Mt 13:24-30 **St. Bridget, Religious**

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/
 Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13 **17th Sunday in Ordinary
 Time; St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest**



SUMMER Schedule

7/18 Faith Adventure Camp 9:00-12:00p
to "Christmas in July" (Church Grounds)
7/22 Mon-Fri

8/21 Faith Formation 4:00-
Sun Ice Cream Social (Church Hall and
Registration and Lower Parish Ctr)
Safe Environment
Training
(Further Details TBA)

VISITING MISSIONARY

NEXT WEEKEND (July 23 and 24)

Fr. John Manickathan V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, will be in our parish on **July 23 and 24** weekend to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will share his missionary experience at all the Masses that weekend and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions.

The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India in 1904, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India and in East Africa and in Peru. Please visit their web site, www.vincentians.in, to learn more about them.

The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities. They need our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. There will be special mission collection next weekend (July 23 and 24) to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Fathers. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help. Please keep Fr. John and all the Vincentian Missionaries in your prayers.



**COFFEE AND ...
SUNDAY, JULY 17th**

After all Masses
(7:30AM, 9:00AM and 11:00AM)

**HOSTED BY
COMMUNITY LIFE COMMITTEE**

**SPECIAL WAYS TO HONOR AND
PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES**

The parish has special ways in which you can remember and honor those you love.

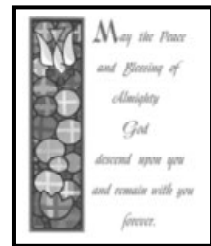
Mass Intentions

Having a Mass said with a special intention. Mass Cards are available at the Parish Office.

\$10.00 Weekday (Monday-Thursday)
\$20.00 Weekend (Saturday & Sunday)



In Memory Of



*In Honor Of
(for the Living)*



Sanctuary Lamp

(Red Candle by Tabernacle)

Can be lite in memory of a person or occasion. Please call the Parish Office to arrange (203-888-2382).

\$25.00 for one week
(Saturday to Saturday)



Prayer Candles

Donation box is next to candles
In the back of the church.
\$5.00



SLEEP BETTER TONIGHT

A good night's sleep sets you up for better energy the next day—and healthier years to come. That's because sleeping well helps lower the change of heart disease, obesity, type 2 diabetes and stroke, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Have trouble sleeping? These tips can help.

Stick to sleep schedule.

Try to go to bed and wake up at the same time every day. It will help regulate your body's internal clock, which can help you fall and stay asleep.

Make your bedroom restful and quiet.

Keep the temperature comfortable and cool. Make sure the room is dark at night. Is your neighborhood loud? Listen to relaxing music or turn on a fan to drown out the noise.

Talk to your doctor.

They can help figure out what's keeping you up. For example, some medications affect sleep. Or they might suggest an over-the-counter (OTC) sleep aid.

Enjoy a relaxing bedtime routine.

An hour before you want to go to sleep, do something to wind down. For example, read a book or take a warm bath. Also, turn off your devices. The bright light from digital screens wakes up your brain.

Don't eat too late.

Eating a big meal before bedtime may make it harder to fall asleep. If you're hungry close to bedtime, have a snack like a banana or glass of warm milk. Both can help improve sleep.



Save THE Date

SUNDAY September 11th



There will be:
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WHAT ARE CareNotes?

CareNotes are provided by the pastoral care office. They are pamphlets that help you find comfort in your time of need. Different subjects are available for both teens and adults. Please help yourself to any brochure that would be beneficial to you. CareNotes are located in the back of the church.

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

journey woman listening Martha chosen
village Mary serving anxious better

j n r e y o u j o u r n e y

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w a m n o _ _ _ _ _

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s i g v e r n _ _ _ _ _

h a r t M a _ _ _ _ _

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c e s h o n _ _ _ _ _

b r e t e t _ _ _ _ _

SECOND ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF FAITH AND CULTURE

Office of Faith and Culture

"One body and Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism" Ephesians 4:4-5

MUSIC AND TRADITIONAL FOOD

DJ, LIVE MUSIC - TRADITIONAL DANCING IRISH DANCING

**JULY 17
2-6PM**

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2022 Saint Thomas Scholarship Recipients

With great pleasure, the Men of Saint Thomas (MOST) announced 2022 scholarship award recipients to three young St Thomas the Apostle parishioners.

Each year the Men of Saint Thomas recognizes high school graduates from the parish for their contributions to others through church and community service, as well as their academic excellence, and school citizenship. This year's scholarship recipients are: **Hannah Kostka, Sarah Pesak, and Mario Congiu**

It is an honor and a privilege to recognize Hannah, Sarah, and Mario for their academic accomplishments, service to others in their community, and for volunteering their time and talent to the St Thomas the Apostle parish.

Congratulations Mario, Hannah, and Sarah !



MARIO CONGIU

IS HEADING TO
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT



HANNAH KOSTKA

IS HEADING TO
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY



SARAH PESAK

IS HEADING TO
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

MASS ETIQUETTE

A Few Suggestions/ Reminders From the Parish Liturgy Committee

Arrive on Time: when invited to someone's home it's courteous to be punctual (unless there is an emergency), the same is true for Mass.

When you're with other people on a special occasion: it's important to participate, not check messages on your smart phone, or suggest you're not going to sing "Happy Birthday" when others are singing, because "I don't like to sing!"

If others around you are engaged in listening to someone, it's impolite to interrupt them by your distracting conversation with someone else. So it is similar when parishioners wish to pray before/ after Mass but are distracted by others talking around them. If there is a need to talk with someone the more appropriate place to do so would be in the vestibule of the church.

What is proper dress for a Wedding or Funeral? Work places and golf courses have dress codes, so does the Vatican when you have an audience with the Pope. Should we be less attentive to decorum in what we wear when we come to the House of the Lord?

Why/where do we genuflect when we enter a Catholic church? In every Catholic Church there is a Tabernacle where the body of the Risen Lord is reserved to be brought to the dying and sick. Church law requires a candle to be burning next to it, and we genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle in honor and respect of the real presence of the Lord Jesus among us. We do not genuflect to the altar or crucifix.

If someone were to read the Declaration of Independence, would we act as it was not meaningful to us? So it is with the proclamation of the Word of God in Scripture. God's Word demands our attention and silence. Babies and children are always welcome in church, but if they're having a "bad day" it's best to take a "time out" in the vestibule of the church where there are speakers and seats and doors to feel a part of Mass.

When you visit a friend or family's home do you sneak out before you can say good-bye? So it is at the conclusion of Mass, please allow the priest and other ministers the opportunity exit before you do.

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