

# *Saint Thomas the Apostle*

## *Roman Catholic Church*

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*November 2, 2008*

*Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*

### *“All Souls Remembrance”*

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**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, November 2**

Saturday, November 1

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 2

7:30 am Elizabeth Donatiello - Family

9:00 am Claudette Westerfield & Anna & Charles Sarno - Family

10:30 am For the Faithful Departed

12:00 pm Beatrice Londono - Grandchildren

Monday, November 3

7:30 am Genevieve Liptai - Daughter

11:30 am For the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 4

7:30 am Margaret Viccari - Family

11:30 am For the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, November 5

7:30 am Andrés Diaz-Rojas - Family

11:30 am For the Faithful Departed

Thursday, November 6

7:30 am Arcangelo Melia - Friend

11:30 am For the Faithful Departed

Friday, November 7

7:30 am Edward Bender - Friend

11:30 am For the Faithful Departed

Saturday, November 8

8:30 am For the Faithful Departed

**Sunday, November 9**

Saturday, November 8

5:00 pm Marie Finnegan - Friends

Sunday, November 9

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Anna Stevens - Daughter & Family

10:30 am Josephine Battista - Daughter

12:00 pm For the Faithful Departed

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

John McCue, Raymond Spieczynski, Claire Mykowski,  
Paul Strickland, Frank Korec

**REST IN PEACE:**

Frances Foley, Frances O'Keefe  
Robert O'Neill, Deacon Edward W. Porter, Jr.

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Thomas O'Hara  
**Rectory:** Maray Fiorentino  
**Convent:** Walter Krebs

**All Souls Day**

**SUNDAY, NOV. 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

As we remember our faithful departed during the month of November, we must remember that our prayers for the dead bind us to them in the communion of faith and life promised by Jesus to all who believe in Him.

All Souls day is a commemoration of all those who have fallen asleep in Christ marked with the sign of faith and who, we pray, may one day join the saints around the great banquet table of the Lamb. We pray for the dead; we pray for the forgiveness of all their sins; and we pray that God, in his great mercy, will take them to himself.

**Prayer for the Deceased...**



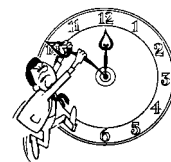
Father of all,  
we pray to thee for those we love,  
but see no longer:  
Grant them thy peace;  
let light perpetual shine upon them;  
and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power,  
work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL SOULS ANNOUNCEMENT**

Since All Souls day falls on a Sunday this year, all are invited to the parish center for hospitality with light refreshments after the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses.

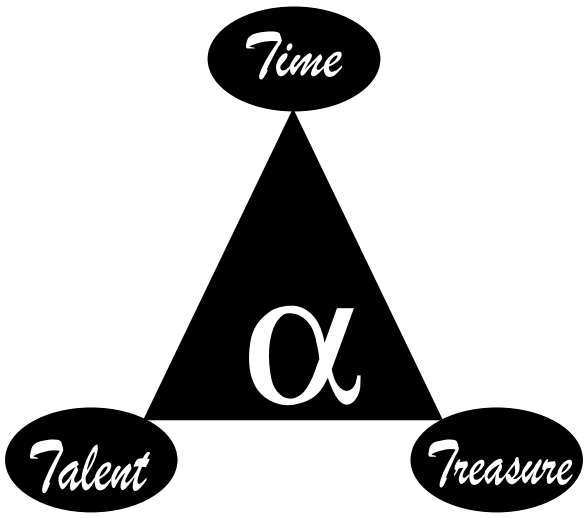
**THE BOOK OF LIFE**

You are invited to write the names of family and friends who have passed away within the year in the Book of Life which can be found near the Baptismal Font in the Church.



**"Time Change" THIS WEEKEND**  
Standard time resumes **this** Sunday,  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 a.m.  
Don't forget to set your clocks  
*back* one hour this weekend!

**Visit our website at [www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com)**



**STEWARDSHIP**

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has defined Stewardship as: “A life of total accountability and responsibility, acknowledging God as Creator and owner of all.” As we travel through our faith journey toward the celebration of God’s greatest gift to us – our Lord Jesus Christ, let us reflect upon this past year and how we lived out our commitment to Jesus and the Church.

Were we the good stewards that we are called to be? Did we give back with increase a portion of what we have received from our abundantly generous God? Have we grown in our faith and shared our time, talent and treasure with others?

“If one of you wants to be great, he must be the servant of the rest, and if one of you wants to be first, he must be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, He came to serve and to give His life to redeem many people.”

(Mark 11:43-45)

*Stewardship Prayer*

*S. Marie Schwan*

*Lord God,  
You alone are the source of every good gift,*



*of the vast array of the universe,  
and the mystery of each human life.  
We praise You and we thank You  
for Your great power  
and Your tender, faithful love.*

*Everything we are and everything we have  
is Your gift,*



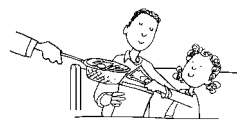
*and after having created us  
You have given us  
into the keeping of Your Son, Jesus Christ.*

*Fill our minds with His truth  
and our hearts with His love,  
that in His Spirit we may be bonded together  
into a community of faith,*



*a parish family, a caring people.*

*In the Name and Spirit of Jesus,  
we commit ourselves to be good stewards  
of the gifts entrusted to us,*



*to share our time, our talent,  
our material gifts as an outward sign  
of the Treasure we hold in Jesus.*

*Amen.*

## Next Sunday's Readings:

Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12  
1 Corinthians 9c-11, 16-17  
John 2:13-22

## **SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS**

### Religious Education News

Just a reminder that we offer a Special Needs Religious Education program every Tuesday from 4:00 – 4:40 in the Parish Center. Anyone interested in finding out more information on this program please contact the Religious Education Office at 973-338-7400.

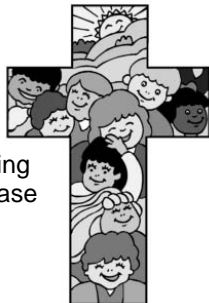
Our Special Needs children have been preparing for their First Communion and are getting closer each week to their special day. These children and their families are an important part of our parish family and we ask that you keep them in your prayers throughout the year. Also, we ask that you be patient when you see them in mass because they are working on staying still for a long time and sometimes it's very hard to do. Thanks for your patience and prayers!

**First Penance Parent's Meeting** –If you did not attend last week's meeting on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, we ask that you please attend the following meeting:

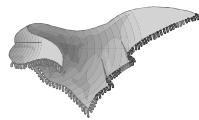
Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30

The meeting will take place in Herron Hall in St. Thomas School. Important sacramental information will be distributed. Please make every effort to attend. If you are unable to attend please call the Religious Education Office to set up an appointment.

REMINDER – THERE WILL BE NO CCD ON ELECTION DAY – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>.



## *The Prayer Shawl Ministry*



An evening meeting will be held in the Parish Center Nov 5th from 7 to 9 PM. Further schedule to follow in coming weeks. We have simple patterns for shawls, lap robes, scarves, hats and gloves. If you are interested in participating but do not know how to knit or crochet, there are members willing to help you get started. If you have questions or wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact Bernadette 973-893-0114 Alicia 973-473-6633 or Sister Arleen 973-338-9190. **Let us continue to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them.**

## **“THIS WEEK”**

### Monday – 11/3

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter  
Men's prayer and Bible Study – 7:30pm in St. Matthew

### Tuesday - 11/4

**ELECTION DAY! Get out and VOTE!**

### Wednesday - 11/5

Prayer Shawl Meeting - 7:00pm in St. Thomas

### Thursday - 11/6

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

### Friday - 11/7

SCC Friday - 7:00pm in St. Peter

### **Adult Enrichment**

#### **LECTURE SERIES ON ST. PAUL**

**Guest Lecturer: Allan Wright**

**Topic: The Gospel According to St. Paul; His Preaching and Passion**

**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. in Parish Center**

For more info call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x29.

## **STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**



### Right to Life

For all who are about to die: that we might learn from them and cherish their presence in every remaining moment given to them by God;

*We pray to the Lord*

### **Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program**

The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Mon-Fri, 9am to 8pm. Call the Parish Center 973-338-9190 ext. 20. A return call will be made within 24 hours. A Parish Nurse will provide limited confidential health counseling & referrals to Community health resources & services. Volunteers are available for errands, home visits and phone contacts.

### *Morning of Reflection*

**SATURDAY \_ NOVEMBER 15, 2008**  
**9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Herron Hall**

**Open to all women of the parish**

**Donation: \$6 - Lunch included.**

**Theme: We are Pilgrim Women**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:**

St. Thomas the Apostle Church,  
60 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield, NJ

Please call Sister Arleen with any questions at  
973-338-9190.



St. Thomas the Apostle's  
Senior High Youth Group is proud to present  
an Evening of Song with special guest:

**Catholic Recording Artist  
KARA KLEIN**

November 16, 2008

The evening will start off with a very special Holy Hour  
for Life at 5:30 p.m. in the church  
followed by a concert at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.  
All are welcome. Kara Klein will also be with us at all  
the Masses that weekend.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH CENTER  
FROM 7-9PM. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

11/2 ALL SOULS DISCUSSION

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

- 11/07 ST. JAMES LOCK-IN
- 11/09 TEACHING MASS WITH FR. TOM BLIND
- 11/15 KARA KLEIN PIZZA NIGHT
- 11/22 COFFEE HOUSE

**50-IN-15 ... CAN OF SOUP**

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT [tdennin@att.net](mailto:tdennin@att.net)

*"Enjoy this parish-wide social event catered by  
Nightingale, the original beefsteak caterer... try your  
luck at winning one of the many, many fabulous  
prizes... catch up with old friends..."*

**Saint Thomas The Apostle  
Home and School Association's**

**Beefsteak  
Dinner**

to benefit the academic and technological programs of STA

Saturday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm in Herron Hall  
St. Thomas the Apostle School

**\$35. per person**

includes: Dinner & Beverages (Beer, soda, coffee)  
For tickets call: MaryAnn Garner at 973-338-1868  
Advance reservations only!



**Support St. Thomas' Annual  
Christmas Concert**



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

For the last 14 years our church has been blessed to  
have an outstanding traditional concert. All have  
enjoyed the fine musical work of the Garden State  
Concert Band and their guest vocalists.

Unfortunately we missed last year because the  
money was lacking to subsidize this beautiful event.  
Many throughout this past year have asked us to find a  
way to resurrect our Christmas Concert.

We have set it for Saturday, December 13, 2008,  
7PM with reception following. To achieve this objective  
we need to have a Souvenir Program Journal that will  
raise the necessary funds. Please see the form below  
and make your contribution check out to St. Thomas the  
Apostle.

Thank you, PAUL ALONGI



Be a Sponsor for the St. Thomas the Apostle  
**Annual Christmas Concert & Reception**  
**Saturday, December 13, 2008 – 7PM**

Featuring the Garden State Concert Band  
And guest narrator Father Charles Miller

How – Contribute to the Souvenir Program Journal

- Back Cover - \$400.00
- Inside Back Cover - \$200.00
- Gold Page - \$150.00
- Inside Front Cover - \$200.00
- Full Page - \$100.00
- Half Page - \$75.00
- Quarter Page - \$50.00
- Listing of Name Page - \$25.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I want to contribute \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ page or  
\$25.00 for a name listing.

Make all returns with copy to  
Paul Alongi, 21 Leo Terrace, Bloomfield, NJ 07003,  
973-338-4665 or Parish Center 973-338-9190.



**The Rosary Confraternity**

There will be a Rosary Meeting  
on Monday, Nov. 3, at 7:00 p.m.  
in the Parish Center St. Peter room.

Please come and join us as we pray the Rosary.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

There will be NO Eucharistic Adoration this  
Month of November. The Respect Life Holy  
Hour will take place on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.  
in the church with special guest Kara Klein.



**Are you a Writer . . . Editor . . . Proof Reader . . .  
Web Developer? *We need you!***

*THE VOICE*, the St. Thomas the Apostle Newsletter, is published several times a year and we are looking to expand our ministry.

We are also looking for people to help update the website, keep it current and brainstorm ideas to advertise our parish.

You can be part of our committee, which meets a few times a year or you can choose to simply donate your particular talent as needed.

Please drop us a line in the Communication/Newsletter mailbox in the Parish Center or email us at [thevoice@stachurchbloomfield.com](mailto:thevoice@stachurchbloomfield.com).

You can visit us online by following the Newsletter link on our website.

**Ministry of Spiritual Direction**

**FORGIVENESS**

**A Necessary Part of Life**

*"...how often must I forgive my  
brother or sister?  
till seven times?*

*and Jesus answered not seven times but  
seventy times seven."*

*Matthew 18: 21-22*

**Presenter: Anna Graziano**

**Sat., Nov. 15 9am – 3pm in the Parish Center**

**Register by Nov 12th Light Continental breakfast**

**Bag a Lunch Anna – (973) 338-9538 Offering - \$20**



**Catholic Charities International  
Adoption Information Meeting**

November 22 from 10 am – noon at

499 Belgrove Dr., Kearny.

For info and to RSVP call 201-246-7378 by 11/19

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm**

**CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES: A CONCERT IN  
HONOR OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED -**

The Cathedral Choir presents the Requiem by Maurice Duruflé in the Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, November 2nd at 4pm. The program will be preceded by a talk given to the bereaved by Janet McCormack beginning at 3:20pm. Free-will offering - for more information, call 973-484-2400, or visit [www.cathedralbasilica.org](http://www.cathedralbasilica.org)


**BLUE MASS**

Archbishop Myers will celebrate the annual Blue Mass in honor of Law Enforcement at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica on Friday, November 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. (all are asked to be in place by 9:30am



for the Presentation of Colors and the National Anthem). Both active and retired law enforcement personnel and their families are invited to the Mass.

**Are you planning to donate a turkey or a ham for a family less fortunate than yours this Thanksgiving?** If so, we need to have the donations **on or before** Sunday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Parish Center. Defrosting and deliveries need **before** Thanksgiving Day, which is Thursday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your concern and compassion for others. **Thank you, Sister Arleen**



**~ ~ September Club Travel ~ ~**

**Join us for a Playhouse Christmas  
at the  
Hunterdon Hills Playhouse**



**November 21, 2008**

**Price... \$70.00**

Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. & returns at 4:30 p.m.

For reservations

call Diana Del Vecchia 973-338-8545

**IRA Charitable Rollover – Extended for 2008 & 2009**

If you are 70 ½ and want to make a gift to St. Thomas, then take advantage of the recent extension of the IRA Charitable Rollover and donate your IRA assets while avoiding income tax on the IRA withdrawal. Please speak to your plan administrator to arrange this type of gift. If you need more information, please call the Office of Gift Planning at (973)497-4048 or email at [demaasan@rcan.org](mailto:demaasan@rcan.org).

**DON'T FORGET TO GO OUT AND**



**NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2008!**