

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Roman Catholic Church

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November 15, 2009

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

“All Souls Remembrance”

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<i>Joseph Mario Belcaro</i>	<i>Benny C. Gruttadauria</i>	<i>Zenaida V. Pablo</i>
<i>Cosmo Bocchini</i>	<i>Geraldine Guarino</i>	<i>Estelle Jeanette Petitti</i>
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<i>John V. Cicero</i>	<i>Joan Horuzy</i>	<i>Gerard R. Riker</i>
<i>Michael Crisci</i>	<i>John M. Janiec</i>	<i>Catherine Robertiello</i>
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<i>Tina DeLena</i>	<i>Sally Anne Lazzaro</i>	<i>Antonio Salvati</i>
<i>Phyllis DeLorenzo</i>	<i>Norma Lospaluto</i>	<i>Salvatore P. Scaglione</i>
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<i>Margaret Egan</i>	<i>Josephine Mendolla</i>	<i>Anna Torsiello</i>
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<i>Mildred P. Fabbo</i>	<i>Russell S. Monticello</i>	<i>David Townsend</i>
<i>Frank Fabio</i>	<i>Helen C. Mooney</i>	<i>Joanna Vignola</i>
<i>Richard Festa</i>	<i>Eva A. Morgan</i>	<i>Helen Webb</i>
<i>Joseph Frequenza</i>	<i>Ann Murphy</i>	<i>Harold Wittig</i>
	<i>John Patrick Murphy</i>	

Masses for the Week

Sunday, November 15

Saturday, November 14
5:00 pm Lisa Purvis - Friend

Sunday, November 15

7:30 am For the People of the Parish
9:00 am Anna & Charles Sarno - Granddaughter
10:30 am Gail K. Pilsbury - Husband
12:00 pm Joseph Ciuba - Friend

Monday, November 16

7:30 am Catherine McAlvanah - Friends
11:30 am Charles Occhetti - Friend

Tuesday, November 17

7:30 am Ruth Brosan - Family
11:30 am John & Mary Walters - Friends

Wednesday, November 18

7:30 am Angelo Melia - Cousin
11:30 am John O'Connor - Family

Thursday, November 19

7:30 am Edna A. Carlos - Bequest
11:30 am Jennie Ciampi - Family

Friday, November 20

7:30 am Joseph C. FitzMaurice - Friend
11:30 am Salvatore Calandra - Wife

Saturday, November 21

8:30 am Frances Lubben - 20th Anniv. - Husband

Sunday, November 22

Saturday, November 21
5:00 pm Veronica Kievit - Husband

Sunday, November 22

7:30 am Marguerite R. Winans (25th Anniv.) - Family
9:00 am For the People of the Parish
10:30 am Albert Muller - Son
12:00 pm Louis Occhetti - Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Jennifer Vandervoord, Frank Korec, Paul Strickland,
Franco & Fasone Families

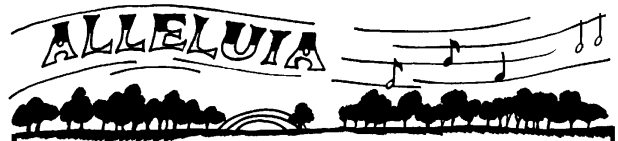
REST IN PEACE :

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Michael Logue
Convent: Jeanne T. Blind

**Visit our website at:
www.stachurchbloomfield.com**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Those who are wise shall shine
like the brightness of the sky.*

Dan 12:3

In these last weeks of the liturgical year, as the civic calendar also draws to a close, we look to the end of all things, the Second Coming of Christ. The prayers and readings today blend fearful imagery of the end times with cause for hope—a merciful God, and a gracious Savior.

THE FIRST READING from Daniel says that at the end of all things “many of those who sleep / in the dust of the earth shall awake,” the good to everlasting life, the others to “everlasting horror and disgrace” (Daniel 12:2). The reading begins in terror, with “a time unsurpassed in distress” (12:1), but it ends in hope, for the wise and the just will shine like stars.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 16 urges confidence in God, who protects not only heart and soul, but body as well.

SECOND READING: The letter to the Hebrews continues to show Jesus as the great high priest, whose sacrifice has fulfilled all others, once and for all. By one sacrifice, Jesus has “made perfect forever those who are being consecrated” (Hebrews 10:14). Now, with us, he awaits the end times, when “his enemies are made his footstool” (10:13).

GOSPEL: Jesus begins with very powerful images. “In those days” (Mark 13:24), Jesus says, everything will change—even the sun, the moon, and the stars. Into this darkened world Jesus will burst in glory. Everyone will see his coming, as he sends out his angels in every direction—not to ravage the earth or condemn the wicked, but to gather the elect of the whole earth.

From these perilous visions, Jesus turns to a humble image every one of his disciples would have been familiar with: the blossoms of a fig tree. When they see the new shoots forming, and sprouting leaves, they all know that summer is on its way. In the same way, they will know the end is coming by sure signs. Even Jesus himself cannot tell them when that will be: only the Father knows.

The purpose of the vivid descriptions of the end times is not to terrify the followers of Jesus into good behavior, but rather to rekindle the fervor of disciples who, expecting Jesus to come at once, grow weary of waiting. “Be vigilant at all times / and pray,” says today’s Gospel acclamation. Every time we pray, “thy Kingdom come.” *Are we really ready for it?*

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

Session Dates for Baptism 2009

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

December 6	1:00 p.m.
January 24, 2010	1:00 p.m.
March 28	1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

November 22	1:30 p.m.
December 13	1:30 p.m.
January 10, 2010	1:30 p.m.
January 31	1:30 p.m.

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

The main source of operating funds for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is our weekly offertory contribution. To assist us in being good stewards of God's gift of treasure, our contribution from last weekend is compared below to the amount we need this week to meet our budget. You may have noticed this amount will vary. This is because our budget varies by season, just as yours does.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: \$19,068
AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK: \$22,000

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 11/16

September Club - 11:30am in St Peter

Thursday – 11/19

SCC Thursday - 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 11/20

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter



THE NEXT WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL?

We would like to visit our parishioners who are homebound, in the hospital or other health care facility. Because of patient confidentiality laws, however, the only way we can know is if someone informs us. Call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190, leaving your name and number so we may return your call, or you may leave the information at the Parish Desk on Sunday mornings.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

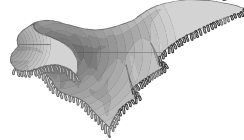
MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH CENTER FROM 7-9PM. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

11/20-21	PAUL TATE WEEKEND
11/29	BOWLING DAY
11/29	THEOLOGY OF THE BODY WITH DAVID HAJDUK
50 IN 15	MAC - N - CHEESE

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT tdennin@att.net

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



Let us continue to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them

We meet at the Parish Center on the 3rd Sunday of each month. If you cannot attend the meeting but wish to participate, please contact Alicia. If you have any questions or you wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact the Ministry: Bernadette @ 973-893-0114, Sister Arleen @ 973-338-9190, or Alicia @ 973-473-6633

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE!



If you are planning to donate a turkey for a family - **PLEASE** bring your turkey to the parish center - do not leave it in Church or at the doors of the Church. We cannot accept any other perishable foods.

Thank you for your generosity,

Sister Arleen

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – THIS SUNDAY

Blood pressure screenings will be held this Sunday, November 15th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

MEN'S CORNERSTONE - MARCH 12 & 13, 2010

“My wife said Cornerstone made me a new man. She hasn't asked for the old one back.” -- *George Hayes*

St. Thomas Christmas Cards



St. Thomas
Altar (1)
5 1/2 (H)
8 1/2 (W)

Limited
Quantity!



St. Thomas
Manger (2)
8 1/2 (H)
5 1/2 (W)

Order
soon
while
supplies
last!



St. Thomas
Manger (3)
5 1/2 (H)
8 1/2 (W)

Last date
to pre-
order
11/25/09

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

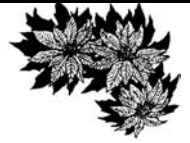
Cell: _____

Email: _____

Christmas Card Selection	Quantity	Price	Total
St. Thomas Altar (1)		\$1.00	
St. Thomas Manger (2)		\$1.00	
St. Thomas Manger (3)		\$1.00	
Total Christmas Card Order			

Email Questions to:
ChristmasCards@stachurchbloomfield.com

Please make checks payable to:
"St. Thomas Home and School Assoc."
Orders may be placed in the collection basket during Mass.
Please submit order form and payment at the Parish Center



Support St. Thomas' Annual Christmas Concert

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

For the last 15 years, our church has been blessed with having an outstanding traditional concert. All have enjoyed the fine music of the Garden State Concert Band and their guest vocalists.

Last year, many parishioners generously contributed to the Souvenir Program Journal. The overall contributions resulted in another concert.

This year, the concert is set for Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. To achieve this objective, we need to have a Souvenir Program Journal that will again 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 and Reception
Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Featuring the Garden State Concert Band
With Father Charles Miller as narrator**

Contribute to the Souvenir Program Journal

Back Cover -	\$400.00
Inside Back Cover	\$200.00
Inside Front Cover	\$200.00
Gold Page	\$150.00
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 for a name listing.



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



Right to Life

For Catholic hospitals and healthcare providers: That their rights of conscience to minister to the sick and dying, in a manner in keeping with their Catholic mission, will not be violated;

We pray to the Lord

There will be a 2nd collection next week, Nov. 22, for Black & Indian Catholic Relief



NUNNBETTER DANCE THEATER

25 SOUTH WASHINGTON AVE.,
BERGENFIELD, NJ 07621
PRESENTS:

The Nutcracker

Friday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 12 at 2 pm and 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m.

at

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
1 NORMAL AVENUE, MONTCLAIR, NJ

Reserved seat tickets \$30

Children under 12 years \$25

Group Rate (for organized groups of 10 or more) \$15

Tickets are available on line at
www.nunnbetterdance.com or by calling 201-385-9638

Group sales contact:

Patricia Yeh at patriciayeh1970@yahoo.com
or at (917) 885-6546



The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES
For Tomorrow

Scholarships Are Available

- The Scholarship Fund provides partial tuition scholarships to students attending private and parochial schools in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union Counties.
- Scholarship awards are based upon need without regard to race, religion or ethnicity.
- Applications for the 2010-2011 school year are available at your school office or at www.sficnj.org.

Send your application to:

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children
P.O. Box 9500, 171 Clifton Ave. Newark, NJ 07104
Application deadline: January 15, 2010

What do you want for Christmas?



Young ladies in grades 4, 5, and 6 are invited to come and experience God in a deeper way through prayer, song, discussion, food, fun, and activities!

The young ladies will come to realize the gifts that surround them, not just at Christmas, but everyday of their lives. *What a great way to begin Advent!*

When: November 28, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Loyola House of Retreats,
161 James St., Morristown, NJ 07960

*Families are invited to attend
the concluding Mass at 2:30 p.m.*

Suggested offering \$20
to cover the cost of snacks, lunch, and materials.

To register, contact Loyola House of Retreats
973-539-0740 or email retreathouse@loyola.org
For more information on Loyola House of Retreats,
please visit our website at www.loyola.org



Moving? Please let us know.

Within the parish –
to update new address
Out of parish –
to discontinue mailings

Please call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190.

St. Thomas the Apostle Mission Statement

The Roman Catholic faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle recognizes God's call to be a sign of His Kingdom in the communities we serve. We respond to this call by:

- † Leading people to a deeper relationship with Christ by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, renewal, education, the celebration of the Sacraments, and the worship of God in the sacred liturgy;
- † Encouraging a commitment to justice and to service of those in need;
- † Promoting good stewardship of our time, talent and treasure;
- † Building a community of hospitality and support in the daily living out of Christian ideals by nourishing mutual respect and understanding within our Church, our families, our community, and other faith traditions.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN SCHEDULE

WITH THE HOLIDAYS APPROACHING
EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR OUR
HOLIDAY BULLETINS ARE AS FOLLOWS:



**THANKSGIVING BULLETIN DUE:
TUES. NOV. 17 BY 10:30 AM**

**CHRISTMAS BULLETIN DUE:
FRI. DEC. 11 BY 10:30 AM**



**DECEMBER 27TH BULLETIN DUE:
TUES. DEC. 15 BY 10:30 AM**

**JANUARY 3RD BULLETIN DUE:
MON. DEC. 21 BY 10:30 AM**



**PLEASE BE SURE TO SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN
INFORMATION TO THE PARISH CENTER
BEFORE THE ABOVE DUE DATES.**

SEND VIA EMAIL TO:

jwgasparini@aol.com

**DROP OFF AT THE PARISH CENTER,
OR SEND VIA FAX TO 973-338-4224.**



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK**

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING

**Saturday, November 21, 2009 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
499 Belgrove Dr., Kearny, NJ**

For more information, please call 201-246-7378

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE'S
MUSIC MINISTRY AND
YOUTH GROUP
ARE PROUD TO PRESENT:



THE RETURN OF:

PAUL TATE

COMPOSER OF:

JESUS, HOPE OF THE WORLD

WITH AN EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

NEXT WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 21 - 22, 2009

PAUL WILL BE PRESENT

AT ALL MASSES

NEXT WEEKEND, NOV. 21-22, 2009,

AND

WILL PRESENT A CONCERT

SUNDAY EVENING 7:00 P.M. IN CHURCH

FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN.

HOLIDAY CRAFT BOUTIQUE & BAKE SALE...

Nutley's Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Women's Auxiliary will be running their annual Craft Boutique **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's Church Hall on Sat., Nov. 28, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 29, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The handicraft ladies have been busy all year preparing for this boutique. There will be crocheted and knitted crafts, stocking stuffers and decorative holiday items. There will also be Tricky Tray chances to take and as an added feature—a Bake Sale! The bake sale consists of homemade cakes, pies, bread and cookies. All proceeds go to the benefit of our church.