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April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

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"PEACE BE WITH YOU."

LUKE 24:36

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

Mass Schedule

Sunday
 8:30am & 11am

Monday-Friday
 8:30am

Saturday
 8:30am & 4pm

Holy Days
 8:30am

Confession

Saturdays, 3-3:30pm.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage

Please make arrangements eight months in advance.

Membership

Please register at the Parish Office

Come visit us at www.stapostleparish.org



Today's Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 ♦ Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
1 John 2:1-5a ♦ Luke 24:35-48
✠John Rossell

We encourage you to prepare yourself for next weekend's liturgy by reading and praying the scriptures.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 4:8-12 ♦ Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
1 John 3:1-2 ♦ John 10:11-18

Weekday Mass Intentions

Weekday Masses are held in the Daily Mass Chapel at 8:30 a.m.

MONDAY, April 16

Acts 6:8-15 ♦ Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 ♦ John 6:22-29

Put false ways far from me; graciously teach me your law. Ps 119:29

✠Mary Rose Shaughnessy

TUESDAY, April 17

Readings: Acts 7:51—8:1a ♦ Ps 31:2cd-3, 5ab & 6b & 7a, 16 & 20ab ♦ Jn 6:30-35

The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Jn 6:33

✠Nadine Bogan

✠Betty Romell

WEDNESDAY, April 18

Readings: Acts 8:1b-8 ♦ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a ♦ Jn 3:35-40

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry. Jn 3:35

Frank & Dana Niemeyer

THURSDAY, April 19

Readings: 8:26-40 ♦ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 ♦ Jn 6:44-51

No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me. Jn 6:44

✠John Rossell

FRIDAY, April 20

Readings: Acts 9:1-20 ♦ Ps 117:1,

2 ♦ Jn 6:52-59

For three days [Saul] was without sight and neither ate nor drank. Acts 9:9

✠Dr. Herman Neal

SATURDAY, April 21

Readings: Acts 9:31-42 ♦ Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 ♦ Jn 6:53, 60-69

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. Ps 116:15

✠Mary Rose Longawa



Can You Help with our Annual Dinner for the Needy?

The annual dinner for the needy, sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul conference at STA, will be on Sunday, April 22nd.

We are looking for volunteers, over the age of 16, to help us on Sunday, April 22.

We also need volunteers on Saturday, April 21 at noon to help with set-up. Please think about giving of your time—we appreciate and value the help we get from our parish!

We will sign off on community service hours paperwork. Please let us know if you can help: bennett2044@sbcglobal.net. **Thank you.**

Charismatic Prayer Group resumes April 22nd

STA Charismatic Prayer Group will not meet today, Sunday, April 15th because no room is available. We will resume our regular Sunday meetings in room 106 of STA School on Sunday, April 22nd from 12:30-1:45pm. Please join us in keeping St. Thomas School and Parish in prayer, especially on Sunday between 12:30 and 1:45pm.

Looking ahead: There will be **NO HOSPITALITY** on April 22nd so that our St. Vincent de Paul Society can host the annual dinner for the needy.

This Week's Calendar



Join us after Mass
in the Parish Hall,
8am to 1pm,
HOSPITALITY for Hospitality.

SUNDAY, April 15-Anointing

9:30am: *Sunday School*, Atria
9:45am: *Domestic Violence*, 100A
12:30pm: *Baptism*
12:30pm: *Knights of Columbus*, 100A
2pm: *Knitting Guild*, PH

WEDNESDAY, April 18

7:30pm: *Contemporary Choir*

THURSDAY, April 19

10am: *Bible Study*, PH

SATURDAY, April 21

9am: *Ministers of Care Gathering*, PH
3pm: *Motet Choir*, Church
3pm: *Confessions*

SUNDAY, April 22

9:30am: *Sunday School*, Atria
12:30pm: *Charismatic Prayer Group*, 106
12:30pm: *Knights of Columbus*, 100A
12:30pm: *Gala Reception mtg*, PH
1pm: *St. Vincent de Paul Annual Dinner for the Needy*, Gym/PH

Bible Study

Make the connection.



Come together for a vibrant experience of God's Word. Sign up today!

The *Letters to the Hebrews* book of the New Testament has been recognized for its rhetorical and theological brilliance, and is arguably the greatest Christian sermon ever preached or written.

If you are interested in learning more about this great book, please join the St. Thomas Bible Study group as we explore Jesus' significance and the need for persevering in Christian life in the face of suffering.

The St. Thomas Bible Study group will meet every Thursday, from April 19, 2018 through May 31, 2018, between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at the school.

EVENING SESSIONS ALSO OFFERED: For those parishioners who can't make bible study during the day, we are offering the same Book of Hebrews session at St Ambrose, 1012 East 47th St. (773) 624-3695. beginning on April 18 through May 30. Facilitator's meeting: Wednesdays 6:00pm to 6:45pm; General meeting: *Wednesdays 6:45pm to 9:00pm*

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Volunteer Opportunity



The Hyde Park Kenwood Food Pantry needs able-bodied volunteers for carrying and distributing groceries on Saturdays, 9:30am to 1:30pm. Minimum age to volunteer: 13; maximum group size: 7. We will sign paperwork for for high school community service hours. To sign up or for more information, contact Jan Deckenbach, jandeckenbach@outlook.com.

WELCOME

We *Love* because HE *first* loved us.

We're so glad you're here and invite you to journey in faith with us. We believe the church is the sacrament of God's saving presence in the world.

Our goal is to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God flows through us to all people.

If you have any questions about our parish, look for the members of the Welcoming ministry. They are wearing blue sashes and are here for you!

Would you like to become a parishioner? Please contact one of our ushers or call Lisa at the Parish Office, 773-324-2626.



Parishioners are asking...

What if I want to change my billing information? Log in to your account and select Payment Information. Click on the fields you wish to change or delete.

What if I want to stop or change my recurring billing setup? Log in to your account and select Payment Information. Click on the Recurring Charge you wish to modify or delete. You have the option to place the recurring charge on hold or delete that entry.

What if I do not have Internet access?

The finance committee will have scheduled events to help you register and provide support for any account changes you need to support your online giving. Please contact Paula in the parish office for more information, 773-324-2626, ext 109.



Do you know about the Archives at St. Thomas the Apostle Church?

Our archives, first organized years ago by Theresa McDermott, contain parish documents, letters, pictures, newspaper articles, programs from celebrations, etc.

In fact, because of the thoughtfulness of many, we have many issues (but not the whole set) of the original St. Thomas' bulletin called *Our Own Concerns* all the way back to 1916.

Can you add to our collection of historical material – make it more complete? Look through your old papers, letters, photos and, if you can, please donate them to our archives.

If you do not wish to donate your items, we would be happy to borrow, copy, and return them. Please see that they get to Father Alex (in the church office). You will be proud of what you contribute to our history.



Dates to Remember

April 17

All School Mass at 8:30 am

April 17-20

ASPIRE Testing for Grades 3-8

April 18

STA Advisory Board Meeting at 7:00 am

Home and School Meeting at 6:30 pm

April 19

Parent Coffee at 7:45 am

Prospective Family Spring Open House 6:00-7:30 pm

April 24

All School Mass at 8:30 am
Poetry Café at 2:30 pm

Join us for one of our weekly tours! Tours are every Wednesday and Friday at 8:30am and 9:30am.

Sign up on our website or by contacting our Admissions Coordinator, Tareema Jean-Baptiste tjeanbap@stapostleschool.com

St. Thomas the Apostle School website: www.stapostleschool.com



STA's Spring Open House

April 19th
Prospective Family Open House
6:00-7:30 pm

Are you interested in learning about Pre-K—8th grade Catholic education at St. Thomas the Apostle School? Come learn about our extraordinary school and meet our principal, assistant principal, teachers, and our fabulous parent and student ambassadors! Open Houses offer prospective families the opportunity to learn about the school's faith-based environment and academic curriculum, as well as getting a tour of the building.

SIGN UP TODAY: <https://tinyurl.com/y9cv8z9w>



Thank you to our STArry Night 2018 Sponsors!





Theatrical History at St. Thomas

A variety of activities dot the months of our Anniversary Year. One of them has particular roots in STA history from its earliest days: THEATER. A few of our present-day parishioners recall performing in some of the revues and can share some great stories. Here is a quick overview of some of St. Thomas' past performances.

Despite building a new church, convent, and school, Monsignor Thomas Shannon had a dream that did not materialize in the **1930s**. He repeatedly laid before the parish and the public in print and in person detailed and exciting plans for a "Guildhall," a comprehensive social center to serve all of Hyde Park. The fading of the social center plan did not prevent the growth of social activity at St. Thomas. *Many Parish Clubs offered plays and operettas.*

Assistant Fr Joseph C. Taylor, in the **1950s and 60s** led in reviving production of parish plays including "Jenny Kissed Me" (1956), "January Thaw" (1957), and "You Can't Take It With You" (1960).

October 18, **1967** STA production of *The King and I* with director Leonard Kraft. The performance included adult and child performers from the parish.

May 1968, the Music Theater of Hyde Park holds its production of *Finnegan's Rainbow* in the STA auditorium (gym). It was a benefit for the Poor People's Campaign of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

November 1968, The Masque Players stage "Oklahoma!" It was produced by Fr. Robert Oldershaw and directed by Marjorie Tokar. Steve Allen came to see it and wrote a letter to the Herald congratulating the performers and explaining how he got his earliest theatrical experiences on the STA stage. Father Oldershaw reestablished the Masque Players at the Parish.

October 1969 The Masque Players stage a production of "My Fair Lady" with Father Robert Oldershaw as executive producer.

The Masque Players presented, "The Music Man" on two weekends in January **1971**. Directed by Rev. Robert Greene with choreography by Delores Bell.



The Anniversary Committee hopes that volunteers will step forward to put on a simple performance of our 150th Parish History. Shall we do a play? A short presentation of historical highlights? Wax Museum of characters? We need **VOLUNTEERS** to sign up and help us reinvigorate our thespian tradition this Anniversary year on **February 1, 2019**.

Today, 2018

We need writers, actors, set designers, costumers, & more.

We are looking for people who enjoy this dramatic fun.

Let's DO it!

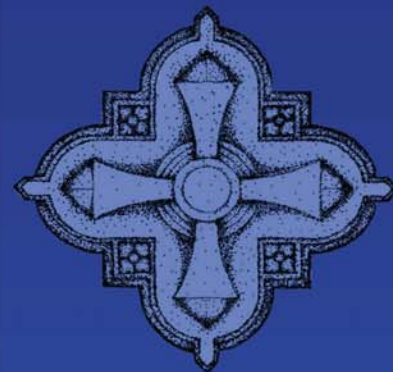
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**Please Remember
in Prayer
Parishioners & friends
who are ill:**

Estrella Alamar, Dorla Allen,
Lucas Allen, Ruth Axsom,
Romulo Barreno, Dorothy Bonds,
Joan Campbell, Romy Crena,
Esther Dionisio, Marilyn Epps,
Sebastian Farmer, Fr. Jack Farry,
Joan Gallagher, Lina Garcia,
Pamela Graniczy, Effie Hinton,
Sr. Kathleen Holden, Gwendolyn
Holliday, Wm. G. Howard,
Carolyn Jones, Connie Jose,
Charlie King, Pat & Tim King,
Mark Lewis, Linda Loggins,
Mankowski Family, Norma
McCall, Anastacia I. Mebane,
Clara Morgan, Chris Mureiko,
Caridad Neal, Carmen Orendain,
Jeffrey Paul, Edmond Peirre,
Marionette Phelps, David
Nathaniel Robinson, Elizabeth
Ruyter, Bobby Sims, Coletta
Tinley, Charles Walker, Sr., Jo
Washington, Julia Washington,
Richard West, Mavis Willis,
Edward Wong, Jr., Marie Bijou
Wong

For those who have died

Mary Rose Longawa
(Mother of Vicki Longawa)

*May God grant them
eternal joy and peace.*

April 21-22	Sat. 4:00 PM	Sun. 8:30 AM	Sun. 11:00 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Rebecca Gray Smith (BC) Teresa Vazquez (BL) Denise Martin-Echols (BR) Tom Anderson (CR) Sandra Ham (CR)	Pat White (BC) Patrice Stewart (BL) Chudi Obiaya (BR) Marie Tobin (CR) Jim Rydel (CR) Donald Ayers (CR) Curtrice Scott (CL) Kirk Willis (CL) Doug Zimmerman (CL)	Paula Jones (BC) Brittany McGhee (BL) Elizabeth Watson (BR) Dorothy Bennett (CR) Betty Brewer (CR) Yvonne Brooks (CR) Gwen Anderson (CL) Lena Williams (CL) Jacky Grimshaw (CL)
Altar Servers	Peter Renz Cecilia Renz Anna Stephanov Nate W.	Gabriel Lodato Matthew Lodato Nicolas Lodato Kaylee Williams	Lawrence Amadi Janise Harris Judith Lake Ulysses Marquez-Valcrzuela
Lectors	Tim Doody (Lector 1)	Doug Zimmerman (Lector 1) Agatha Ngweke (Lector 2)	Kila Ngambong (Lector 1) Vicky Longawa (Lector 2)

Theology on Tap

Wait, I'm a Disciple? The Power We All Have to Spread God's Light.

Who were the original Disciples? Just ordinary people with a message that changed history. We have a similar kind of power, too, although it's easy to forget it. Like them, we are messengers to the people around us revealing the truth of our values, beliefs and faith in the things we do and say.

Join young adults from across the Archdiocese of Chicago and Lisa Fortini-Campbell, Adjunct Professor at Kellogg School of Management, hospice volunteer, and convert to the Catholic Faith at HQ Beercade on Thursday, April 19, as we journey together to discover how each of us can light up the world by living in a way that is brave and bold, and yet never fails to be loving and respectful.

Thursday, April 19, from 6:30 – 9 p.m.

HQ Beercade, 213 West Institute Place, Chicago, IL 60610

For more information and a link to register,
visit: <https://pvm.archchicago.org/theology-on-tap/april-tot>.

Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in your will. Your estate planning will enable us to maintain and develop programs for the good of our parish in the years to come. Please consult with your attorney, financial planner or tax consultant. Thank you for considering St. Thomas.

Note to parishioners coming to the parish office in the school from 8am-6pm: **only the doors on 5467 Woodlawn (main school entrance) will be in use Monday through Friday.** Please use that entrance.

Ever Wondered...What is a vocation?

A vocation is, essentially, an occupation. In a religious context, a vocation implies someone has had a divine call to live a religious life.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we all have one calling in our lives: holiness. This means following Jesus to the best of our abilities. However, holiness will look different depending on one's specific vocation. It's important to listen and recognize the signs that determine how one answers and finds a place in life. There are four distinct types of vocations in the Church.

- **Religious Life** – Commitment in life to live as Christ lived through vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.
- **Priesthood** – Conformed to Jesus Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, priests are called to be chosen instruments in the world.
- **Married Life** – Faithful commitment to each other consecrated by the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, they strive to please God through their devotion to each other and building a faith driven family.
- **Single Life** – Commit their lives to serve others in their work and prayer.

Fr. Nelson is Celebrating 50 Years as a Priest!



The Rev. Nelson A. Belizario celebrating the African Mass at St. Simon Stock Church, which has incorporated the St. Joseph's parish. Credit: Ángel Franco/The New York Times

Fr. Nelson Belizario, O. Carm. was a resident at St. Thomas the Apostle from 1984 to 1991. He came after a nine-year term as pastor at St. Gelasius Church in Woodlawn. He was very involved in the life of the parish during his 7 years and, after assignments in Evanston, Ohio and Kentucky, is now pastor of St. Simon Stock/St Joseph Parish in the Bronx.

Fr. Nelson is celebrating 50 years as a priest this year. He will celebrate Mass in the Bronx on May 26th, the actual anniversary date of his First Mass. There will be a reception following the Mass. If you would like more information about attending the celebration in the Bronx, please contact Mary Anne Smith, smithmarynne77@gmail.com, 773-493-3418.

Fr. Nelson will also celebrate an anniversary Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle. That Mass will be on Sunday, August 19th at 11 a.m. A reception will follow in the gym. More details about that celebration will be available as the date gets closer. If you knew Father Nelson when he was here, you will want to celebrate with him. So please save the date.

Pixes & Handbooks Needed!



Our Ministry of Care **is in need of pixes and Handbooks** (Handbook for Ministers of Care, used as part of the class and ministry). If you have either a pyx or book that you are no longer using we would be happy to recycle it to our new participants! You can return items to the back of the daily Mass Chapel or to the parish office or to an active minister of care.

Receive Communion at Home or in a Nursing Home



If you or a loved one are homebound or in a Nursing Home and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish secretary (Lisa) at 773-324-2626. She will arrange for one of our dedicated and experienced Ministers of Care to visit you.

If you need to see a priest, the minister of care will be able to help you with that as well.



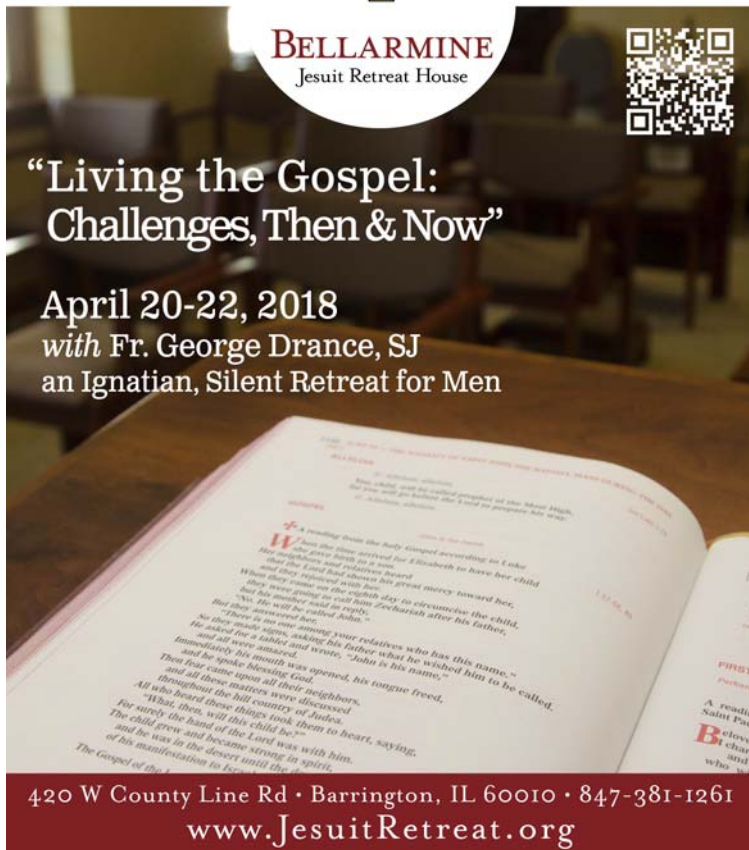
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When you recognize the festive and the still moments as moments of prayer, then you gradually realize that to pray is to live.

Henri Nouwen