

St. Thomas

THE Apostle
CATHOLIC CHURCH

"God's people in *Extraordinary* variety"

Serving Hyde Park's Catholic Community since 1869

April 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

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"Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way...?"

~Luke 24:32

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 2:14, 22-33 ♦ Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
1 Peter 1:17-21 ♦ Luke 24:13-35

✠Raymond Andre Johnson, ✠Janice Johnson

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 ♦ Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
1 Peter 2:20b-25 ♦ John 10:1-10

Weekday Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, May 1

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

Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life. Jn 6:27

✠Maricar Frazer

✠John, Luciano & Cecelia Kim

TUESDAY, May 2-St. Athanasius

Readings: Acts 7:51—8:1a ♦ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 7b & 8a, 17 & 21ab ♦ Jn 6:30-35

"I am the bread of life."

✠Patrick Allen, ✠Maricar Frazer

Clara Kim (Birthday blessings)

WEDNESDAY, May 3

Sts. Philip & James

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-8 ♦ Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
♦ Jn 14:6-14

Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. 1 Cor 15:8

✠Maricar Frazer, ✠Brook Hovland,

✠Fr. Ray Corkery, O.Carm.

THURSDAY, May 4

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

They shall all be taught by God. Jn 6:45

✠Mildred Peya, ✠Maricar Frazer

✠Betty Schneider

FRIDAY, May 5

Readings: Acts 9:1-20 ♦ Ps 117:1bc, 2 ♦ Jn 6:52-59

This man is a chosen instrument of mine. Acts 8:15

✠Maricar Frazer, ✠Jolyn Andal

✠Dr. Herman Neal

SATURDAY, May 6

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

We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of god. Jn 6:69

✠Mildred Peya, ✠Maricar Frazer

✠Fr. Charles Payne, OFM



Happy 184th Birthday to the St. Vincent de Paul Society!!

St. Vincent de Paul Society News

Needed for single mom: small kitchen table and two chairs; small coffee table, preferably wooden; floor lamp. Call SVDP at the parish if you can help: 773-324-2626, x 108.

Count-down to Bundle Weekend on June 10 and 11!

Start cleaning out your closets because the SVDP trailer will be in the STA parking lot Saturday, June 10, and Sunday, June 11, to collect clothing and household items in good repair. We cannot take: mattresses, box springs, furniture, computers, console TVs and stereos, typewriters, baby furniture or accessories, sewing machines, stuffed animals, or exercise equipment. Wanted: footwear, clothing, working small appliances, books, bric-a-brac, dishes, flatware, linens.

Meeting change: our next meeting is Sunday, May 7th, at 12:30, because we are not meeting on May 14th (Mothers' Day).

Coming Up: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The 4th Sunday of Easter, May 7th, is a special day of prayer for vocations to the ordained ministries, to religious life in all its forms, to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. Watch the bulletin next week for a special Vocations prayercard. For more information, visit: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/world-day-of-prayer-for-vocations.cfm>.

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY, April 30

9:30am: *Sunday School*

12:15pm: *RCIA*

12:30pm: *Charismatic Prayer Group, 107*

1pm: *St. Vincent de Paul Dinner for the Homeless, Gym*

MONDAY, May 1

7pm: *Liturgy, RCIA room*

TUESDAY, May 2

8:30am: *School Mass*

WEDNESDAY, May 3

7:30pm: *Contemporary Choir*

THURSDAY, May 4

9am: *Bible Study, PH*

SATURDAY, May 6

9am: *Ministers of Care Gathering, PH*

3pm: *Confessions*

3pm: *Motet Choir, Church*

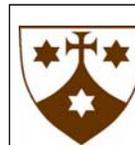
SUNDAY, May 7

11am: *First Communion*

Noon: *May Crowning*

12:15pm: *RCIA*

12:30pm: *Charismatic Prayer Group, 107*



Visit
www.carmelites.net
for more
information on
the Carmelites.

A Letter from our Pastor

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint Thomas the Apostle,

This third Easter Sunday we read the Gospel of the encounter of the Risen Christ with the two 'down hearted' disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35). This wonderful encounter with Jesus touches each one of us, for this is our experience also. We hear the Scriptures, we read the prophecies, but it is only when we really know Christ and are filled with the Holy Spirit that Jesus sends upon us that we are able to say we understand. As the Lord was walking along the road, he explained to the two disciples all the Scriptures that referred to him, beginning with Moses and all the prophets. It must have been quite a compelling experience because they pressed him to stay and continue teaching. "Stay with us," they insisted.

So he agreed and went in to stay with them, and while they were at table, he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them! Their eyes were opened and they recognized him. When he was gone, they recalled how their hearts burned within them as they were listening to the voice of Jesus who opened the scriptures to them along the road.

As a Christian community this is our experience of 'Church.' Saint Thomas the Apostle parish is a place where the scriptures are announced, the bread is broken and distributed, and our hearts are touched by the Savior. I hope that the experience is real, and equally compelling, but the true test is not in any warm feeling in my heart, but in the change within me to become a disciple and believer. The two disciples along the road to Emmaus were profoundly changed by their encounter with Christ: at first they were down hearted and discouraged, but then they were exultant with joy and rushed to Jerusalem to join the community and share their vision.

I hope we are continually transformed by our Easter experience, and bring this joy and hope to all we meet. Those many parishioners who walked with our church leadership on Good Friday, marking our commitment

to be involved as we address the crisis facing our city and the violence that has touched so many families and neighborhoods fill me with hope and I am encouraged. Today our parish's Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold a dinner for the poor and homeless. Of course our parish is not in a position to answer the needs of every poor or disadvantaged person in the city of Chicago! But we can do something during this Easter season, inviting everyone to share our joy, and be an honored guest here at our parish home. I hope that we will continue to remember the power we possess to make a difference. When we speak words that we find in the scriptures, when we walk the journey with down hearted disciples, when we break bread together, we draw on a power so much greater than we know! Hearts can be touched and converted and the whole world can be transformed, not by our work alone, but when we work together as a community and do what God requires of us. We can join with the community, share the vision and rejoice in the good news that Christ explains best. Let's walk the road and share the feast! Let us never be down hearted when we are comforted and consoled by our Lord and Savior himself!

Monday begins the month of May, and I ask all parishioners to remember their prayers to our Mother Mary during this month dedicated to her. Grab your rosary, offer a 'Hail Mary,' and remember the power of the loving intercession of the Mother of God.

Please keep our young parishioners in your good prayers! This weekend our First Communicants are on their final retreat. Next Sunday (May 7th) they will make their Holy Communion at the 11 a.m. Mass. As it is our parish custom, we will also crown the outdoor statue of the Mother of God after Mass next Sunday.

During these Easter weeks, I pray that the Lord who is risen from the dead, will fill your lives and homes with his light and love. May the Mother of God, the Mother of our Risen Savior, enfold you in the mantle of her protection! ~Elias



Guests & Visitors

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.

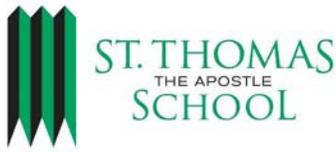
If you have any questions about our parish, look for the members of the Welcoming ministry. They are wearing blue sashes and are here for you!

Would you like to become a parishioner? Please call Lisa at the Parish Office, 773-324-2626.

Christ
is
Risen!



On Good Friday, April 14, Cardinal Cupich led hundreds people on a Walk for Peace through Chicago's Englewood neighborhood. Civic and religious leaders participated along with members of Chicago's police and fire departments. The group traced the Stations of the Cross and paused along the way to read the names of those killed by gun violence in the city since January 1.



Dates to Remember!

May 2

All School Mass
8:30am

Poetry Café
2:30pm

May 3

Invention Convention
10:00am

May 7

First Holy Communion
11:00am

May 9

All School Mass
8:30am

May 12

Spirit Day!

May 14

Happy Mother's Day!

Are you interested in learning more about Catholic education at St. Thomas the Apostle School? 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



The Best School in Chicago

During their persuasive writing unit, one of our 3rd grade students, Naima, wrote about why she thinks St. Thomas the Apostle School is the best school in Chicago! Enjoy her hard work!

What is the best school in Chicago? Well I'll tell you. The best school in Chicago is St. Thomas. I strongly believe this because 1. There are after school programs, 2. The teachers are absolutely awesome, 3. We have different specials each day.

My opinion is that St. Thomas is the best school in Chicago. I truly believe this because there are after school programs. For example, an after school program I go to is choir on Tuesdays. We also have cooking class on Mondays and Thursdays. In our choir we sound awesome. This is my first reason why I think St. Thomas is the best school in Chicago.

I think that St. Thomas is the most magnificent school in Chicago because the teachers are absolutely remarkable. For example, the teachers are very nice. They always teach us new things every day like fractions, multiplication and so on and so on. My teacher is Ms. Jordan and she's always teaching us new techniques for math and writing. That is my second reason why I adore St. Thomas more than any other school in Chicago.

My very last reason why I appreciate St. Thomas more than any other school in Chicago is because we have specials every day. For example, a special we have on Monday is computers or art. We also have gym on Thursdays. I always think gym is the best special throughout the day since we play a different sport every two weeks. That is my final reason why I strongly believe St. Thomas is the best school in Chicago.

Those are all my reasons, examples and comments why I adore St. Thomas more than any other school in Chicago. For a review, my three reasons are because there are after school programs, the teachers are totally amazing and because we have different specials each day. That is why St. Thomas is the best school in Chicago.

— Naima, 3rd grade



Have you seen the STARRY Night video? Want to watch it again? Visit this link to view it on YouTube!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9os9sb3AWA&feature=youtu.be>

Our Sesquicentennial Anniversary

Our anniversary preparations are well underway! Thank you to all who attended our **Committee Organization Meeting** last Thursday night. We had a productive event. Did you miss the meeting? Expect to be hearing from your fellow parishioners about joining in the preparations for an amazing anniversary year. We hope to expand participation.

You have access to slides describing the committee activities by clicking on our parish website. Visit at www.stapostleparish.org.

We are recruiting membership and hope that you will generously offer a helping hand in some way. More information is available in hard copy in the parish office or at the Sunday Hospitality. You could find an activity that meets your interest and availability.

Steering Committee: Candace Scheidt, Paula Jones, and Gwen Anderson

A Look Back in History...

Who wrote and preached in Gaelic as pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle?

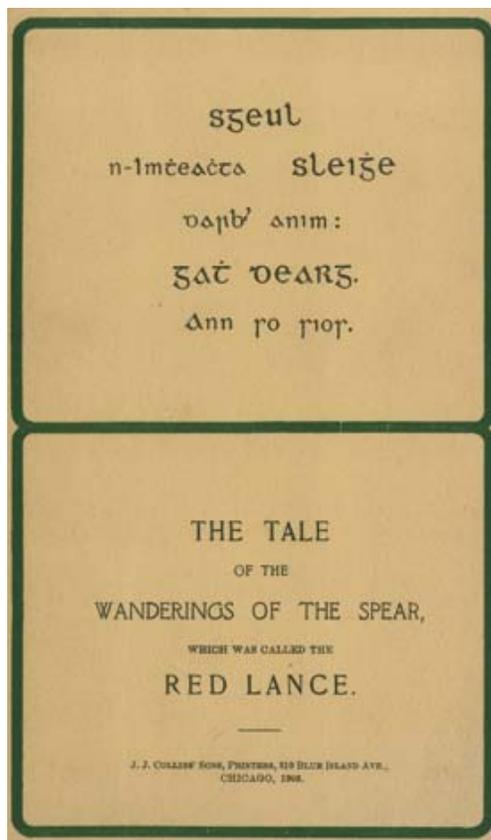
ANSWER

Father John J. Carroll wrote a two-volume history of Ireland: each one half in English and half in Gaelic. Recently, we located an online copy of that history—all 847 pages! He translated old folk legends and great poetry into both languages as well.

We obtained a copy of his translation of “The Red Lance,” the story of the spear of St. Longinus, the one who pierced Christ’s side. It is pictured here.

The History Committee will develop a display case of memorabilia and we intend to have that book available for your viewing. We are at the planning stage right now for this fascinating display.

Father Carroll served 29 years at St. Thomas to a mainly Irish congregation who settled in the Chicago area. Not only did he write extensively in English and Gaelic, he invented a typewriter with Gaelic characters, the first of its kind made in America. People came from miles away to attend a Mass he annually conducted and preached in Gaelic. He also found time to build a **new and much more spacious church building for St. Thomas the Apostle, completed in 1890.**



ST. THOMAS
the APOSTLE
 CATHOLIC CHURCH

150
 Years

CELEBRATING
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1869-2019

Offerings

April 16, 2017

Sunday	\$2,672.00
Sunday Give Central	\$2,082.75
Building Fund	\$150.00
Building Fund (GC)	\$80.00
Candles	\$300.55
Hospitality	\$0
Easter	\$17,862.11
Easter (Give Central)	\$650.00
Flowers	\$337.00
St. Vincent DePaul	
(Lenten banks)	\$1,990.00

April 23, 2017

Sunday	\$5,484.37
Sunday Give Central	\$5,395.50
Building Fund	\$31.00
Building Fund (GC)	\$5.00
Candles	\$219.50
Hospitality	\$149.49
Easter	\$705.00
Easter (Give Central)	\$50.00
Flowers	\$20.00
St. Vincent DePaul	
(Lenten banks)	\$40.00
Youth Ministry	\$20.25
Sunday Total	\$297,976.49
Give Central	\$91,509.75
Less budget:	\$494,500.00
Under budget:	-\$105,013.76

	May 6, 4:00 PM	May 7, 8:30 AM	May 7, 11:00 AM
	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Eucharistic Minister	Tom Anderson (BC) Teresa Vazquez (CL) Denise Martin-Echols (CL) Michael Wilson (CR) Alexandar Tolish (CR)	Carla Kupe-Arion (BC) Vida Benn (CL) Marie Tobin (CL) Sharon Dobbs (CR) Donald Ayers (CR) Agatha Ngweke (BL) Pat White (BR) Daryl Moresco (CL) Curtrice Scott (CR)	Yvonne Brooks (BC) Brittany McGhee (CL) Paula Jones (CL) Lena Williams (CR) Dorothy Bennett (CR) Betty Brewer (BL) Jacky Grimshaw (BR) Elizabeth Watson (CL) Villa Gordon (CR)
Lectors	Rebecca Gray Smith (Lector 1)	Gregory Zagaja (Lector 1) Thomas Dousa (Lector 2)	BeLinda Mathie (Lector 1) Janet Fair (Lector 2)
Altar Servers	Anna Stephanov Wanda Castro	Alex Walker Armelle Balogun Sydney Green	Peter Renz Gabriel Lodato Matthew Lodato

The Food Pantry Needs You!



The Hyde Park Kenwood Food Pantry needs able-bodied volunteers for carrying and distributing food, Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Minimum age to volunteer: 13; Maximum group size: 7. We will sign paperwork for high school community service hours. Contact Jan Deckenbach, 773-702-7034, jdeckenb@uchicago.edu.

Please Remember in Prayer

Parishioners & friends who are ill:

- Estrella Alamar, Dorla Allen,
- Lucas Allen, Dorothy Bonds,
- Romy Crena, Sandra Dammons,
- Esther Dionisio, Marilyn Epps,
- Fr. Jack Farry, Lina Garcia,
- Pamela Graniczky, Stefan
- Hessing, Effie Hinton, Sr. Jean
- Marie Hobbs, Kathleen Holden,
- Gwendolyn Holliday, Wm. G.
- Howard, Carolyn Jones, Connie
- Jose, Charlie King, Pat & Tim
- King, Linda Loggins,
- Mankowski Family, Norma
- McCall, Theresa McDermott,
- Anastacia I. Mebane, Clara
- Morgan, Chris Mureiko, Caridad
- Neal, Jeffrey Paul, Edmond
- Peirre, Selwyn Revish, David
- Nathaniel Robinson, Elizabeth
- Ruyter, Melba Sales, 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:
Evelyn Rivera

Vatican News: Pope Visits Egypt

“Dear Egyptian brothers and sisters, young and elderly, women and men, Muslims and Christians, rich and poor ... I embrace you warmly and ask God almighty to bless you and protect your country from every evil.”

Praying that God would protect Egypt from all evil, Pope Francis told the nation's people—and all of us—that a world torn apart by indiscriminate violence needs courageous builders of peace, dialogue and justice.

“I hope that this visit will be an embrace of consolation and of encouragement to all Christians in the Middle East; a message of friendship and esteem to all inhabitants of Egypt and the region; a message of fraternity and reconciliation to all children of Abraham, particularly in the Islamic world,” the pope said in a video message broadcast April 25, ahead of his April 28-29 trip to Cairo.

“I hope that it may also offer a valid contribution to interreligious dialogue with the Islamic world and to ecumenical dialogue with the venerated and beloved Coptic Orthodox Church,” he said.

“Our world, torn by blind violence, which has also afflicted the heart of your dear land, needs peace, love and mercy; it needs workers for peace, free and liberating people, courageous people able to learn from the past to build a future without closing themselves up in prejudices; it needs builders of bridges of peace, dialogue, brotherhood, justice, and humanity.”



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 very much for considering St. Thomas.

Domestic Violence Forum Today

The **Domestic Violence Ministry** of St Ailbe parish extends an invitation to you to join them for the **2nd Annual Domestic Violence Forum** on Sunday, April 30, 1:00 - 3:30 pm at St. Ailbe Church Hall, 9047 South Harper, Chicago. **Speakers:** Maiesha Baptiste, Cook County Assistant State's Attorney; The Honorable Steven G. Watkins, Judge, Criminal Division, Circuit Court of Cook County; Special Guest, Male Domestic Violence Survivor. *Light Refreshments.*

Easter Highlights...



Christ is Risen!



Come Pray with Us!



The primary mission of the **Charismatic Prayer Group** is to praise and worship God, and to pray for the people of the parish. We speak to God through song and spontaneous prayer, and we listen to God through the charismatic gifts, our shared human insights, and scripture.

We invite you to pray with us every Sunday after the 11am mass in room 107 of our School. All are welcome!



Our St. Thomas the Apostle Easter choir

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.

Prayer Vigil for Peace Resumes May 10



On Wednesday, May 10th St. Thomas will resume our weekly summer Prayer Vigil for Peace from 3:00 to 5:00 every Wednesday in the daily mass chapel. This will be the third summer that the STA Charismatic Prayer Group has sponsored this silent vigil for Peace in Our City before the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to come for some or all of the time. We begin with a short, spoken prayer liturgy followed by silent prayer. You can pray the rosary, do centering prayer, pray using your Bible, or other spiritual reading as you wish. We will also provide written prayer aids. The vigil ends with a priest offering benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a sign-up sheet to schedule people to help with the simple tasks of setting up and closing and we will show people how to do this. Questions? Call Lisa at 773-324-2626.

Assistive Listening Devices are available from the ushers.