

# *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>Cosmo Bocchini</i>         | <i>Geraldine Guarino</i>     | <i>Estelle Jeanette Petitti</i> |
| <i>Mildred Buck</i>           | <i>Thomas P. Guidry</i>      | <i>Francis Powell</i>           |
| <i>Fred A. Bufanio, Sr.</i>   | <i>Geraldine L. Halpin</i>   | <i>Arligh Ravago</i>            |
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| <i>Michael Crisci</i>         | <i>John M. Janiec</i>        | <i>Catherine Robertiello</i>    |
| <i>Nicholas Cucolo</i>        | <i>Mila Jesena</i>           | <i>Filomena Ruccio</i>          |
| <i>Lois D'Andrea</i>          | <i>Gerloma Keeley</i>        | <i>Helen Ryan</i>               |
| <i>Carmine DeCroce</i>        | <i>Savino M. Laricchia</i>   | <i>Edna Salierno</i>            |
| <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>   |
| <i>Margaret DeMaio</i>        | <i>Elda Maggio</i>           | <i>Lillian E. Sciarra</i>       |
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| <i>Mary Catherine Douglas</i> | <i>Helen M. McCracken</i>    | <i>Rosabel J. Sullivan</i>      |
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| <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

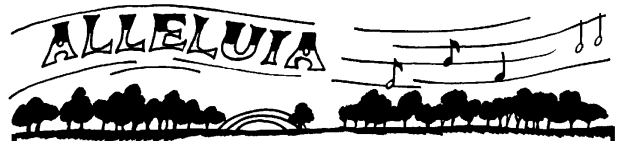
**REST IN PEACE :**

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Michael Logue  
**Convent:** Jeanne T. Blind

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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. |

**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**

**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**

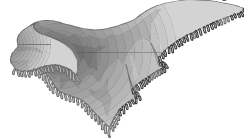
MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH CENTER FROM 7-9PM. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

**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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:retreathouse@loyola.org)  
For more information on Loyola House of Retreats,  
please visit our website at [www.loyola.org](http://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 27<sup>TH</sup> BULLETIN DUE:  
TUES. DEC. 15 BY 10:30 AM**

**JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> 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](mailto: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.