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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY

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He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

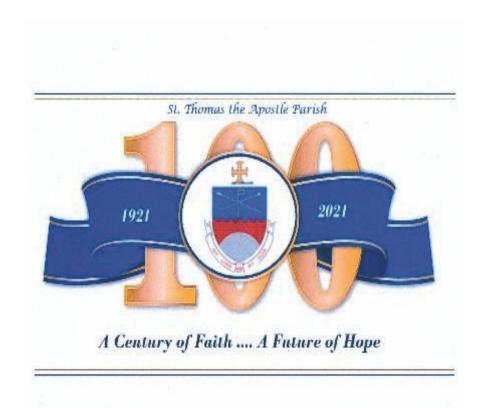
Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish & School

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2021

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"To make disciples, as we know, love and serve God and one another."



Pastor:

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00Noon

Weekday:

Monday - Friday: 8:00am & 12:15pm*

*Mondays: Celebrated in church with Miraculous Medal Novena.

Parish Office: Tel: 732.251.4000 Fax: 732.251.4946

Website: www.saintthomasob.com

PEACE & WELCOME

Whatever your status in the Church, whatever your family/marital situation, whatever your religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here in the Catholic Community of Saint Thomas the Apostle!



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH December 26, 2021

SATURDAY	December 25 - THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (Christmas)
8:00am	Christmas Flower Triduum
10:00am	Christmas Flower Triduum
12:00pm	Parishioners, Living and Deceased
SUNDAY	December 26 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
	MARY AND JOSEPH
8:00am	Alfred Jago r/o Michael/Barbara Clements
10:00am	Dorothy Johnson r/o Frank/Peggy/Marge Boyle
	William/Elena McCarron r/o Maria/Gerry Fillimon
12:00pm	Arpad Joseph Csizmadia, Jr. r/o Loving Mom, Susan
MONDAY	December 27 - St. John the Apostle/Evangelist
8:00am	Elizabeth Beltran r/o Rolando/Susan Leon
12:15pm	Reyes Family, Living and Deceased r/o Reyes Fam.
TUESDAY	December 28 - The Holy Innocents/Martyrs
8:00am	Charles Flynn r/o Dolores/Michael Ambrosio
12:15pm	Edward Lonegan r/o Betty
WEDNESDAY	December 29 - St. Thomas Becket, Bishop/
	Martyr
8:00am	Maureen Nalesnik r/o Kathy/Mike Pretz
12:15pm	Christopher Heppel r/o Heppel Family
THURSDAY	December 30
8:00am	Charles/Ethel Cole r/o Fred/Amy Bernstein
12:15pm	Edward Roach r/o Behrend Family
FRIDAY	December 31 - St. Sylvester I, Pope
4:00pm	Joseph P. Fillimon r/o John/Gerald Fillimon/Family
SATURDAY	January 01 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
10:00am	Int. of Shirley Burks r/o Tom Passero Vigil
4:00pm	Frank Doyle r/o Larry/Joan McGrath
SUNDAY	January 02 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00am	Parishioners, Living and Deceased
10:00am	Dennis Leonard r/o Anthony/Gale Gesualdi
12:00pm	Int. Paul/Vivian Montalban (51st. Anniv.) r/o

DECEASED + LOVED ONES

Gloria/Paolo Montalban

Joyce Desmond, Joan Evanouskas, ,

Welcome to the Parish Family of St. Thomas!

If you are new to the community, *Welcome!* We are grateful to the Lord for your presence with us, and look forward to including you in all areas of parish life. Please take a moment to stop by the Parish Office and register with us. After Mass, please introduce yourself to Father Jay, Father Frank or Father Paulus. Registering and using your envelopes makes it easier for us to provide documentation, such as a certificate for sponsoring a child for Baptism or Confirmation or to arrange for a wedding.

So please register... and Welcome!

Parish Office: One St. Thomas Plaza

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

Saturday-Sunday 10:30am-1:30pm

(Lunch 12:30pm-1:30pm approx.)
School Tel: 732.251.4812
PREP Tel: 732.251.1660

Contact Information:

Website: www.saintthomasob.com

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Parish Office Staff

Business Administrator: Ms. Michelle Loney
Parish Secretary: Ms. Lisa Sorrentino
Reception/Bingo Coordinator: Ms. Jenn Bachonski
Bulletin Editor: Ms. Nellie Moran

Sacramental Information

BAPTISMS: (1:30pm, most Sundays) The Church calls GODPARENTS, to be practicing Catholics, examples of Christ-centered living today. All Godparents should submit Sponsor letters from their Parish ASAP—but no later than <u>three weeks</u> before the scheduled Baptism. <u>PARENTS</u> must attend a Baptismal Preparation Session. (Registration is required.)

MARRIAGES:

Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance—<u>before</u> any social plans. Either the bride or groom must be a registered member of our parish. Once a marriage questionnaire (available in Pastoral Center) is completed/returned, a Parish Priest or Deacon will then contact the couple.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

In case of dangerous illness or accident, phone the Pastoral Center. A communal celebration of the Sacrament is held each year in the Spring.

PENANCE: Individual Confessions Saturdays, 12:30pm in the church.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Parishioners desiring the Sacraments, please contact Pastoral Center.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES...

<u>Sanctuary</u> <u>Candle/Mary</u> <u>Candle</u>, (lit for one week in church/chapel, available during daytime in Pastoral Center).

Wall of Remembrance: Honor your Loved ones with a candle that burns for one year and has a plaque under the candle in the church.

The Sanctuary Candle this week burns in loving memory of: Arpad Joseph Csizmadia, Jr.
r/o Loving, mom, Susan

The Mary Candle this week burns in loving memory of: Margaret George r/o Chet/Grace George

BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

Next Sunday, **January 2 - 12:00 Noon** Mass we will celebrate a special Mass for <u>parents and their infants</u> who <u>were born this year</u>. A special blessing will be given to each child and a reception for family members will follow in the Parish Room. (**Prior registration required**).



MEMORIAL GIFT AVAILABLE

The Altar Bread and Wine (weekend) are available in memory of your Loved Ones. With a \$25 offering, your Loved One will be acknowledged in the bulletin.

SPONSOR LETTERS FOR BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

To receive a sponsor letter to be a Godparent for a Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation, the Sponsor must fulfill the following requirements:

- 1. Have received Baptism, Communion & Confirmation in the Catholic Church;
- 2. If married, you must have been married in the Catholic Church:
- 3. If divorced, you must not be remarried without having received an annulment for the first marriage;
- 4. Be a registered and practicing member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish or the parish you are registered in.

If you have moved out of the parish, and no longer live within our parish boundaries, we CANNOT give you a Sponsor Letter, even if you grew up here and made all your Sacraments here and, your family still lives here. You are given a Sponsor Letter from the parish whose boundaries you live within currently.

PARISH SUPPORT

Here at STA we encourage you to be Christian Stewards, using everything God has given us time, talent, treasure—to serve Him gratefully.

You may mail in your weekly donation to:

St. Thomas Church, 1 St. Thomas Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ 08857 Online Giving... Visit our website to get started: www.saintthomasob.com.

Collection: December 11/12: \$10,058.00 Retirement fund for Religious: 2,270.00

Collection: December 18/19: N/A at time of printing.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 26 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon

New Year's Day Mass
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Saturday,
January 1
10:00am

Epiphany of the Lord, Saturday/Sunday, January 1/2 Saturday - 4:00pm, Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon (Baby's First Christmas)



MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS...

...is offered for specifically-recommended deceased loved ones. The names are inscribed in a Memorial Register located at the rear of the church under a lighted candle. For more information, call the Pastoral Center: 732.251.4000.

LAZARUS MINISTRY

The Lazarus Ministry here at St. Thomas the Apostle is comprised of Catholics who give their time in order to assist other parishioners through the difficult times of loss. They assist families with the preparation of the Funeral Mass. We are always looking for volunteers who are available to help when these Masses come up. If you are interested, **contact Deacon Pat at 732.251.4000 ext. 8218.**



FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED!

We are in need of the following items:

Canned tomato sauce, canned chicken, chicken soup, beef vegetable soup, canned tuna, Chef Boyardee, Spaghetti O's, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits, paper towels.

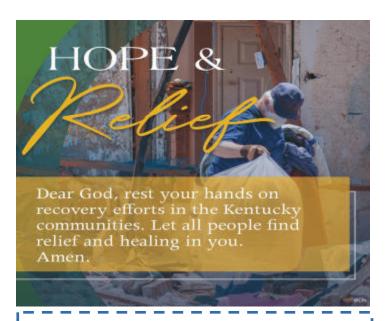
No corn, green beans, pasta and mac n cheese at this time.

Please be sure your items are not used and do not carry expired dates! Thank you for your generosity!

ST. THOMAS SENIORS VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE February 12 and 13, 2022

St. Thomas Seniors will host a Bake Sale after all Masses the weekend of **February 12 and 13**.

Thank you for your support!



CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

All parishioners are asked to <u>check the box</u> of recently mailed weekly envelopes for the coming year. <u>Please be certain that the number on the mailing label matches the printed number on the envelopes.</u> If the number do not match, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. **Do not use the envelopes if the numbers do not match.**

DEACONS TABLE SPAGHETTI DINNER



January 19, 2022 5:30 PM- 7:00 PM St. Thomas the Apostle Church 333 Highway 18, Old Bridge, NJ

Due to COVID 19 regulations we will be distributing dinners to take home.

Come pick up your spaghetti dinner at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Please RSVP to stitmas@sttaob.com or call parish office (732) 251-4000

MASS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

A Mass for Engaged Couples will be celebrated on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi at 4:00pm. Fr. Timothy Christy will be the celebrant. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass. Visit diometuchen.org/engaged couples-mass or email: amarshall@diometuchen.org.

\$12,000.00 CASH CALENDAR



Searching for a unique Christmas gift for family and friends?

The 2022 St. Thomas Cash Calendar just might be the answer!

Each of the 365 days of 2022 offers a cash prize ranging from \$25.00 each weekday to \$50.00 each Sunday to \$100.00 each of 11 holidays: New Year's Day ~ Valentine's Day ~ St. Patrick's Day ~ Mother's Day ~ Father's Day ~ Memorial Day ~ July 4th ~ Labor Day ~ Grandparents Day ~ Veteran's Day ~ Thanksgiving to \$500.00 on both Easter and Christmas.

That's a total of \$12,000.00 in prize money!

Each \$25.00 calendar is individually numbered with a tear-off section to fill in the recipient's name and address. We keep the tear-off " you give the calendar as a gift. (Make sure to reserve one for yourself, too!)

If you had purchased the 2021 calendar and wish to keep your current numbers for 2022, [and have not already done so], please contact: Eileen Tabert: eatabert@hotmail.com or 732.251.4766 to reserve your calendars.

Each daily winner will be sent a check for that day's prize. You can win more than once as each winning number is returned to the pot for the next day's drawing.

Your Christmas "gift" will keep on giving throughout the year.

Final opportunity to get your calendar is December 31, 2021





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in conjunction with the

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Saturday, January 15 8am-2pm

Appointments recommended, Walk-ins accommodated if space allows.

For an appointment go to nybc.org/newjerseydrive sponsor code 07755 end date 01/15/21 or call 800-933-2566

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anonymously Recommended, Lucy Alversano, Beatrice, Bob Andrews, Ronald Atlak, Sr, Pat Barabas, Enola Barlik, Rita Bator, Barbara and George Bollhardt, Gloria Bonagard, Barbara Brooks, Craig Michael Buttcher, Nicholas Campanella, Ralph Chiano, Louis Coromilias, Edmund Crookhorn, Camella Dacunta, Barbara Davis, Christopher Dee, John D'Mello, Stan D'Mello, Lori Donelan, Nancy Donoghue, Loretta Doyle, Chet Dudek, Sharon Ferrari, Flora, Joseph Fricano, Brian Gage, Lucinda Gatto, Walter Gladkowski, Johanna Gordon, Charlotte Guarino, Matthew Harris, Robert Henrion, Robert John Isbecki, Emelie Jeffries, Vlad Kachur, Katie, Gwen Kelly, Pearl Kelly, Cathleen Kimber, Albert King, Joseph Lane, Cheryl Layden, Michael Layden, Thomas Layden, Lester Lim, Rosa Lopez, Vincent Mascolo, Harold Mann, Patricia Mann, Gabrielle Margett, Mary Margett, Margie Marrero, Rafael Marrero, Jr., Joseph McKeown, Wilfredo Medina, III, Brian Menedez, Susan Napier, Jeff Nemeth, Margaret Padin, Olivia, Ralph Perez, Connie Pfiel, Sam Pontieri, Elaine Posluszny, Michael Quinlan, Frank Ranelli, Lucia Rella, Harry Rothlin, Joseph Russo Jr., Marie Sarna, Eileen Schuck, Donna Semko, Fr. Thomas E. Smith (S.J.), Alice Sokolowsky, AnnMarie Sorrentino, Nancy Stahley, Irene Sutton, Jacquelyn Tortoriello, Denise Tuite, Mark Vern, Isilio Villa, Adele Weiner, Pati Wert, Andrew Wolf, Nell White, Marie Wilson, Peter Wysheff, Mary Yuhas, Candida and Edward Zglobicki.

Please pray for all the sick. (Names will remain on our sick list for <u>one month</u>, after which time they will be removed, unless we are notified to the contrary.) The Clergy will be happy to visit parishioners confined to local hospitals. Phone the Pastoral Center: 732.251.4000.



CELEBRATE

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OFFICE OF YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

January 26 –7:00PM - Cathedral of St. Francis

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will host the St. Timothy and St. Teresa of Calcutta Youth Awards in person at the **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi** on **Jan. 26 at 7:00pm**. Pastors, PCL's, and Youth Ministers will have the opportunity to nominate two students (junior or senior) for the St. Timothy Awards and one student (senior) for the St. Theresa Award. All students nominated should submit a short personal written statement in order to be considered for the award. Nominations are <u>due by Dec. 15</u> and the cost per nomination is \$20. For more information, please visit: diometuchen.org/youthministry.

LIFE CHOICES RESOURCE CENTER

Clothing needed for children (up to size 7) winter/spring clothes. Contact: Maureen Nigro (732-591-8914).

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL'S 2021-2022 ANNUAL FUND

Our 2021-2022 Annual Giving Campaign was launched last month. Your contribution will help provide an extraordinary educational experience for our students by providing the most current and up to date technological resources. Please give today! If you didn't receive our mailing, you can visit our website at https:/www.sttaob.com, click on the Giving Tab on the top banner, then click on Annual Fund and scroll down to our donation form. Your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Knights Corner St Thomas the Apostle Council 4815



Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. McGivney



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to generous service of their

neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body, which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in servant Michael J. McGivney, on earth, according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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