



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 6, 2013

Parish Office

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Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday—Friday

9:00AM—7:00PM

Tuesday

9:00AM—5:00PM

Closed Wednesday 1PM-3PM

Religious Ed. Office

770 - 432-5296

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

10:00AM—5:00PM

Preschool Office

770 - 432-8579 Ext. 125

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

10:00AM - 1:00PM

English Mass Schedule

Monday:	12 Noon
Tuesday:	12 Noon
Wednesday:	6:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Thursday:	7:00 PM
Friday:	12 Noon
Saturday Vigil:	5:00 PM
Sunday:	7:30 AM, 9:30 AM 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM

Confession:

Saturdays: 3:30 PM

Horario de Misas en Español

Lunes:	7:30 PM
Jueves:	8:00 PM
Sábado:	7:30 PM
Domingo:	6:00 AM 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Confesión:

Sábados: 6:30 PM
Domingos: 1:00 & 6:30 PM

Grace
Realized
Actions
Taken
Inspiration
Thriving
Unifies
Devotion
Engaged

God has graced YOU with gifts
that you may share in community to be HIS hands.
Dios te ha bendecido con dones
para que seas SUS manos en tu comunidad.

Discover the abundant and diverse ministries of
St. Thomas the Apostle gathered together to share their stories.
Explore where your gifts best fit, and your passions call you!

Descubre la abundante diversidad de ministerios
en nuestra parroquia y explora cómo puedes poner tus dones
al servicio de nuestra comunidad.

*"Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them,
is the true measure of our thanksgiving."*

W.T. Purkiser (1910-1992); Preacher, Author.

Ministry Fair 2013

Feria de Ministerios 2013

October 12th-13th Before & After all Masses

Rolling Raffle * Food * Fun * Fellowship



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Pastor: Rev. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. (x108)

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Andrews Kollannoor, M.S., (x128) • Rev. Jaime Molina J., M.N.M. • Rev. Paul Rainville, M.S. (in residence x.193)

• **Deacons:** Rev. Mr. Michael Garrett • Rev. Mr. Earl Jackson • Rev. Mr. Mark Mitchell • Deacons Office (x106)

Parish Administrator: Mr. Gus Scannapieco (x109)

Deacon Jerry and the Parish Mission 2013

Upon leaving the next day after the Parish Mission, Deacon Jerry sent the following message to Fr. Brian:

“Also, God spoke to my heart at the La Saletie Feast Day Mass (Sept. 19th) and told me to donate my flight expense to the Church. So, instead of picking up the cost of the flight, just send the money to the Farm of the Child and put in your bulletin that as a result of the parish mission, the people of St. Thomas the Apostle were able to feed a child at the FINCA for a year. The donation can be done from the website: www.farmofthechild.org.”

Please know that the donations received during the Parish Mission, amounting to \$1,382.00, will be sent as directed by Deacon Jerry.

Praise God for such a witness to generosity for God’s children! Fr. Brian

**October 6th:
Respect Life Sunday**

Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life. During this month of October, you are invited to pray asking for God to intervene in all life issues.

Suggestions for your prayers:

- Offer a Mass
- Pray a Holy Hour
- Offer a Novena
- Pray the Rosary
- Meditate on the Stations of the Cross

“Only with prayer - prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life.”
Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops

In Our Prayers / En Nuestras Oraciones

We ask you to pray for the people who are listed on this Bulletin Sick List. Please call the Parish Office to place a name on the list below. The names will be kept in our bulletin for three consecutive weeks.

Very Rev. G. Philip Ryan
Vincent Molley
Pam Smith
Mary Howard
Betty Stanaland
Mary Dorsey
Joyce Libby
Barbara Aulseybrock
Kathleen Beyea
Pat Bradley
George Garger
Mike Casey

Ann Gorrin
Theresa Idigo
Tom LaVigne
JoAnn Lenz
Ernesto Muñoz
Somto Richard Odenigbo
Victoria Ofdegbu
Anthony Ogbugto
Helen Ogbugo
Amaka Okobi
Anthony Oparaji
Liseth Serrano

Nanette Silvernail
Deacon Scott Sparks
Glen Taylor
Okem Ugoji
Tore DeBella
Isaias López
Ulrich Mandeng
Juan E. Raygada
Bruce Weaver

Here at St. Thomas the Apostle we have a **Prayer Line Ministry**.

The members of this ministry are dedicated prayer warriors.

If you have a prayer request that you would like to place in the care of the Prayer Line, contact Valerie Panditaratne at vpandit@emory.edu

Pray For Our Troops / Oremos por nuestros soldados

We remember in our prayers all of those who are serving in the military, especially: / Recordamos en nuestras oraciones a todos aquellos que se encuentran sirviendo en el ejército, especialmente:

Sgt. John R Beuth ANG
Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Bright, USA
Sgt. Manuel Chico, USA
Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC
SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG
SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA
ET3 Carolyn Deacon, USN
LT Rogelio Espinosa, USN
Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrel, USA
2LT Adam Fisk, USA

Sgt. Mark Gallant, USA
LCpl. Quinn Gordon, USMC
SFC Charles Granke, USA
PFC Ronald Griffin, Jr., USA
Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG
E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN
PFC Brian Harris, USA
CPT Ana Maria Hartwig, USA
Maj. Marise James, USAF
LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello

CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA
LCpl. Gerardo Morales, Jr. USMC
HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN
PFC Ernest Dean Rivera, USMC
Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA
Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA
Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA
CPT Anna Smith, ARNG
S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA

Please contact the Parish Office if you have a family member who is serving in the military.

Altar Flowers Fund

The Altar Flowers this weekend are being offered by:

**Carmelita Carsley
In thanksgiving of the
celebration of the life of
Teresita Ocampo**

If you would like to remember a special occasion by requesting flowers for the altar, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the Commons Area.
Suggested donation: \$30.

Children’s Offering / Ofrenda de los Niños: September 21-22, 2013

Treasure (Tesoro): \$697.51. Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento): ♥ I told a kid to use his glasses, that it doesn’t matter what other people say (Le dije a un niño que usara sus anteojos, que no importa lo que diga la gente) ♥ I was good at school (Me porté bien en la escuela) ♥ Listen to Mom & Dad (Escuchar a Mamá y Papá) ♥ I went to school at church (Fui a catecismo) ♥ No T.V. (No televisión) ♥ I made my bed (Tendí mi cama) ♥ I opened the door for somebody (Le abrí la puerta a alguien) ♥ Be happy (Ser feliz) ♥ I am not going to lie (No voy a mentir) ♥ Do chores (Hacer tareas) ♥ Help Wendy (Ayudar a Wendy) ♥ Help my Mom with the dishes (Ayudé a mamá a lavar platos) ♥ Give dog food at the exact hour (Darle de comer al perro a la hora en punto) ♥ Visit Daddy in jail (Visité a Papi en la cárcel) ♥ I played with my sister this week (Jugué con mi hermana esta semana) ♥ I prayed with my Mommy (Recé con mi Mami) ♥ God, Thank you for a lovely day. I love you so much! Ella (Dios, gracias por un hermoso día. ¡Te amo!) ♥





Our Preschool is raising funds to purchase new playground equipment!

This year, our goal is to raise \$4,000 and you can help by buying FunPasta!

FunPasta is pasta shaped like the holidays, sports, collegiate team logos, and more. If you prefer not to sell any pasta, please consider making a donation to our Preschool (tax deductible.)

Place your order by October 22, 2013 at: www.stthomastheapostle.org/preschool-funpasta

For more information please contact the Preschool Office at 770-432-8579, Ext. 125 or e-mail: manning5817@comcast.net

St. Thomas' Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 25th, 6:30—8:30 p.m.

It's a family affair! Come dressed as a Saint or in your Halloween costume. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the upper parking lot. Join us in the Social Hall for lots of games, a cake walk, dinner will be available to buy and loads of candy and treats will be given out. Trunk or Treat is a safe and fun environment for kids to trick or treat.

Mark your calendar now for this fun evening! You and your children will not want to miss this special, fun evening.

If you are interested in decorating your car/van/truck/SUV or donating a cake for the cake walk, volunteering, please contact Lori Rodgers at 770-432-5296 Ext. 124 or lrodders@stthomastheapostle.org

We are also looking for individual wrapped candy and game prize donations. The candy and prizes can be turned into the Religious Education Office.



STORYTIME meets every Thursday!

Preschool age children accompanied by a parent/guardian are welcome to join Ms. Sue and Ms. Penny every Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. In Classroom #2 of the Education Building.

Join the fun for an hour as we explore fun filled read aloud books, create a related craft, and enjoy a tasty snack. **Hope to see some familiar as well as new faces each Thursday morning!**

Family Supper Club

Saturday, October 12th from 3:00 p.m. until dark

Saturday, October 12th at 3:00 p.m. at Lake Court Park at 3500 Lake Drive, Smyrna GA 30080. All families with babies to school age children are welcome! Bring a potluck dish and drink to share. Build community through food, fun and fellowship! For more information contact Melanie Meder at 678-368-6646 or medermelanie@yahoo.com

Fall Break (No classes) Attention to all our Catechism students:

REMINDER!

There will be NO PSR (Parish School of Religion) on Monday, October 7th.

due to Cobb County Schools Fall Break.

Classes resume on Wednesday, October 9th. If you have any questions, please call: 770-432-5296.



Attention Life Teen Students: There will be **NO Confirmation Class** on Tuesday, October 8th due to Cobb County Schools Fall Break.

No Bible Study on Wednesday, October 9th. Use this time to catch up on homework or to prepare for upcoming tests after your school holiday!

If you have any questions please call: 770-432-8579, Ext. 116.

Coming soon ...

October 8, 2013
7:30 p.m.

Main Sanctuary
Ignite!

A night of worship, prayer and music! See Page 5 for more information.

October 12, 2013
3:00 p.m.

Lake Court Park—Smyrna
Family Supper Club

Build community through food, fun and fellowship! See this page for details.

October 12-13, 2013

Before and after all Masses
Outside the church
Ministry Fair

God has graced you with gifts so that they may be shared with others! See bulletin cover for additional details.

October 18, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Come and experience the power of the Holy Spirit! Turn to Page 5 for additional information.



Sacristy Ministry: Help needed

Join the SACRISTY MINISTRY

Interested participants will help in cleaning and caring for the sacred vessels and linens used during the mass. You will receive a monthly schedule showing when you will be needed. The number of volunteers will determine how often you will be scheduled. Also, you will be scheduled to either clean the sacred vessels or to wash and iron the communion linens. For more information, please contact Patty Ingalsbe at 770-433-9765.

Mission Trip: October 9th -13th

Please pray for our missionaries!

The St Thomas the Apostle 23rd annual mission trip to Kingston, Jamaica, to work with the priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Poor is scheduled for October 9th - 13th, 2013. Please pray for our missionaries who will be working with the poorest of the poor during that week.



Bake Sale

October 26th and 27th before and after Masses while supplies last. All funds benefit St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods please contact Sonya Prinzivalli at 678-522-8628.



Big screen T.V. needed for our parish's Community House!

In case someone knows of a big screen T.V. that is available to be donated to our parish's Community House I would be thrilled to welcome the donation! We had one (!) but it was stolen (may they repent and make restitution) and now we don't. Meanwhile, we are hosting classes that would benefit from a big screen for DVD lectures, etc.

We would even welcome donations toward the purchase of a new one.

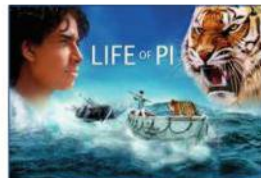
Thanks Brothers and Sisters, Fr. Brian

Holy Hollywood presents

Friday, October 11th at 7:15 p.m.

Please join us in the Social Hall on Friday night, October 11th, 2013 for the Holy Hollywood showing of *Life of Pi*. The film is based on the novel by Yann Martel and is a story about an Indian boy who along with a few animals survive a shipwreck after a violent storm at sea. It is an adventurous tale of a survival journey that involves faith, hope, and the motivation to live. Rated PG-13 – Length 127 minutes

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7:15 p.m. in the Social Hall.



JustFaith: Clarification Update

The Just Faith program for 2013/14 will begin Monday, October 7th.

There were necessary changes that required the program being moved to Monday from Wednesday. Also, due to low registration for the morning slot, there will only be an evening session on Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. All sessions will be held in the Adult Formation Building, first floor.

Any questions or concerns please contact: Michael Okuto at 770 432-8579, Ext. 122 or Linda Veit at 770 432-8579, Ext. 131. Let the journey begin!!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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Knights of Columbus News

To all practical Catholic male members of St. Thomas the Apostle, age 18 and older:

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a First Degree for entry into the order, **Saturday morning, October 19th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Community House.** Learn how you can become a member of the World's largest Catholic Fraternal organization and actively participate in its Charitable programs aiding Parish and Community.

For further information please contact:

- Bill Russell (Membership Chair) at 808-285-6623 or
- Deacon Michael Garrett (Grand Knight) at 770-319-0351

KofC 50/50 Raffle

Coming back to our church at a new and lower price! 50/50 Raffle returns this month!

\$5 per raffle ticket or 5 tickets x \$20. Winner will receive 50% of the ticket sales that month! Purchase raffle tickets in the Commons Area after weekend Masses.



For more information about the St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council 12386 please contact Grand Knight, Deacon Michael Garrett, at 770-319-0351, or e-mail: mg520@aol.com

Support the parish by advertising in our weekly bulletin!

Attention business owners, professional people and/or self employed!

A sales representative from Diocesan Publications, Inc. will be visiting our parish from Monday, October 7th until Friday, October 18th. Promote your business through the patronage of your fellow parishioners. Call Mark Fitzgerald at 404-307-7016 or 1-800-994-9818 for more information.



Ignite!

Tuesday, October 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Ignite! is an evening where parishioners gather together to encounter the Living Jesus in music, prayer, scripture and in the testimony of a fellow pilgrim in the journey.

When we gather together and reflect on people whose hearts are on fire with God, we too feel that our own hearts are not far from being alive with God's profound love! We are inspired, enriched and transformed. We grow more passionate about our faith.

Make Ignite! Part of your spiritual journey and join us this Tuesday, October 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. You may also join us for dinner beforehand at 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Please bring a dessert to share and also bring a friend!



Pray to end ABORTION!

Learn how you can "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves" right here in Marietta by contacting Grisselle at grisslares@aol.com or by visiting the web page: www.40daysforlife.com/Marietta



Charismatic Prayer Group

Come and experience the power of the Holy Spirit!

Join every Friday for prayer and fellowship with our Charismatic Prayer Group. Meetings take place every Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Faith Formation Building (1st Floor.)

Meetings begin on: Friday, October 18th

For more information please contact: Carolus C. Korie at 678-832-3007 or e-mail: carokorie62@yahoo.com

Grupo de Oración Carismática

¡Ven y vive el poder del Espíritu Santo!

Participa todos los viernes en las reuniones de Oración Carismática, a las 7:00 p.m. en el edificio de Formación Religiosa para Adultos (Vieja Rectoría) **La primera reunión se llevará a cabo el viernes, 18 de octubre.** Para más informes por favor contactar a Carolus C. Korie vía correo electrónico: carokorie62@yahoo.com

Counseling Services available!

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Psychotherapy services based on a sliding fee scale for individuals, couples and families. If you would like to make an appointment, please call the intake line at 404-920-7745.

Vida Parroquial

Retiro de Jóvenes Solteros

18-20 en el Woodland Christian Camp (Temple, GA) Invitamos a todos los jóvenes solteros, sin hijos, a participar en este retiro. Para más informes, contactar a Lorena vía correo electrónico: lorealva54@yahoo.com

Servicios de Consejería

Psicoterapia para individuos, parejas o familias disponible en nuestra parroquia, en inglés y español. Para sacar una cita, por favor llamar al teléfono 404-920-7745.

40 Días por la Vida

Septiembre 25-Noviembre 3 Únete a la cadena de oración para detener el aborto. La vigilia de oración continúa diariamente hasta el 3 de noviembre en las afueras de la clínica de abortos localizada en 1640 Powers Ferry Rd., in Marietta, GA 30067.

Para más información contactar a Grisselle vía e-mail a: grisslares@aol.com o visitor la página web: www.40daysforlife.com/Marietta

MASS INTENTIONS—October 7-13, 2013

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

12:00 PM ENGLISH MASS
Evelyn Bobby Kunnath
7:30 PM MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Maria Galvan

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

12:00 PM ENGLISH MASS
For God's assistance with family immigration issues

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:30 AM ENGLISH MASS
Carlos Hernandez
Lily Miranda-Hernandez
7:00 PM ENGLISH MASS
† Poor Souls

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:00 PM ENGLISH MASS
† Nelson Villanvicencio
8:00 PM MISA EN ESPAÑOL
† Jesus Alejandro
† Linda Duran

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

12:00 PM ENGLISH MASS
† Nelly Amastha

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

5:00 PM VIGIL MASS
† George Patrick Garger
7:30 PM MISA
† Humberta Galeno

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:00 AM MISA EN ESPAÑOL
People of St. Thomas
7:30 AM English Mass
† Marie Viggiani
9:30 AM English MASS
Thanksgiving for blessing received
11:30 AM English MASS
† Helen Emeribe
2:00 PM MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Arturo Lopez
Bianca Lopez
Larissa Lopez
5:00 PM English MASS
In Thanksgiving
7:30 PM MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Simona Cannizales

Mass intentions updated as of September 30, 2013

Complete calendar of events is available online at: www.stthomastheapostle.org/calendar



Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Reflection for Families:

Parents often fall into bed at night declaring to the empty darkness, "No one appreciates all I did today." Perhaps it's the lot of parents to spend most of their years in a state of exhaustion, but when those little legs climb up to our laps and tiny hands clutch our necks in a hug, we don't feel quite so weary or burdened. The smile that crosses our lips shows our true appreciation for God's gift and the service we offer is our gift in return.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Is there someone you know in your neighborhood or family whose zest for life has diminished? Perhaps you know someone who is ill, elderly, or worried. As a family reach out to that person with a phone call, a colorful picture, or a visit. Sometimes people enjoy focusing on something other than their own problems, and your family may offer just the diversion they are looking for.

Reflection courtesy of: RCL Benziger

Environmental Stewardship (Please stop the littering)

A part of being good Stewards includes our environment... please think about and see how you can participate in ways that keep St. Thomas the Apostle Parish beautiful. Conservation of resources, recycling, reducing our carbon print on the world are some general areas that our faith and actions direct us to show our concern for mother earth and the universe that God has created. God was proud of how good he created the earth and the universe. He is asking us to preserve its goodness not for ourselves but for those who will live here in the future.

In particular, I would ask as Pastor to be kind to your parish grounds... please refrain from discarding trash, baby diapers, cigarette butts, etc. onto our parish property. Please, please, please... use waste receptacles, ashtrays, and/or carry this refuse to your own trash containers. Please do the same with chewing gum. It's quite a mess and very unsanitary to have gum on our carpets, sidewalks and parking lots. It's sad to see the amount of trash that gets left behind here after a weekend of worship at St. Thomas the Apostle. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your Pastor, Father Brian



Un llamado a la corresponsabilidad de la Administración de los Bienes de Dios respecto al medio ambiente

La conservación de recursos naturales, el reciclaje, la reducción de la huella de carbono en el mundo son algunas de las áreas en las que nuestra fe y nuestras acciones pueden reflejar que nos preocupamos por la madre naturaleza y por el universo que Dios ha creado. Debemos preservar nuestro planeta, no sólo por nuestro bien, sino también por el bien de las generaciones futuras. Quiero hacer un llamado especial a la gente de Santo Tomás para que por favor no boten basura, pañales desechables, colillas de cigarrillos, etc. en la propiedad de la iglesia. Por favor, por favor, por favor... utilicen los basureros, los ceniceros y/o lleven estos desperdicios a sus propios basureros. Lo mismo aplica para la goma de mascar (chicles) la cual no sólo es sucia, sino que también destruye nuestra alfombras, contamina nuestras aceras y estacionamiento, y es difícil de remover. Es muy triste observar el basurero que queda después de un fin de semana de alabanza en Santo Tomás el Apóstol.

¡Gracias por su colaboración!
Su párroco, Padre Brian.

Around the Archdiocese

White Mass for Catholic Health Care Givers

Thursday, October 17th, 7:00 p.m. Cathedral of Christ the King (Atlanta, GA)

The Archdiocese of Atlanta invites all Catholic men and women serving in the healthcare professions to attend this White Mass. A dessert reception in Kenny Hall will follow the White Mass. Please RSVP to Joy Place: jplace@archatl.com or 404-920-7346.

Looking for a job?

CAREER QUEST, a Job-Seeker Network established in 1986 at the Catholic Church of St. Ann in Marietta, GA can help!

For more information, please call: 770-552-6400 ext. 6104, or e-mail: careerquest-sa@comcast.net

Workshop schedules available at: www.st-ann.org/career-quest/home

Always Our Children: A Retreat for parents of gay and lesbian children

Sunday, November 10th, 1:00-7:00 p.m. The event will be held at Ignatius House Retreat Center on Riverside Drive and will include talks, sharing, and prayer on how to love and embrace our children as well as our Catholic faith. Sunday Mass and dinner are included. No cost for the day but you must pre-register by Wednesday, November 6th at www.fortunatefamilies.com as space will be limited.

Movie Night: *Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine*. Rated PG-13

Thursday, October 17, 7:30 p.m. at AMC Phipps Plaza 14 - Buckhead, Atlanta.

Back by popular demand! Luxury Seating. Tix \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. Visit www.RestlessHeartAtlanta.com for tix or contact Larry Schauer at RestlessHeartAtlanta@gmail.com or 678-770-6400. *Restless Heart* uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of Augustine of Hippo – one of the Catholic Church's most beloved and well-known Saints.

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