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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday Eve: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30, 9:00,
10:30am & 12:00 Noon

Weekdays: 7:30, & 11:30am

Saturday Mornings: 8:30am Only

Holy Days:
7:30, 11:30am & 7:30pm

Holidays: 8:30am Only

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SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION:
(Penance/Confessions)
Saturday: 11:00am

MARIAN
DEVOTIONS:
Mondays
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August 13, 2017 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, August 13

- 7:30 am Thomas Greenfield – Family
- 9:00 am Edmund McGuire – Family
- 10:30 am For The People
- 12:00 pm Robert Dennin – Brother

Monday, August 14

- 7:30 am Anne & Joseph Dukiet – Family
- 11:30 am Lillian Donatiello – Friend

Tuesday, August 15

- 7:30 am Asuncion A. Flores – Family
- 11:30 am John Ciampi – Family
- 7:30 pm Jeannette Valesse – Family

Wednesday, August 16

- 7:30 am Katerine Smajlaj – Family
- 11:30 am Paul Crandell – Friend

Thursday, August 17

- 7:30 am Mary Margaret Tizzano – Bequest
- 11:30 am Joseph Simeone – Family

Friday, August 18

- 7:30 am Katerine Smajlaj – Family
- 11:30 am Albert Pellegrino – Family

Saturday, August 19

- 8:30 am Lene Sokoli – Family

Sunday, August 20

Saturday, August 19

- 5:00 pm Brendan Boyle – Bequest

Sunday, August 20

- 7:30 am Mark Allan Groendyk – Friend
- 9:00 am James J. O'Neill – Friend
- 10:30 am Lawrence Kenney – Friend
- 12:00 pm For The People



Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray. The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost. Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry. Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God. Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Nancy Salerno, Virginia Fallan,
Joseph Meeker, Thomas Gonzales,
Gilbert Sprague



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Rectory: Thomas Greenfield

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



The main source of operating funds for St. Thomas is our weekly / holyday offertory collections. The information below will show where the Parish is as of August 6 compared to the budget amount for the year. The break even date is June 30, 2018. The amount needed each week is \$16,784 and the amount collected last weekend was \$15,616.

Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$856,000	\$92,562	\$763,438

The year to date amount is negative by \$8,142 as of week number 6 in our budget year.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our ministry is in need of new members who knit or crochet and would like to share their talent with our ministry. All are welcome to joins us on the 3rd Sunday of each month in the St. Peters room from 11:30 to 1:30 pm. The meeting gives our members a chance to pray and work together as a group as well as exchange patterns and new ideas to enhance our ability to comfort others in need. You do not need to attend these meetings to be an active member to share your talent with our ministry. Please come to a meeting or call Betsy @ 973 893-2441 for more information on sharing your talent with our ministry.

A prayer shawl or lap robe, which can be had for the asking, may well be comforting to someone limited in activity or going through a difficult time. You may request a shawl by speaking to one of our members, dropping by our meetings or calling the parish center. Please note our meetings will resume on Sunday, September 17th.

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

PLEASE PARDON OUR APPEARANCE AND ANY INCONVIENCE

Thanks to everyone who participated in the ARCHDIOCESE 2015 WE ARE LIVING STONES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN! Because or your generosity, we will be able to use the first phase of the proceeds that come back to the parish for the replacement of the concrete and limestone stairs that service the front of our church and also install a snow melt system for easier and safer access during the winter.

PARISH CENTER SUMMER HOURS

Through Labor Day
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 Fridays 9 am - 2 pm
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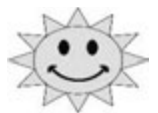
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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

September Club News

During the summer months of July and August the September Club holds four informal Meetings. You bring your lunch, and the Club provides iced tea and lemonade. We get together just to chat or play cards or board games. Meeting time is the usual 11:30 am until 2:30pm. You're welcome to drop in if you're around. Formal Meetings resume on September 11th (always the Monday after Labor Day Monday).

Informal Summer Meeting Dates:



August 21st

The September Club is open to all seniors 55 years of age and older. In addition to regular meetings, we sponsor special events and trips. For more information contact Roz Frunzi at 973-785-0576 or rozybabe1@aol.com.

COOPERATIVE MISSION APPEAL SUNDAY

August 19 - 20

The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, a missionary Institute of religious sisters, are happy to be given the opportunity to speak at Saint Thomas the Apostle for the mission appeal on August 19/20. From our beginnings in San Rafael, Argentina in 1988 we have grown to over 1200 sisters missioning in almost 40 different countries throughout the world. We strive to go where the presence of religious sisters is most needed. Although we are an international community, we have been blessed with many vocations from the United States a bit over 100 at present.

This appeal allows us to inform the members of your parish about our mission work in Brazil. As you may imagine, our missions in places like Brazil are in great need of support. The sisters work in an elementary school and in a nursery school, providing education for children and teenagers. They also have a home for persons with special needs. Since most of the school students and residents in the houses of mercy come from poor families, the sisters also take care of the families by giving them some assistance. As you may know, Brazil is not economically stable at present.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to speak at Saint Thomas the Apostle and share with you about our mission in Brazil. As we daily strive to help those in need, we are most grateful to all of you for your prayers, contributions and generosity, truly a grace from God and a consolation for our missionary sisters. Please be assured of our prayers for all of you as well!



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2017 session dates:

Sundays 12:00 noon– 1:15 p.m.

August 20 and September 10

Meetings held: Parish Center/St. James Room

Registration required.

Please contact Parish Center - 973-338-9190

All calls are confidential.

Fall CCD News

We are beginning to make class lists for the fall so if you haven't registered your child for classes please do so as soon as possible. Forms can be downloaded from our website at stachurchbloomfield.com. Classes for grades 3-8 run on Mondays from 3:40-5:00 and begin on September 18th. Classes for grades 1 and 2 run on Tuesdays from 3:40-5:00 and begin on September 19th. Please remember that CCD runs from grade 1 to grade 8 and in order for your child to be eligible to receive the sacraments they must attend each year. As always, volunteers are needed for all grades. If interested please call Tracey at 973-338-7400 or email her at rclan1@verizon.net. Thank you!



**Remaining 2017 St Thomas
September Club Sponsored Trips**

The Club has had a great time so far with our Spring Trips. Our Trip to the Sands Casino in July is now Wait List only. We have a full bus, but we do get cancellations. Contact Fran Gardella to book our "Garden Trip" in August or our overnight Trip to the Finger Lakes in October. Phone: 848-448-4335 Email: fgardella@hotmail.com

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MUSIC MINISTRY

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

**Have you been thinking about joining our
St. Thomas the Apostle Music Ministry?
Why not this Fall?**

Now is a very good time to consider serving through this important and fulfilling ministry! Please call the Music office at 973-338-9190 ext 134 and leave your contact information for Nancy Cardone to find out how to get started!

You may also fill out the form below and drop off or mail to the Parish Center. Participation is flexible and you need not feel locked in to one mass time every week.

The benefits of being in a choir – truly *Small Christian Communities* -----are so personal and rewarding. You won't know if it is right for you until you give it a try!

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Through a special designated gift we are pleased to welcome back singer and worship guitarist, Mark Mattheis, on August 13th [10:30 mass] and again August 27th [10:30 mass].

Many of you will remember Mark's faith-filled style of singing and playing when he provided vocal and guitar leading with our Gabriel Youth Choir of teen singers.

He also sang "Pastures of the Lord" by Curtis Stephan with the orchestra at our Memorial Concert in 2015. Mark and his wife Samantha and their two small sons live in South Orange. Mark will be joining us for two 10:30 masses each month which will include some new and more contemporary *praise and worship* style Catholic songs. He also knows many of the songs we use regularly! Please come up to say hello to Mark when you see him!

I would like to attend a rehearsal to see if I might be interested in this ministry:

Name _____

Email: _____ @ _____ Cell _____

I prefer mainly traditional music _____ more contemporary style praise songs _____

I only attend this mass time _____ I am flexible about mass times, usually [pick 2] SAT 5:00 pm _____ Sunday-- 9 am _____ 10:30 am _____ 12 noon _____ [no choirs at 7:30]

My children participate in travel soccer _____ Fall _____

Winter _____ Spring _____ all season _____

What is one of your favorite church songs/hymns?

Please drop off or mail to Music Office /St. Thomas the Apostle Church/60 Byrd Ave/ Bloomfield NJ07003

PARISH INFORMATION

Did you know FOR ST. THOMAS PARISH

Registration

If you are presently not on our mailing list, receiving envelopes and the various parish mailings, the chances are that you are not a registered member of our parish. You are not automatically a registered member because you were married here or even if you were brought up here and lived in the parish with your parents—or went to school here. Membership is by formal registration only. Just call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190 and let us know that you wish to register and the registration form will be mailed to you. Thank you.

How Do I Arrange a Wedding?

Archdiocesan policy requires that arrangements be made with a Parish Priest at least one year before the wedding date. Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Center, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. You should be a registered parishioner of St. Thomas in order to be married here.

"Time of Marriage"

Well in advance of making other arrangements for your wedding, the time of your marriage should be arranged with one of the Parish Priests.

'Directives'

You should consult one of the parish priests concerning the current Church law when a Catholic is marrying a person of another faith. All procedures for Marriage Preparation must still be followed,

In preparation for Marriage here at Saint Thomas, you would ask you to be willing to follow the norms set by Canon (Church) Law, Archdiocesan and Parish Policy.

Baptisms

We remind you to contact the parish at least three months prior to the Baptism of your child.

We have scheduled various dates for Baptisms during the year. These schedules are published in the Bulletin and are available at the Parish Center.

Baptism is a community celebration. Individual Baptisms are normally performed only in case of necessity.

PLANNED GIVING

Here are some ways You can help St. Thomas the Apostle Church continue its mission of serving God's people. Give a gift of cash or check for general use or a specific purpose.

Give a gift of stocks or bonds. There could be a significant tax advantage to you if there has been appreciation in their value and they are transferred to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

A bequest in your will assures that your possessions are distributed as you desire. When making a bequest, use the full legal name and address: Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Are You or a Loved One 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.



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