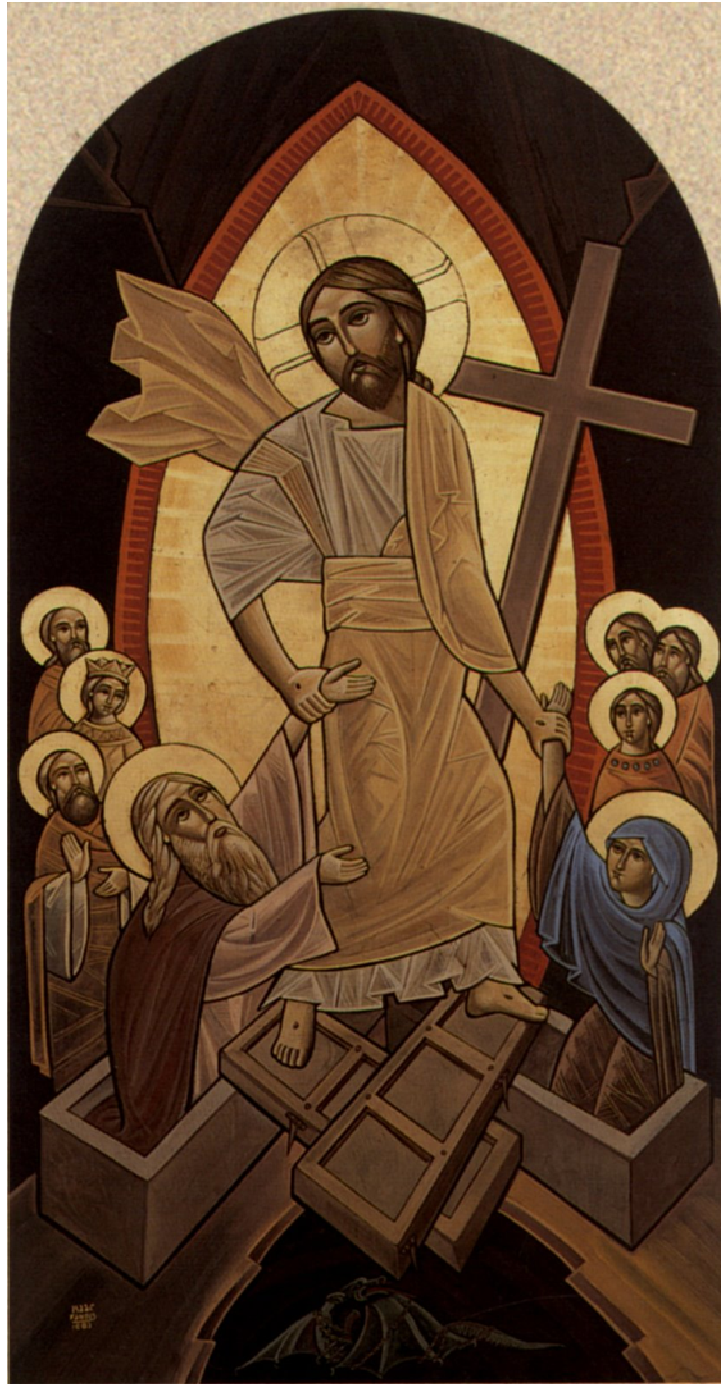
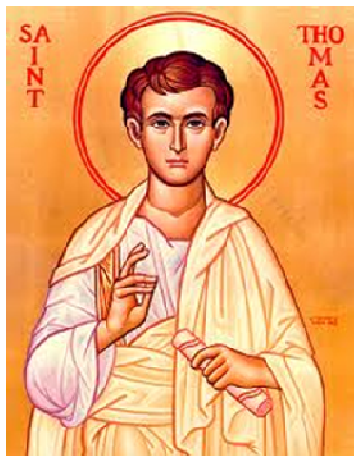


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**Our Mission** as a parish is:

- To reach out to everyone with the joyful gospel of God's saving love.
- To form one another as disciples who encounter Jesus Christ deeply through word, sacrament and service.
- To live as a Spirit filled, multicultural community of mercy, justice and compassion within the Catholic Church.

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## Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

Dear friends and visitors,

Welcome to Saint Thomas the Apostle Church for our celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. Thank you for making this Mass part of your Easter day. May God bless you, your family and loved ones with joy and peace. I want to invite you today to learn about and take part in the life and activities of our parish community.



In our Catholic faith tradition, Easter is about unbelievable transformation! People could not believe that Jesus actually rose from the dead. But he really did! He was no longer limited to time and space yet he made himself truly present to those he called to share his new life. And their witness to this incredible event began a church that now counts over two billion people or about one third of the human race alive today. Over one billion of these Christians share our Catholic sacraments. Think of how our church and our world could be transformed if we let God raise us up in his Son!

Pope Francis has inspired millions of people, believers and non-believers, by his simple, faith-filled, caring manner of reaching out to everyone, especially the poor, the lowly, the people who feel left out or forgotten. As a parish we want to extend that outreach to you. People find their way into the church through many doors: prayer, devotions, service, education, social action, friendship. Please find the door that opens your heart and come in. Join with us as God transforms us into the new body of the risen Christ, living in the joy of our faith and in the hope of a new world.

Fr. John MacInnis, Pastor

### **SAINT THOMAS IS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH** *Come, worship with us!*

Give your time and talent to help us make our Liturgy, and all our prayer together as a community, a real experience of God and community.



**Serving at and around the altar.** Liturgical ministries are excellent ways to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining one of the following ministries: Altar Servers - (4<sup>th</sup> grade & up) – Assist the priest at Mass; Adult Altar Servers – Assist the priest at Funerals; Art & Environment – Assist in decorating the church for special liturgies; Eucharistic Ministers – Distribute the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass; Lectors – Proclaim the Word of the Lord at Mass; Linen Ministry – Launder small altar linens used at Mass; Liturgical Committee – Assist in planning parish liturgical celebrations; Sacristans – Prepare the worship space for the celebration of Mass; Ushers – Take up the collections and offer assistance to any one in need. If you would like more information on any of these ministries, please contact: Sr Janelle, 978-531-0224, x14.

**“SING TO THE LORD”** Our Choirs and Cantors help us to participate in the Mass through music. If you play an instrument or love to sing, consider joining one of our special music groups: Adult Choir at 4:00 pm; Children and Family Choir at 8:30 am; Contemporary Praise Band at 10:30 am; and Brazilian Band at 7:00 pm.. Contact Regina Matthews at the parish office or see one of our leaders after Mass.





**Want to renew your faith life?** Try and **ACTS** weekend. To deepen your own faith and help others come closer to Christ, our parish invites all men and women for an ACTS weekend. On this weekend you will meet new people and learn more about our faith and how it impacts our life as Catholics. ACTS is an international movement that has touched thousands of people, young and old. Learn more about ACTS from John or Trish Stueve at 978-531-7926.

**Prayer and Bible Study.** Want to pray for Mary's guidance and intercession in your life? Join our **Rosary Group**: Contact Elaine Ouellette at 978-304-1130.

Want to learn more about God in Scripture? Join our **Bible Study** which meets every Wednesday at 7PM; contact Mike Beaulieu, 978-210-9381.

Ever ask yourself "why am I a Catholic?" We have small discussion groups known as **Why Catholic?** To join a group contact Ed and Danise Mendonca at 978-745-3447.

## SAINT THOMAS IS A COMMUNITY OF FORMATION. *come learn with us!*

There are many ways you and your family can grow in your knowledge and practice of faith.



**Want to deepen your understanding and experience of our Catholic faith with others?**

**Living Faith** is our Adult Faith Formation Program which provides an opportunity for adults to deepen their faith and to learn more about faith topics which are of interest to them. Join us every third Thursday of the month for an evening of input, prayer, and a simple meal with other parishioners. For more information contact Eloise Gabriel at [eloisegab@yahoo.com](mailto:eloisegab@yahoo.com), or Sr. Janelle.



**Help your child...and yourself...find God.** St. Thomas Religious Education serves families with children in grades K through 10. Sunday morning Catechesis is held 9:30AM-10:30AM allowing parents to attend Mass before or after class as fits their schedule. Grades K to 6 meet weekly. G7-8 meets monthly and includes service projects as well as interactive individual & group assignments. Our Confirmation program is a two year preparation for teens in grades 9 & 10 held once a month. In addition to Religious Education, we also offer retreats, teaching masses, speakers, family collation/dinner, service projects and pageants as well as new offerings this year including Movie Night, Stations of the Cross, Rosary & Ice Cream Social, Family Church

Tour and Summer Saints & Snacks - All of the offerings are to encourage all students & parents to participate in learning about their faith in a warm, loving, faith-filled environment! If you are interested in volunteering or registering your child please contact Lisa Ann Trainor via email at [LATrainor@gmail.com](mailto:LATrainor@gmail.com) or 978-531-0224.



**Grow with our parish as a multi-cultural community.** We are pleased to be made of different groups of people all striving toward the same goal of becoming and making disciples

Our **Brazilian community** worships every Sunday evening at 7:00 PM and all are welcome to come. There are many activities available for Portuguese speaking persons who wish to pray and work together with Catholics from Brazil and other Portuguese speaking neighbors. To learn more about our Brazilian Ministry, contact Fr. Steven at 978-531-0224.



**SAINT THOMAS IS A COMMUNITY OF SERVICE.** *Come, serve others!*  
Real faith must show itself in acts of kindness, mercy, justice and care for the poor and vulnerable.



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE THE POOR?** Our parish has a group of people who provide assistance to people in need. To learn more, contact Mike Tierney at 978-745-0164

**HELPING HANDS ARE HAPPY HANDS!** You can volunteer your time and talent in a number of ways that will help our parish. Consider offering your gifts at any of these parish activities: Our **Parish Thrift Store** is open every Saturday; contact Bob and Sylvia Comeau at 978-977-9672. Our **Children's Closet** makes kids clothes available for needy families; contact Lauren Rennicks, through the Parish Office. Our **Prayer Shawl Ministry** knits shawls as gifts to the sick and shut ins; contact Eileen Runser at 978-745-7995. **Sending Cards to Shut-Ins** is another outreach program. If interested contact Nancy Nadeau through the Parish Office. Our **Social Committee** plans and executes many parish gatherings with food and fun for all; contact Joyce Dallaire at 978-531-2021. Our **Green Thumbs** keep our parish grounds beautiful; contact John Hayes at 978-745-0505. Our **Office Volunteers** help with the many tasks our Parish Secretaries deal with every day. If interested in helping out, contact Tracy or Sheila in the Parish Office!



**JOIN OTHER PARISHIONERS TO PREPARE AND SERVE A MEAL TO THOSE IN NEED IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.**

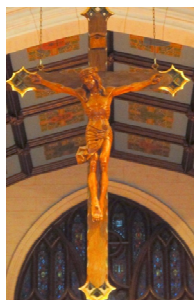
Once a month a group of parishioners partners with those at *Haven from Hunger* to reach out to those who need food assistance in our community. Would you like to be part of this ministry? Contact Linda Cavallon at 508-843-8622 for more information.



**HELP THOSE IN NEED IN OUR SISTER PARISH IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** – You may be interested in helping with the various ongoing events to aid our sister parish (San Pablo Apostol) in the Dominican Republic. Assistance is needed with translation, our annual fundraisers, sorting and packing of donations, and our college scholarship program. Or you may be interested in participating in a future mission trip with our parish. To help or for more information, please contact lay coordinator Pat Adam at (978) 335-2080.

**We're reaching out to youth.** Saint John's and Saint Thomas' parishes began a small youth ministry this past year. We welcome high school age teens to join us any Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 PM at the Church Hall at Saint John's. To learn more, call Stephanie Dallaire at 978-821-6581 or Fr. Steven at 978- 531-0002. St Thomas Parish also sponsors Girl Scouts. For more information contact Robin Nadeau through our Parish Office. We are working on a Children's Choir to enhance our Family Mass Liturgy. If interested please contact Amy Doucette at 978-210-4548 or Robin D'Amico at 781-842-1134.

**If you want to volunteer to help or to involve your children, give a call.**



**Visit our website at [stthomasparish.net](http://stthomasparish.net)**

Queridos amigos e visitantes,

Bem-vindos a Paróquia São Thomas Apóstolo para nossa celebração da Ressurreição do Senhor. Obrigado por fazer esta celebração como parte do seu dia de Páscoa. Que o Senhor vos abençoe, a sua família e todos aqueles a quem você ama com alegria e paz. Quero convidá-los hoje a se interar e fazer parte da vida e atividades de nossa comunidade paroquial.

Em nossa tradição de fé católica, a Páscoa trata de uma transformação inacreditável! As pessoas não puderam acreditar que Jesus realmente ressuscitou dos mortos. Mas Ele realmente o fez! Assim, Ele já não mais estava limitado a tempo e espaço, mas Ele se fez realmente presente a aqueles a quem chamou para compartilhar de sua nova vida. E o testemunho destes, em frente a este evento inacreditável, iniciou uma Igreja que agora conta com mais de dois bilhões de pessoas, ou ainda, com mais de um terço da raça humana viva hoje. Mais de um bilhão destes Cristãos compartilham hoje dos nossos Sacramentos Católicos. Pense em como nossa Igreja e nosso mundo poderiam ser transformados se nós deixássemos Deus ressuscitar em nós o seu Filho!



O Papa Francisco têm inspirado milhões de pessoas, crentes e não crentes, por sua maneira simples, atenciosa e cheia de fé de alcançar a todos, especialmente os pobres, humildes, e aqueles que se sentiram abandonados ou esquecidos. Como paróquia, queremos estender esta aproximação a você. As pessoas encontram seu caminho a Igreja através de muitas portas: oração, devoções, serviços, educação, ação social, amizade. Por favor, encontre a porta que abre o seu coração e entre. Não se esqueçam de olhar as atividades da comunidade americana na primeira página, para que possamos crescer ainda mais em amor e unidade na nossa paróquia. Junte-se a nós, como Deus nos transforma no novo corpo do Cristo ressuscitado, vivendo a alegria da nossa fé e a esperança de um novo mundo.

Pe. John MacInnis, pároco.

## **Brazilian Community Activities**

### **Prayer Group**

We come together to praise God with music, prayers and preaching every Monday at 7:30pm. We also pray a rosary together before we start our meetings.

### **Day for the Children**

From time to time we gather all the kids from the Brazilian community to spend an afternoon together. We have different activities for them to have fun together and to learn more about their faith.

### **Brazilian Dinner Dance**

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Brazilian community at St. Thomas. We will have a dinner dance with great singer and food. There are limited tickets!

### **Brazilian Festival**

In the month of June in Brazil, traditionally there is a June Festival in commemoration of the nativity of St. John the Baptist (and St. Anthony and St. Peter) also known as Feast of St. John. There is a rural theme to the feast where there is lots of food, music and dance (similar to the square dance). This year we will celebrate on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcomed.

### **Grupo de Oração**

Todas segundas as 7:30pm nos juntamos para louvar a Deus com orações, música e pregações. Antes de começar o encontro, rezemos um terço entregando aquela noite a Virgem Maria.

### **Dia para as Crianças**

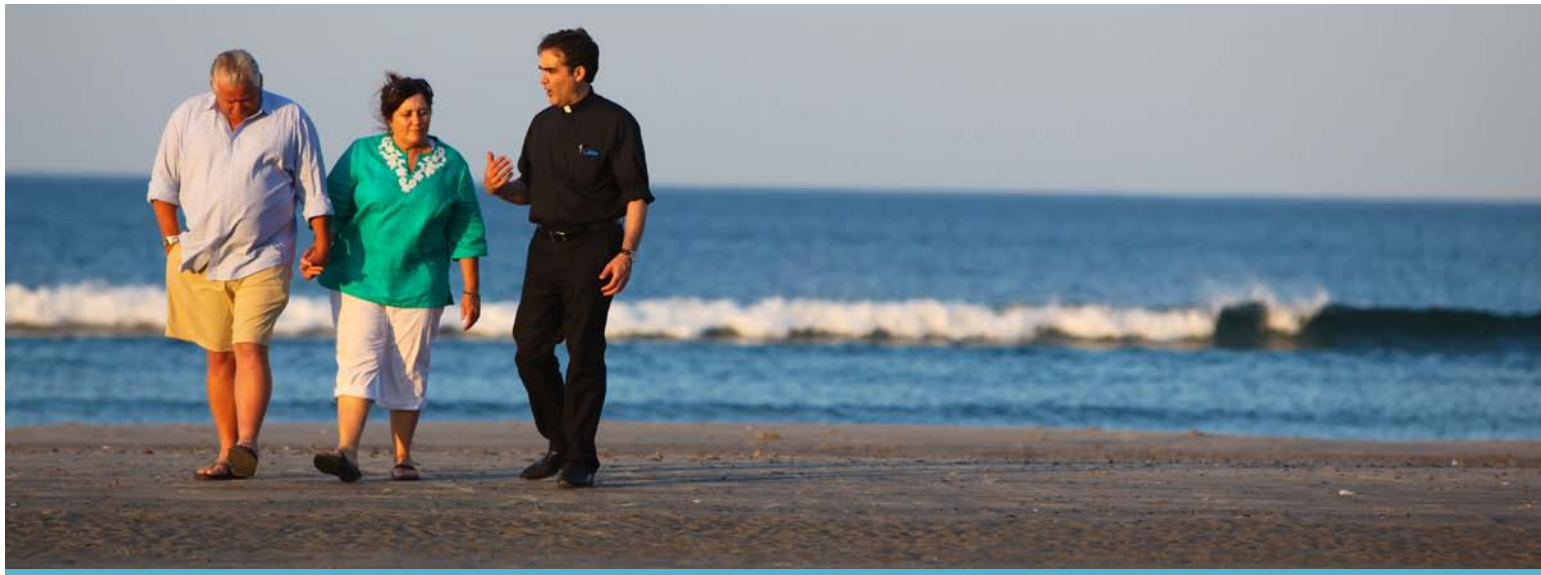
De tempo em tempo juntamos todas as crianças da comunidade brasileira para passar uma tarde juntos. Fazemos várias atividades divertidas e aproveitamos a ocasião para ensina-lhes mais sobre a nossa fé.

### **Jantar Dançante**

No dia 18 de Abril, nós celebraremos o terceiro aniversário da nossa comunidade aqui na igreja St. Thomas. Faremos um baile da primavera com jantar e música. Ingressos são limitados

### **Festa Junina**

Como todo o ano, nós nos juntaremos para celebrar a tradicional festa de São Joao no dia 6 de Junho. Teremos comida, quadrilha, jogos para crianças e adultos, além de muita diversão!



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**Our priests are there for us and our families without question or hesitation. Please consider showing your gratitude by supporting your parish collection this Easter.**

Thank you for helping to ensure a continuum of care and quality of life for all our active and senior priests.



*“Support your priests with your love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ’s heart.”*

- Pope Francis

To submit your special intentions to be remembered by our senior priests during the celebration of Holy Mass at Regina Cleri each week, visit [www.clergyfunds.org/intentions](http://www.clergyfunds.org/intentions).

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