

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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Served by Right Rev. Archpriest James G. Hayer, with the ministry of Deacons Charles Laskowski and Father Thomas Shubeck, and Cantors Patricia Dietz, Doreen Plahovinsak and George Birchack

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Office Hours: Monday — Thursday, 12 Noon to 4PM.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY JANUARY 1ST, 2023

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

FEAST OF ST BASIL THE GREAT

Propers: 146, 305-306/ 307

Saturday, December 31st

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (live streamed)
Intentions of our Parish Family

Sunday, January 1st, 2023—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
+John Karpjak, Mary Yanstick,
and +Charles Yanstick
By Marsha McGuirl

Monday, January 2nd

7:30 PM B-I-N-G-O

Tuesday, January 3rd

8:00 AM +Helen Waricka
By Todd Dubivsky

Wednesday, January 4th—No Liturgy

Thursday, January 5th—HOLYDAY

Vigil of Theophany with Water Blessing
7:00 PM +Gloria Ryan *By Pete Kowal*

Friday, January 6th—HOLYDAY

Theophany of Our Lord (Obligation)
10:00 AM +Peter and +Eleanor Dietz
By Children

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 8TH, 2023

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Propers: 152, 315-316/ 317

Saturday, January 7th

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (live streamed)
Intentions of our Parish Family

Sunday, January 8th, 2023

9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School)

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
+Maria Rinkovska
*By daughter, Mariana
and Viera*

11:15 AM RIVER BLESSING

(Immediately following Liturgy)



This week, January 1, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP

For the Blessed memory of
+Michael Cwiekalo
by Family

BLESSED REPOSE AND ETERNAL MEMORY!



On behalf of Rio (and me!) ...
THANK YOU for the very kind
cards, generous gifts and tasty
treats (for humans and canines) this years
that came from the heart! **THANK YOU**

ANNUAL RIVER BLESSING!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH - AFER LITURGY!

Following the Divine Liturgy today, Sunday, January 8th, we will process to the Robinson Branch of the Rahway River on the corner of Central Ave and St. Georges Avenue and bless the Rahway River. The highlight of which will be the insertion of a Cross made of ice into the River. *All are welcome to participate!*



Thank you for help! Santa AND St Thomas Parish have MANY helpers this years who assisted in making Christmas so beautiful! From Cantors, Lectors, Ushers, Servers, cleaners, decorators, live-streamers, office helpers, providers of hospitality, as well as those whose who did deeds of kindness “behind the scenes” and to all of YOU who filled the church with the power of PRAYER—**THANK YOU and may the New-Born Lord BLESS you!!**

Healing after Abortion—Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A “Day of Prayer and Healing” offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are January 14, February 4, March 11 and May 20. For more dates and locations, and confidential registration, or to just talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 (toll free), or email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

House-Blessings 2023— House Blessings season begins after Theophany. If you would like your house blessed please call the parish office (732-382-5300) or email at StThomasByz@aol.com. Please suggest a convenient time and day for Father to come. Also, please specify if you would like your house blessed from the inside (Father comes indoors), or from the outside only (Father blesses from the porch or driveway). The choice is your; ether is ok. *Thanks!*

Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner—Sunday, January 29th at AMICI’S at 12:30 AM (following the Divine Liturgy and a quick cup of coffee in the social hall!) **SIGN-UP** to attend in the vestibule by the Gift Shop. Volunteers are complimentary; guests are \$15 each.

INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND: (including those mailed in —thank you!)

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1228.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	540.00
Candles	\$	95.00	ECF	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	35.00	Holydays/Christmas	\$	3011.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$.00	Catholic Charities	\$	xxx.00
ECL	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	4909.00