The Parish Communities of:

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY & SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ AUGUST 10, 2025

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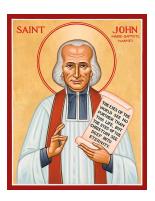
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"Take your finger and examine my hands." Thomas said in response: "My Lord and My God."

- John 20:28





"Come now, my soul, if you work with God, it is you who will work, but God will bless your work. You will walk, but God will bless your steps."

- Saint John Vianney

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saint John Viannev

Saturday: 5:00PM Sunday: 10:00AM

6:00PM every first and third Sunday of

the month, September- March

Weekdays

Saint John Vianney

Wednesday: 12:00PM First Friday: 12:00PM

Eucharistic AdorationFirst Friday :immediately
Following 12:00PM Mass

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday immediately following 12:00PM Mass

lays

11:00AM

Saint Thomas The Apostle

Saint Thomas The Apostle Monday: 7:30PM

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

Tuesday—Friday: 8:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration Monday :6:30PM First Friday: Immediately following 8:00AM Mass

Novena to Saint Peregrine
Monday immediately following

7:30PM Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00PM - 4:45PM and by appointment at both parishes.

PARISH OFFICE: 5635 Berkshire Valley Road Oak Ridge, New Jersey 07438 website: www.ststhomasiohn.org

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH & CEMETERY

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Pastor's Corner Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 August 2025

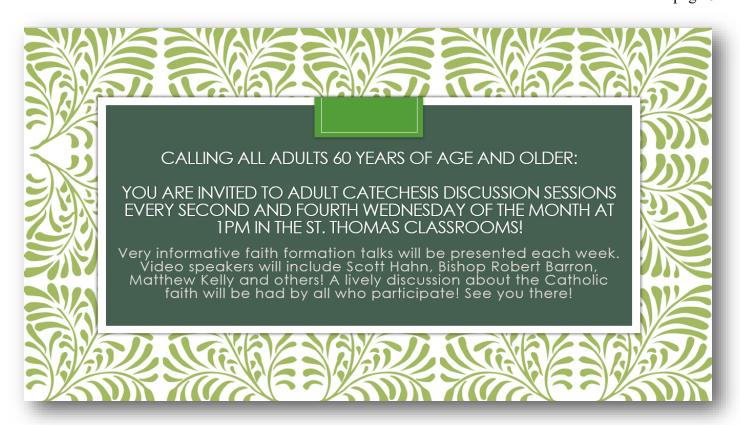
"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Luke 12:34) [1] You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour [that] you do not expect. (Luke 12:40) [2]

The key point of today's Sacred Scripture readings is emphasized so very well in the Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary by FAITH Catholic: "Both the Creed we profess and today's Gospel leave no doubt [about the main theme for today]. When we die, we will have to account for every moment of our lives. What did we do with the gifts we were given? What did we fail to do? Will our lives reflect what Pope Saint John Paul II called the civilization of love, or the culture of death?" [3]

"We can trust God to provide for us. Faith is a gift from God who provides all things for us. God provided as He promised to Abraham, the Israelites, and the disciples. As what they hoped for was realized, their trust grew and deepened. We, too, have received the gift of faith and can trust God to provide for us. We can always be ready, and our waiting will not be in vain." [4]

When our lives in this world are completed, and we are standing before the Just Judge at the end of our lives, we want the Lord to see us in a positive light rather than in a negative one. Did we make the cut? Did we pass the test? No one that I know would want to be judged as woefully lacking! If we knew, for sure, that our lives were going to end in a month's time, how many of us would be getting our spiritual act in order? We would be going to Mass every Sunday. We would be going to Confession. We would be giving to the poor. We would be kind to everyone without exception. We would be doubling down on our prayers, without fail. We would insist on receiving the anointing of the sick by a Priest, especially if we were becoming progressively more ill. We would seek to be reconciled with people with whom we have not spoken in years!

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SOLEMNITY

OF THE

ASSUMPTION

OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, August 14

Vigil Mass: 7:00PM (St. John Vianney)

Friday, August 15

8:00AM (St. Thomas the Apostle)

12:00PM (Saint John Vianney)

7:30PM (St. Thomas the Apostle)



Saturday, August 9th

5:00 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Al & Edie Bacchetta by Mary Bacchetta

5:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

† Tammy Ahearn by Frank Sortino

Sunday, August 10th

9:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Regina Bernadette Sax

by Patricia & Anthony Pezzulo

10:00 am (St. John Vianney)

† In memory of Fr. Matthew Twiggs

3rd anniversary by Skip & Judy Diller

11:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Ivanka Dujmovic by Veljko & Mary Bolobanic

Monday, August 11th

6:30 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

Special Intention by Carbery Family

Novena to St. Peregrine immediately following Mass

Tuesday, August 12th

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Tammy Ahearn by Rickey Meyer

Wednesday, August 13th

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Edmund Pachucki by Jeannie Stroud

12:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help

immediately following Mass

Thursday, August 14th

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Edward Stanol by Jeannie Stroud

7:00 pm - Vigil Mass of the Assumption of Mary (St. John Vianney) *No intentions for this Mass*

Friday, August 15th (Holy Day of Obligation)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Steve Donovan by The McCartney Family

12:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

7:30 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Cresecenia (Chris) Osbourne by Linda Osborne

Saturday, August 16th

5:00 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† June Day by Patricia & Jack Schaffhauser

5:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

Sunday, August 17th

9:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Arthur Towne by Montone Family

10:00 am (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

11:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

Healing Grace by Thu Chu

From Fr. Martin's Desk

Friday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate a vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14, at 7:00 PM and Mass on Friday, August 15, at 12 Noon.

Mass intentions for August and September are still available.

To mark a birthday, anniversary, or to remember a loved one, please contact the parish office.

Once a year, our Diocese hosts the Mission Appeal, when a missionary visits to share their work and invite our prayerful and financial support. After a pause of several years, we are glad to welcome this tradition back. Sr. Jacinta, of the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary, will speak at all Masses on August 23-24.

There will be a second collection for the Mission Appeal that weekend. Envelopes are in the packet you received; contributions can also be made online. If writing a check, please make it out to SJV. All donations will be transferred to the Missions Office - nothing stays in our parish.

The Evangelizing Sisters of Mary serve in some of the poorest communities, bringing the Gospel, education, and hope. Let us warmly welcome Sr. Jacinta and join in supporting their mission.

With gratitude, Fr. Martin





Having a family get together?
First Communion or Confirmation?
Bridal shower?
Baby shower?

A club or association dinner?

Consider renting Saint John Vianney's Madonna Hall!

For more information about booking Madonna Hall, please contact Mrs. Cristin Gandy: Madonnahallrentas@gmail.com, 973-670-3523.



Faith Formation Registration 2025 is live!

The first day of class for K-8 is Saturday 9/20 at 8:30 am.

The first day of High School Confirmation Preparation is Sunday 9/21 at 6:45 pm.



We are in need of catechists!
Please email Alyssa Carolan at
alyssa@ststhomasjohn.org if you
are interested in volunteering!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

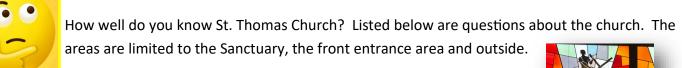
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9am-4pm Wednesday: 9am-1pm Friday: Office Closed

Gave the Qate!

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
75th Anniversary Celebration
October 19, 2025

Pou do not want to miss it!

How well do you know St. Thomas Church?



The Answer to last weekend's question. 1.Reds and yellows (9th Station)

What is the name of the dwelling space where the Eucharist is stored behind the altar?

- 1. Vestibule
- 2. Tabernacle
- 3. The Box

The answer will be in next weekend's bulletin, along with a new question.



October 3rd – 5th, 2025 – Adult S.E.A.R.C.H. for Christian Maturity retreat weekend for those 23 years of age and older.

For application or more information, please contact <u>Jackie Tedesco @</u>
<u>Jtedesco425@gmail.com or Sandy Bondarowicz @ Sanders713@gmail.com.</u>
The application and information can also be accessed using the QR code below.





In the **Catholic tradition**, a **prayer shawl** serves as a tangible reminder of God's care and love. It is often created through a ministry where parishioners knit or

crochet shawls, infusing them with prayers for the recipients, who are often in need of comfort and support. These shawls are given freely, symbolizing the community's love and prayers, and they are intended to wrap the recipient in warmth and spiritual solace.

For information on receiving a blessed shawl or lap blanket, To request a shawl or lap blanket (which come with the promise of continued prayer) you have four options:

- 1- Complete the form in the Narthex and put in envelope
- 2- Use the form on the parish website

Our Ministry meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at St. Thomas the Apostle. Meeting dates and times are included on the Parish Schedule of events. **Our next meeting is August 14th.**

Bring something you are making or come to learn some basic stitches. We provide the yarn and needles. You might go home with a prayer square made by you!.

We discuss any old or new business, such as inventory, supplies, new opportunities or when we need items blessed by Fr. Ben.

Meetings generally last from 1 to 1.5 hr. Lots of good chatter, time for recollection, especially when reading recipient names and getting to know other crafters.

THE BEREAVEMENT GATHERING

Wednesday, August 13 at 7:00PM at STA Classrooms

Future Dates: 8/27

We're a place to find healing during this most difficult time. Let us help you through your grief journey. We understand as we are grieving with you. God's healing grace will be felt throughout our meetings. Let God be with you on your journey to healing. Our fellowship is here to support one another in their time of need. Come join us in a safe, loving, spiritual, supportive and healing environment.

If you have questions please call Maria Pasterchick at 201-506-3151 or sisco9458@gmail.com



Women's Spirituality Group

"In the Image of Jesus: A Woman's Guide To Exemplifying the Life of Jesus And Making Virtuous Decisions In A Misguided World" will continue to meet throughout the summer. Please note our SUMMER schedule: we will meet on alternate Mondays at 6:30 pm.

Summer dates are Aug. 13, 25.

Call or text Janet Pfeiffer for more info: 201-213-8499 email Janet Defeiffer Power Seminars.com



REGISTER ONLINE AT COMMUNITYPASS.NET

St. Thomas the Apostle Church 75th Anniversary Celebration



We are excited to announce that **St. Thomas the Apostle Church** will be celebrating **75 years of faith, fellowship, and service** to our community! Please join us as we honor this special milestone and give thanks for the blessings of our parish family.

Date of Celebration: Sunday, October 19, 2025 **Location:** St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Oak Ridge, NJ

As part of our celebration, we are inviting all parishioners, families, and friends to show their support by becoming a **75th Anniversary Sponsor**. Your name (or family/business name) will be proudly displayed on our **Anniversary Sponsor Board** during the event which will be prominently displayed:

- At the Anniversary Celebration on October 19, 2025
- ♦ At Church Masses surrounding the event
- In the Parish Bulletin for 4 weeks around the celebration
- Donor names will also be posted on the parish website and social media pages.

Sponsorship Levels:

- ♥ Platinum Donor \$75
- ¶ Silver Donor \$50
- ö Bronze Donor \$25
- * Patron Donor \$10

To become a sponsor or for more information, please contact:

△ Debbie at **debbie@ststhomasjohn.org** △ Lynn at **dmccart4@optimum.net**

L Jim at **862-322-2196**

You can fill out the Form below to indicate how you want your Business or name presented.

Checks can be made payable to: St. Thomas the Apostle

Thank you and God bless you!

Mail to: St. Thomas the Apostle.

ATTN.-75th Anniv. Comm.

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Let's come together to honor our past, celebrate our present, and build our future in faith. Your support will help make this celebration a memorable and meaningful event for all!

P.S. For Parishioners and those looking to attend our Celebration, more details will follow, so..."Save the Date" of the afternoon of Oct. 19, 2025!

Name of Donor:

Phone number:

How do you want your submission to appear (one line only):

Amount enclosed: _____ Check # ___

Gruenert Through The Years Talent Show 2025

SEE YOU THERE

WHERE: ST. THOMAS CHURCH, 5635 Berkshire Valley Rd Oak Ridge, NJ 07438



WHEN: Friday, Sep 12th, 2025

TIME: 7 PM TO 9 PM ALL ARE WELCOME

From Michelle's Desk

RE - Contribution Envelopes

To our parishioners of St. Thomas and St. John,

If you contribute using envelopes then you should have received your August/September set by now. If you still haven't received this last set or would like to start receiving contribution envelopes please contact me in the Parish office at michelle@ststhomasiohn.org.

In your email, please include your full name and address, your envelope number, if you know it and your contact info including email and phone number.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we navigate our new database platform.

Pastor's Corner cont.

If this is the case if we know that we are dying and do not have much more time to live. Then why are we not doing these things when time is not so short, and we seemingly have many years to live ahead of us? If we prepare our daily spiritual lives with a sense of urgency (not being fanatical about it, of course, because that would be counter-productive), we can be well prepared for the hour when the Lord comes for us! Just a thought!

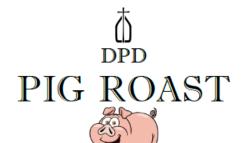
Prayerfully Yours,

Fr. Ben

Bring a field chair

if you have one!

[1] The Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA, New Testament Copyright 1965, Old Testament Copyright 1966, Old Testament, Pg. 68. [2] The Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA, New Testament Copyright 1965, Old Testament Copyright 1966, New Testament, Pg. 68. [3] Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, January 2022, Pg. 330. [4] Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, Vol. 58. No. 3, 2025, Pg. 324.



September 6th, 2025 3:00-7:00 PM Rain date – September 7th If raining on Sept. 6th, call: 862-596-1755

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Volunteer Name (Free):	DPD Program:
Number of Adult Tickets @ \$10 each:	_
Number of Child Tickets @ \$5 each:	_
Total Amount Enclosed: \$	Total # of People Attending:

Summer is the time of the year where the need for food assistance is the greatest. One reason is school summer vacation, the children do not have access to the School Lunch program during the summer months.

We hope that you are able to continue with your generosity this summer.



SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

Thank you to everyone who have been so generous. We ask for your continued support. The shelves are dangerously low.

"I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that He will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things." St. Theresa of Calcutta

Catholic Charities **HOPE HOUSE** If you can please, these are the items we are in most need of:

PASTA SAUCE/ PASTA /SMALL INSTANT COFFEE / JUICE BOXES / CRACKERS

Donations can be dropped off when you come to Mass at St. Thomas or during the week at the <u>STA Rectory Door under the overhang</u>. You do not have to ring the door bell as the front door is checked throughout the day. The food doesn't stay there for long!

Catholic Charities Community Service, Partnership for Social Services

MEALS ON WHEELS / FOOD PANTRY

During these uncertain economic times our food pantry is having a hard time keeping up with needs of those who struggle to put food on their table please help.

PASTA SAUCE / PASTA / CANNED TOMATOES / SOUP

You can drop off your donation of non perishable food items or monetary donations at St. John Vianney Church OR at the Food Pantry, Location: 48 Wyker Road, Franklin, NJ Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm

Flip top or easy open cans and or containers work best most homeless people cannot open cans.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—August 3, 2025

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Envelopes, Loose Check & Cash: \$2,274		Envelopes, Loose Checks & Cash: \$3,134	
Online Giving:	\$740	Online Giving:	\$2,805
TOTAL:	\$3,014	TOTAL:	\$7,939
Weekly Expenses:	\$5,598	Weekly Expenses:	\$6,972
Last Year:	\$2,353	Last Year:	\$5,946
Sound System Fund:	\$100	Diocesan Assessment:	\$100
		Music Program:	\$10

"TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON" A TIME TO BE HEALED

Prayers for the sick: Kathy Brennen, Kevin Wickert, Fumiko Lutz, Patricia Carapola, Courtney Sanchelli, Gail Brennan, Richard Lavelle, Stephen Vecchiotti, Vincent Ottani, Darlene Kolakovic, Kenny Miscisak, Emily Schmidt, Tim Lambert, Nancy, Sebastian Drelick, Frank Weber, Carole DeCepoli, Bert DeLuca, Maryellen Leppard, Kelly Cokinos Fleming, Sophia Brandt, Elaine M., Joseph, Joey Dyl, Liz, John, Teresa Nussbaum, Antionette Volpe, Paul Pini, Jimmy Bariso, Joanne, Noreen Schuk, Katherine Kaiser, Danielle Peece, Chris Day, Carmela Houlihan, Sharon VanDyke, Karen McCarthy, Robert Martin, Ashlyn Lausch, Jim, Barbara Eckert and Sandor Heitler, Kevin Corman, Lily, Nicholas Falzarano, Paul Farruggia, Val Ciaburri, Thomas Sharkey, Lisa Litterri, Lynn Hall, Norbert Kalokira, and Michael Savage.

A TIME TO MOURN

Prayers for the deceased: Joan DeVito, Al Cannarozzi, Jr., Angelina (Angel) Pappianne, Dr. Raymond Troiano, Frank Wilpert, Jeffrey Ryan, Frank Scillieri, Etzer Jerome, Rita Rugel, Alice Warren, Joseph T. Murphy, Joseph F. Dooley, Patricia (Pat) Snouffer, Amy Snouffer, Rosemarie Pichieri, Joan Myszka, Crescia (Chris) Osborne, Ray Troxell, Barbara Runz, Ray Troxell, Barbara Runz, Joseph Carabillo, John R. Gadbois, Elizabeth A. O'Donnel, Tommy Gigante, Thomas Joyce, Richard "Dick" Martin, James (Jim) Cerullo, Jr., Rev. Charles J. Brunick CSP, Mario Provenzano, Richard Alheidt, William H. Osbun, Lynn Padula Brennan, Daniel Morales and Mary Swerzenski, Joseph Spagna, Carol Corazza, Amy Alheidt and Dominick Restuccia, Helen Engle, Stanley Fautas, Robert Michael Allender II, Alfanso Bruccoleri, Anthony (Tony) Campana, Elaine J. Marone, Delores Carhart, Lynda McTigue, Karen Dulfer, Joe Carrier, William "Bill" Feuss John Golden, Noreen Nuzzo, William Marone and Ed & Grace Battaglia, Richard Sandervan, Rosina Gleeson, Mary Ann Castiglia, Rich Day, Dolly Petrosino, Dorothy Konner, Diana J. Matthews, June Day, Joseph Farawell, Anne Cooper, Peter Joyce and Tommy Klein.

A TIME FOR PEACE

We pray for those in our parish who are+ currently serving in the armed forces especially: Staff Sgt. Antoino Lettizia, USMC, OSSN(SW) Anthony S. Gambuti, US Navy, Captain Andrew Verdes, Haley Kerrison Lt1, Army, 2nd Lt. Clara Fetter, USMC, USAF Airman Andrew Babich, Chaplin Major Jhon Madrid, Airman Gianna Perez, USAF and Lt. Col. Colleen O'Brien, Army, Paul Letizia Sergeant USMC, Sergeant Thomas J. Soules III, US Army, PFC Thomas Young, Army National Guard and PFC Thomas Young, Army, PFC Kyle Peters, Army, Nicholas Roberts, US Navy, Petty Officer Miguel A. Rodriguez USN and Master Chief Miguel Rodriguez, USN In honor of the Military serving our country at home and abroad, we invite you to recite three (3) Hail Mary's for their safety. We also pray for the family and friends of those listed above.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are held at both parishes. If you are a first time parents you must attend a Baptism Preparation class. Baptism Classes are held Mondays at STA 7:00pm and Saturdays at SJV 10:00am check the parish website for upcoming dates.

For more information and to register for Baptism: www.ststhomasjohn.org

MARRIAGES

Prior to your booking of the reception, please call the Parish Office 1 year in advance of the wedding date to allow for proper pre-marital preparation.

Knights of Columbus Council Meetings

St. John Vianney Council #12649 meets at Saint John Vianney the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

<u>Joseph Lamb Council #5510</u> meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Wiegand Farm.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

A parishioner is one who belongs to the parish family. As such, they are registered and committed through participation in the life of the parish. In order for marriages to be administered and for Sponsor Certificates, recommen-



dations, etc. to be issued by the office, the person requesting must be a registered online: ststhomasjohn.org and active member of Saint John Vianney or Saint Thomas the Apostle.

We request that you register when you move into our community so that we may be of service to you. Please use the QR code register.

"If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNeil at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. T. Mark Condon, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Theresa Lee, FMA, Chancellor / Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248. The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan Web site:

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