

# St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

"God's people in *Extraordinary* variety"

Serving Hyde Park's Catholic Community since 1869

June 11, 2017

## Holy Trinity

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"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

~2 Corinthians 11:13

## 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](http://www.stapostleparish.org)



**Today's Readings:** Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 ◆ Deuteronomy 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 ◆ John 3:16-18  
✠Ashanti McCall

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a ◆ Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
1 Corinthians 10:16-17 ◆ John 6:51-58

## Weekday Mass Intentions

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

### MONDAY, June 12

Readings: 2 Cor 1:1-7 ◆ Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6 ◆ Mk 12:1-12

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Mt 5:7*

✠Dr. Herman Neal  
✠Maricar Frazer

### TUESDAY, June 13

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Readings: 2 Cor 1:18-22 ◆ Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 ◆ Mk 5:13-16

*He has also...given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment. 2 Cor 1:22*

✠Maricar Frazer, ✠Melba Sales

### WEDNESDAY, June 14

Readings: 2 Cor 3:4-11 ◆ Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 ◆ Mk 5:17-19

*...for the letter brings death, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Cor 3:6*

✠Maricar Frazer  
✠Pat Alexander

### THURSDAY, June 15

Readings: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6 ◆ Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14 ◆ Mt 5:20-26

*Go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Mt 5:24*

✠Stefan Hessing, ✠Maricar Frazer

### FRIDAY, June 16

Readings: 2 Cor 4:7-15 ◆ Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 ◆ Mt 5:27-32

*We are afflicted in every way but not constrained. 2 Cor 4:8*

✠Maricar Frazer  
Peteris Sprudz (Birthday blessings!)

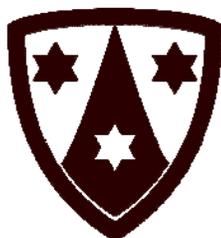
### SATURDAY, June 17

Readings: 2 Cor 5:14-21 ◆ Ps 119:36a, 29b ◆ Mt 5:33-37

*Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One. Mt 5:37*

✠Maricar Frazer  
✠Yald Crump

## Thank You from Brother Daryl



Thanks you, thank you so much for so much. Fourteen years ago I came to worship at St Thomas the Apostle when I began teaching at Mount Carmel High School in 2003. I had come from Australia only two years earlier to study in DC. Immediately, I felt at home immediately in this wonderful parish community. When I moved into the convent, now Carith House, and became more involved in the community in 2007, not only had I

found a beautiful worshipping community but a home among you all. When I received my appointment as the Novice Director for the Pure Heart of Mary Province of Carmelites, I was both excited and filled with mixed feelings. Among other things, but not the least, it meant leaving St Thomas the Apostle. As I said to many of you over the past several weeks, this has become my home away from home, so I'll be seeing you from time to time on my "home" visits. Please pray for me in this very important ministry with our young men preparing to be Carmelites but especially for them as they begin their lifelong journey in Carmel "following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ". This is my prayer for you:

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26*

May Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
enfold you all in the mantle of her loving protection.

Br Daryl Moresco, O.Carm.

Join us after Mass  
in the Parish Hall  
for Hospitality.



## This Week's Calendar

**SUNDAY, June 11-Holy Trinity Sunday**  
**St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Weekend**  
8:30am: *Youth Usher Appreciation*, Ch.  
9:30am: *Ladies Auxiliary*, 100/Gym  
12:30pm: *Charismatic Prayer Group*, 107  
12:30pm: *Knights of Columbus*, Gym  
12:30pm: *St. Vincent de Paul Society*, Trailer

### WEDNESDAY, June 14

3pm: *Prayer Vigil*, Church

### THURSDAY, June 15

9am: *Bible Study*, PH

### SATURDAY, June 17-Anointing

9am: *Ministers of Care Gathering*,  
Parish Hall

1:30pm: *Prayer Pilgrimage*,  
St. Anthony of Padua

3pm: *Confessions*

3pm: *Motet Choir*, Church

### SUNDAY, June 18

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

## A Letter from our Pastor

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint Thomas the Apostle,

This is Trinity Sunday and, after the 50 day feast of Easter which culminated last Sunday on Pentecost, we return to what our church calls 'ordinary time'. But isn't time extraordinary, certainly one of God's

most incredible creatures? The way it passes affects us all, and we mark our lives in days and nights, seasons and rhythms that

leave us in wonder. Only our God, one in the Holy Trinity, being uncreated and living in glory, is beyond and above time, and time is one of God's most interesting creatures.

Jesus Christ, true God and one of the Holy Trinity, has entered into time and redeemed it. I remember years ago, when I was a very young Carmelite in formation, one of the senior brothers never asked for the time of day or used the expression, 'What time is it?' Instead he would inquire, 'How's the enemy?' Without saying so, it seems he viewed the passage of time as some kind of adversary to be fought. Reflecting on it all these years later, I see one unfortunate downside if we embrace this view of time; it is a battle we are most certainly destined to lose.

So, like all God's creatures, we give thanks to God the wise creator and ask him to reveal to us his plans and purposes. We do have obligations to love and care for all that God has made and we read in the Book which is truth that he designated us to be stewards of his creation. Time has its place in God's plan for us. It is the span of days, weeks and months in which we have this wonderful opportunity to worship God,

reverence all creation, and cherish God's plans for us. So let us care for time.

Speaking of time, we wish to congratulate all students, especially those at the University, for all their good work this year. Some of our parishioners (especially our students)

will be departing over the next week, and we wish them well for the summer. If you are graduating or leaving Hyde Park we thank you for being part of our parish family while you were here, and we wish you all the best for the future.

Our parish also will be settling down for the summer, and soon we will be giving everyone a break, giving some of our ministers, workers and volunteers an opportunity to rest and enjoy the priorities that the long days and summer weather offers us. Time passes quickly enough, so let us give God profound thanks for the delights of summer and anticipate when we can return to all activities in late summer rested and refreshed.

May I ask once again, if you will be away, to remember your tithe to the parish. Even if you are not here, the bills need to be paid. Go to 'Give Central' or drop something in the mail to help your parish this summer. It has been a difficult year on parish finances and our reserve and contingency fund has been spent. Thank you very much.

On this great feast of the Trinity, I thank God for each one of you, and I ask the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit to live in you and protect you during this wonderful season. May the Mother of God enfold you in the mantle of her protection! ~Elias



## Welcome Visitors & Guests!

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.

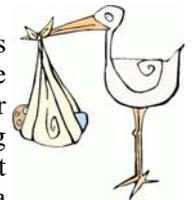
Our goal is to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God flows through us to all people.

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.

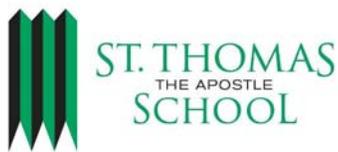
## Ladies Auxiliary Meeting & Upcoming Baby Shower

The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their regular meeting today, June 11, at 9:30am. Agenda items include the **upcoming Ladies and Knights Baby Shower** to benefit the Women's Centers.



This is a popular and much needed 'love of neighbor' event! The Women's Centers are an Archdiocese designated Preferred Provider and The Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry (from our Vicariate) is on their National Advisory Board.

As always, we welcome donations of new or gently used clothing; diapers; onesies; toys (safety assured); blankets; and safe equipment (strollers, etc.). This year, director Mary Strom has made a special request for goods and monetary help on getting baby car seats (safe models, not any that have been recalled or used). For more info call Louise Kaegi, 312/852-6843.



**Dates to Remember**

**June 26**  
Summer School Begins

**July 3 & 4**  
No Summer School

**July 4**



*The 4th on 53rd Parade*  
*10:30am-12:30pm*

*STA will march in "The 4th on 53rd Street" parade in Hyde Park! If you are interested in marching with us, please e-mail Tareema Jean-Baptiste by June 26 at*

*tjeanbap@stapostleschool.com. Please let us know how many adults and children will be joining. All children must be accompanied by an adult.*

*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**

# Congratulations to the Class of 2017!



## End of the Year Awards Ceremony

We are proud of all of our students for finishing a great school year! On the last day of school, students were presented awards for honor role, perfect attendance, and for behavior. This year, the school established school-wide behavior goals for staying safe, taking responsibility, and acting Christ-like. These are our students who received awards for those behaviors. Congratulations!



## Please Join the Fun!

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is eagerly anticipating our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Our goal is to have a very wide participation of members involved in the planning of celebratory events. Widespread involvement will insure that every person in the pews has the opportunity to shape the festivities and help us to get to know one another better.

We have held two gatherings to formally explain the options for involvement and to round up committee members. The last formal **“Round Up” will be held on Tuesday, June 27, at 6:15 PM in the Parish Hall.** If you have not yet signed up to join a committee, we invite you to come that night. (Enter through the back door used every Sunday for Hospitality.)

All the committees will be attending their first formal gathering for a Meet and Greet Committee Meeting on either Wednesday, July 28 or Thursday, July 29. It is difficult (impossible??) to meet *everyone’s* preference exactly for meeting dates, days, and times. June 28th and 29th are scheduled so we can have a “kickoff,” and committee members who meet on either of these two dates will determine future meeting times that are most convenient for their membership. Everyone who signed up thus far will receive a reminder via the email address that you provided. If you do not have email, we ask that a fellow committee member will give you a call.

Our first anniversary event is set for February 2018. Planning time is critical! Thank you for joining in our efforts to organize a great celebration. We will get to know more parishioners through broad involvement of all parishioners and have a great time as we join hearts and hands together.

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

## A Look Back in History...

The late 1960s saw the country deeply troubled by the Viet Nam War. St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners felt deeply about the issues and formed a *Peace Committee*. The formation of this active committee indicates how St. Thomas Parish reflected Hyde Park and the larger American society.

Sunday bulletins from 1968-1970 document the role of this parish group in exploring the issues. “The St. Thomas Apostle Peace Committee invites the Hyde Park community to embark on an in-depth search of ways and means to bring about reconciliation in our country torn apart by internal and external war.” (8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, 1969).



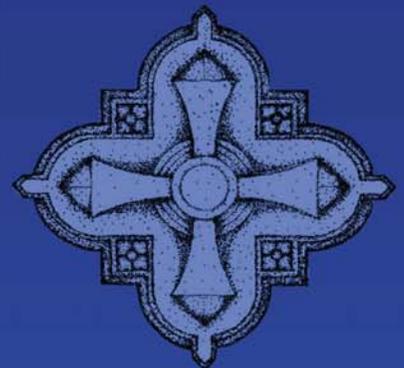
Today, June 11, begins a week designated as “National Flag Week.” Flag Day is on June 14th. The holiday commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States. Back in 1969, quite a stir arose over the bulletin articles published by the *Peace Committee’s* exploration of the topic of whether US and Papal flags should be

located in the church. The pastor resolved the issue in the following week’s bulletin by indicating that the flags would stay in the church but would *not* be located right next to the altar in the sanctuary. Father Robert Oldershaw remarked that, “the presence of the flag in the church can serve as an important reminder of the unfinished business of making the American dream a reality for all (men)—a burden which weighs heavily on us all.”

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150  
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**Receive Communion at Home or in a Nursing Home.**  
Call our parish secretary, Lisa, at 773-324-2626.

**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, Joanne Gallagher, Lina Garcia, Pamela Granicz, 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:**

Melba Sales,  
Mother of Linda Sales  
  
Yald Crump,  
Sister of Meryl Sledge

	Jun 17, 4:00 PM The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Jun 18, 8:30 AM The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Jun 18, 11:00 AM The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Eucharistic Minister	Michael Wilson (BC) Denise Martin-Echols (CL) Alexandar Tolish (CL) Sandra Ham (CR) Rebecca Gray Smith (CR)	Curtrice Scott (BC) Marie Tobin (CL) Donald Ayers (CL) Chudi Obiaya (CR) Pat White (CR) Jim Rydel (BL) Agatha Ngweke (BR)	Betty Brewer (BC) Dorothy Bennett (CL) Paula Jones (CL) Brittany McGhee (CR) Lena Williams (CR) Yvonne Brooks (BL) Elizabeth Watson (BR) Jacky Grimshaw (CL)
Altar Servers	Peter Renz Cecilia Renz Anna Stephanov Nate W.	Matthew Lodato Sydney Green Gabriel Lodato Nicolas Lodoto	Janise Harris Lawrence Amadi Judith Lake Gerard Wilbert
Lectors	Dennis Johnston (Lector 1)	Ellen Dairyko (Lector 1) Sharon Dobbs (Lector 2)	Ifeoma Afoenyi-Onyejekwe (Lector 1) Vicky Longawa (Lector 2)

**May 2017 Offerings**

	May 7, 2017	May 14, 2017	May 21, 2017	May 28, 2017
Sunday	\$9,989.68	\$5,878.26	\$6,496.12	\$6,915.19
Building Fund	\$556.00	\$0.00	\$515.00	\$20.00
Hospitality	\$112.19	\$0.00	\$210.75	\$74.00
Candles	\$130.45	\$296.00	\$25.00	\$217.81
Easter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Stipend	\$380.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$480.00
School Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Youth Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.54
WRE Class	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$785.00
Seminary Collection	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Catholic Charities	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Retired Religious	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Cath. Appeal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Christmas Bazaar	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Reim. Insurance	\$421.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bequest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,400.00
Rent	\$2,935.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reim. Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$173.50

**Join Us in Speaking Out for the Hungry.**

Every June, hundreds of Bread for the World members come to Washington D.C., to talk about hunger with their members of Congress. In the face of budget cuts that are an assault on poor and hungry people, we weren't surprised to see that over 400 people registered. **But we still need you.**

Even if you can't come to Washington D.C. on June 13, you can still participate in Bread for the World's 2017 Lobby Day. With so much at stake, we need a lot of phone calls placed into the offices of members of Congress.

Join in the advocacy of hundreds of Bread members as they go to Capitol Hill to urge Congress to pass a budget that will end hunger. Call your two senators and representative using the **Virtual Lobby Day Script**. The script and additional resources and ways of advocating for the hungry are available at <http://www.bread.org/lobby-day-2017#resources-for-participants>.



**breadfortheworld**  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

**Cook Wanted.** The Passionist Community at CTU is looking for a part-time cook for 3 to 11 persons, Monday-through-Friday, about 3-6 p.m. Wages are negotiable. Please inquire: Fr. Jack Conley or Fr. John Schork at (773) 324-2704.

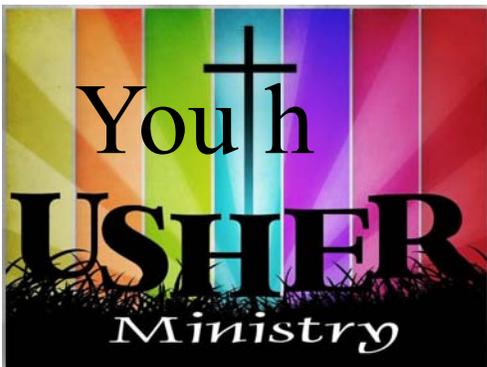
## Bundle Weekend is Here! June 10-11!

The SVDP trailer will be in the STA parking lot Saturday, June 10, from 8am to 4:30pm, and Sunday, June 11, from 8am to 2pm, 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.

**Next meeting:** today, Sunday, June 11th at the Bundle Weekend trailer at 12:30pm.

## Thank You to our Youth Ushers!

Today, Sunday, June 11, 2017, we are honoring the Youth Ushers of our parish who serve at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. These children and teenagers arrive early to greet people, stay late to clean up, and generally work to help Mass run smoothly. They freely offer their service to our community, and St. Thomas is proud to recognize their work.



- Layla Arion
- Ephraim Armelle
- Ysabelle Armelle
- Christopher Auguste
- David Auguste
- Luc Auguste
- Merrill Barton
- Marshall Callery
- Luke Dilla
- Daniel Eke
- Ned Flynn
- Isabella-Rose Gonzalvez
- Sydney Green
- Delilah Guillory

- Sophia Guillory
- Carlo Hague
- Wiatt Hague
- Kendall Lee
- Avery C. Liu
- Nicholas Lodato
- Marie Norkett
- Mary-Julie Ngwueke
- Kene Obiaya
- Curtis Scott
- Emmanuel Scott
- Alexander Walker
- Naima Walker
- Kaylee Williams

## Call for Volunteers

The Hyde Park Kenwood Food Pantry needs able-bodied volunteers for carrying and distributing food, Saturdays, 9:30am to 1:30 pm. Minimum age to volunteer: 13; Maximum group size: 7. We will sign paperwork for high school community service hours. Contact Jan Deckenbach, [jdeckenb@uchicago.edu](mailto:jdeckenb@uchicago.edu).



We would like to remind you that St. Thomas the Apostle Parish now accepts online donations through GiveCentral. You can use this website to make paperless donations to our church. You can give by using your credit card, debit card and electronic checking payments making either one-time or recurring donations. We understand that most transactions today are done electronically. We want to provide you with that same convenient option at church.



We believe that it benefits everyone to offer this flexible online tool. Please visit [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org) and take a few minutes to set up your donations.

*Thank you for your generosity & support. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!*

### Here is how to sign up for GiveCentral:

1. Go to [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org) and click on the “start giving” button.
2. Begin typing our zip code **60615**
3. Click “**St. Thomas the Apostle Church**” when it appears.
4. Choose the ways you would like to support our Parish
5. Enter the frequency, date range and dollar amount and then click “**add to my Gift Basket.**”
6. Verify the donations you have entered and click “**Check out.**”
7. Create your online giving profile. The fields marked with asterisks are required.
8. Enter your credit card or electronic bank information, then click “**Register and confirm gift.**”

