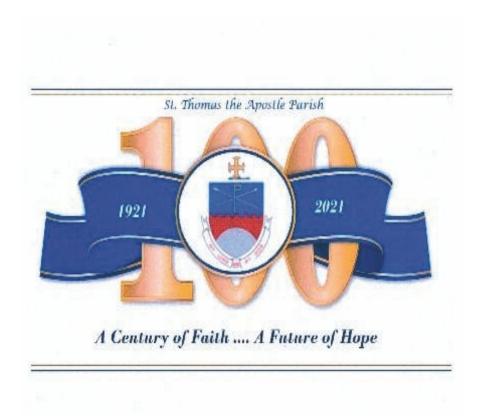
Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 16, 2022

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



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Celebration of Mass

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.

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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!



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 16, 2022

CVI	ΓURD	NV	January 15

Vigil

4:00pm Patricia Sussko r/o Janet Vassale

SUNDAY January 16 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Walter A. Tier r/o Maryellen Quigley/Pat Murphy

10:00am Frank Bootz r/o Fillimon Family
12:00pm Parishioners, Living and Deceased
MONDAY January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot

9:00am Francis Nacianceno, Jr. r/o Robin Bagadion

TUESDAY January 18

8:00am Mary Christine Farrell r/o Bridie/Charles Loughlin

12:15pm Dorothy D'Mello r/o D'Mello Family

WEDNESDAY January 19

8:00am Frank Higgins r/o Kathy Honan

12:15pm Eileen Connolly r/o Knitting/Crochet/Craft Group

THURSDAY January 20 - St. Fabian/Pope/Martyr, St. Sebastian, Martyr

8:00am Frank Doyle r/o Ray Costello

12:15pm Joan Fallon r/o Barbara/John Cascella
FRIDAY January 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin/Martyr
8:00am Dennis F. Chiappetta, Sr., r/o Pat/Lou Albano

12:15pm Walter A. Tier r/o Patricia Lamoureux

SATURDAY January 22 –U.S. Day of Prayer for Legal

Protection of Unborn Children

Vigil

4:00pm Patricia Higgins r/o Kathy/Dave Simon

SUNDAY January 23 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Parishioners, Living and Deceased 10:00am Thelma Mcpeek r/o Anna Florencio

12:00pm William/Agnes Thoma r/o Deacon Bob Bonfante

DECEASED + LOVED ONES

Richard Aboussleman, Ann Huber, Frank D. Morse, Patricia Barabas, Marie Wilson, Geraldine Civitello, Donald Gallagher,

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

Old Bridge, NJ 08857

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

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

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Parish Office Staff

Business Administrator: Ms. Michelle Loney
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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.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

US Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

This Saturday, January 22, the Church

in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance.

More information: respectlife.org/january-22.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

All parents must participate in a Baptismal Preparation Program. Next class: *Tuesday, January, 25 - 7:30pm* (Parish Room). *Registration required*. Remember, the Sacrament of Baptism is a sacred event regulated by Church (Canon) law. **Please do not plan any activity until dates are confirmed**. Any questions - call 732.251.4000

ST. THOMAS SENIORS

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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 check the box of recently mailed weekly envelopes for the coming year. Please be certain that the number on the mailing label matches the printed number on the envelopes. If the number does not match, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Do not use the envelopes if the numbers do not match.



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:

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Collection, Christmas (additional): \$10,958.00
Collection, Solemnity of Mary: 1,887.00
Collection, January 2, 2022: 16,773.00
Collection, January 9, 2022: 6,665.00 (does not include online giving)
Collection, Together in Charity: 1,425.00

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish office will be closed on **Monday**, **January 17** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

THIS WEEKEND: ORGAN COLLECTION

This special collection is for the refurbishing our current pipe organ so that we may achieve our goal of repairing the aging pipe organ. Special envelopes will be available at all exits of the church. **Thank you for your generosity!**



Tuesday and Thursday PREP classes resume this week.

First Reconciliation has been <u>rescheduled to Saturday</u>, January 29th at 9:00am and 10:30am.

Confirmation: PREP candidates only: Our next mandatory session is Monday, January 24 from 6:45pm-8:30pm in St. Thomas School. Please arrive promptly.



ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wiles and wickedness of the devil. Restrain him O God, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into

hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin and destruction of souls. Amen

Calendar Raffle - January 15, 2022

1-Jan-22	519
2-Jan-22	1437
3-Jan-22	873
4-Jan-22	622
5-Jan-22	469
6-Jan-22	1439
7-Jan-22	3
8-Jan-22	1022
9-Jan-22	337
10-Jan-22	576
11-Jan-22	520
12-Jan-22	582
13-Jan-22	940
14-Jan-22	910
15-Jan-22	782

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY OF ST. THOMAS

Presents:

JANUARY

The Month Dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

You may have heard of this prayer before "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." Many know it as the Jesus Prayer. It focuses on the name of Jesus and his mercy. This simple invocation of faith developed in the tradition of prayer under many forms in East and West. The most usual formulation, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners."



NEXT WEEKEND: SECOND COLLECTION

Foundation for Catholic Education ...

... a diocesan fund that offers more Scholarships for academically excellent, values-based Catholic education to the children of the Diocese of Metuchen. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Any adult, 18 years of age or older, who has received First Communion but not Confirmation, and is interested in Adult Confirmation, please contact **Fr. Frank** at the Parish Office **-732.251.4000**.

This weeks ... Good Deeds in Action:

- ♦ Share a great book you just read.
- Cook a little extra for someone in need.
- Write a thank you letter to an old teacher.

Taken from: gentwenty.com/the-kind-list-52-random-acts-of-kindness



Diocesan EUCHARISTIC 40 HOURS AND LISTENING SESSIONS

Sunday, January 23 - Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Sunday, January 23, 2022 + Solemn Opening of 40 Hours

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Sung Evening Prayer 6:00pm

Monday, January 24, 2022

Mass 8:00am (Exposition after Mass until 12 noon)
Recitation of the Rosary
9:30am St. Thomas Parish School
Mass 12:15pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Sung Evening Prayer
6:00pm

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mass 8:00am (Exposition after Mass until 12 noon) Mass 12:15pm

Solemn Closing:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Sung Evening Prayer 6:00pm

Following Sung Evening Prayer/Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Listening Session will begin at 7:00pm in the Auditorium.



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2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

<u>Please complete/return this form to the Pastoral Center or place in the collection or mail to: St. Thomas Church, One Saint Thomas Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ 08857</u> **Please do not phone the office.**

Name:	
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Baby's First Christmas January 2, 2022



















Sunday, March 20 - 7:00pm State Theatre, New Brunswick

Noreen DeCarlo is getting a group together to go to see *CATS* on **Sunday**, **March 20 -7:00pm** at the State Theatre in New Brunswick. Kelliann DeCarlo, understudy may have the opportunity to play Grizabela. If not, she will be doing her job singing in the pit, but will still be thrilled that you have come to support her and the cast. Cost is \$62.50 per ticket, and all seats are in the lower center balcony as of right now.

Before you commit to this, please note that the State Theater has a very strict protocol with regard to COVID and she strongly recommends that you view their rules and regulations. You can access them at https://www.stnj.org/about/policies. If you are interested in tickets or have any questions, please email her at noreen.decarlo@gmail.com. She will confirm your order by email and advise how payment can be made at this time. The deadline to get your tickets is February 10th.

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

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WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

On this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, the gospel story of the Wedding at Cana forms the third part of a sort of Epiphany trilogy and carries the themes of these two Christmastide feasts into the green days of

Ordinary Time: manifestation and transformation.

Excerpt from Br. Silas Henderson To read the full reflection go to: 4lpi.com/blog/seen-his-glory/

Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11

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

Our 2021-2022 Annual Giving Campaign is ongoing. 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.*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

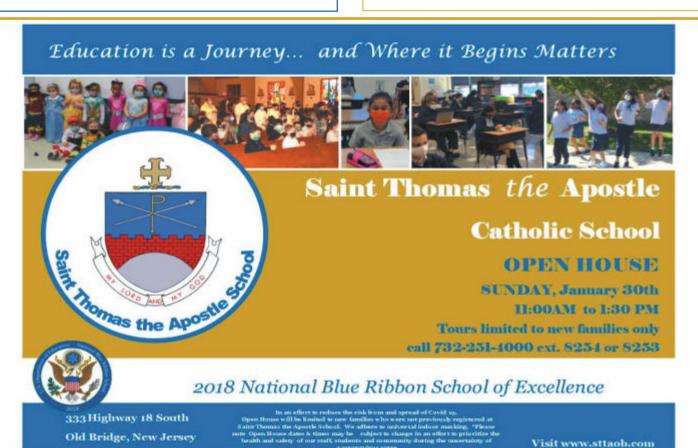
Anonymously Recommended, Lucy Alversano, Beatrice, Bob Andrews, Ronald Atlak, Sr, Enola Barlik, Rita Bator, Barbara and George Bollhardt, Gloria Bonagard, Barbara Brooks, Craig Michael Buttcher, Nicholas Campanella, Ralph Chiano, Louis Coromilias, Edmund Crookhorn, Camella Dacunta, Barbara Davis, Christopher Dee, John D'Mello, Stan D'Mello, 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, Rudy Maurer, 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, 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.



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