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October 29, 2017

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Masses for the Week

Sunday, October 29

- 7:30 am Rose McGarry – Bequest
- 9:00 am Deceased of Rogalcheck & Frissell Family
- 10:30 am Thomas DeLorenzo – Family
- 12:00 pm For The People

Monday, October 30

- 7:30 am Denise Cleary – Family
- 11:30 am Mary Margaret Tizzano – Bequest

Tuesday, October 31

- 7:30 am Loretta DiMichele – Family
- 11:30 am Conchita F. Nebiar – Family

Wednesday, November 1

- 7:30 am Frank McGarry – Bequest
- 11:30 am Henry Schrader, Sr. – Family
- 7:30 pm Thomas Curran – Family

Thursday, November 2

- 7:30 am For the Faithful Departed
- 11:30 am Sue Russomanno & Bernard Corvi – Family

Friday, November 3

- 7:30 am Arthur Ditzel, Sr. – Family
- 11:30 am For The Faithful Departed

Saturday, November 4

- 8:30 am For The Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 5

Saturday, November 4

- 5:00 pm Peter & Bertha McGovern – Family

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- 7:30 am For The Faithful Departed
- 9:00 am Eleanor Gonnella – Family
- 10:30 am Frank O’Sullivan – Family
- 12:00 pm Thomas & Rose De Gennaro – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Joseph Coppola, Mary Stark,
Gilbert Sprague, Nancy Salerno, Robert Kelly

REST IN PEACE

Constance Genoni, Francis Smith,
Nicolina Pignataro, Michael Malfatto, Sr.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Church: William Delefeti

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This week’s Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today’s reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today’s Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God’s covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees’ question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus’ response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.



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 October 22 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 \$18,721

Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$856,000	\$280,660	\$575,340

The year to date amount is negative by \$4,668 as of week number 17 in our current budget year.

The amount collected last year ending 6/30/17 was \$849,446. The Budget amount was \$881,500 resulting in decreased collections of \$41,054 for fiscal 2017.



Increased Weekly Giving Program

Our Increased Weekly Giving Program is coming to a close. We would like to commend all parishioners for their concern for our parish.

If you have not returned your response envelope, please do so at the first opportunity.

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HOLIDAY SEASON BULLETIN DEADLINES

NOVEMBER 26TH BULLETIN

Deadline: 5pm on Monday November 13th

DECEMBER 24TH BULLETIN

Deadline: 5pm on Monday December 11th

DECEMBER 31ST BULLETIN

Deadline: 5pm on Monday December 18th

Men's Scripture Reading and Reflection

ALL MEN are invited Monday November 6
at 7:30pm in the St. James Room.

Join a group of ordinary men and spend
90 minutes reflecting on the Sunday Scripture Readings
for the coming week.

We will also be reading from the work of
Saint Ambrose one of the four original
Doctors of the Church.

We'll discuss Church teaching within the readings and
learn something of what was going on at that time.

Share the extraordinary Word of God and together
we can learn more about our beautiful Catholic faith.

Boy Scout Troop 22 Celebrating its 75th Anniversary



With a special Court of Honor,
November 12th at 12:00 pm in Herron Hall.

Alumni and friends are invited to attend,
share stories and memorabilia.
(Cost, \$12 for a light lunch.)

For more information, please contact
troop22bloomfield@gmail.com
or 973-338-0097.

Pray the Rosary in October



October is the month dedicated to the Rosary and the 100th Anniversary of the miracle of Fatima. Her plea was to pray the Rosary every day for peace in the world.

Please say the rosary every day for peace per her request.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE



We invite you to join us for a series of four sessions of mutual sharing & support in a spiritual, caring, confidential setting.

Our Mission:

- Provide a Christ-centered group experience
- Offer spiritual & emotional support a caring, compassionate, confidential atmosphere

2017 session dates:

Sundays 12:00 noon– 1:15 p.m.

*October 29, November 12 and
November 19*

(12:00 – 1:30 p.m. – Presentation by Anna Graziano)

Meetings held: Saint James Room

Presentation with Anna: Saint Peter Room

Registration required for meetings.

Please contact Parish Center - 973-338-9190

All calls are confidential.

Godly Goods

Gift Shop



Open Sundays

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Located in the Parish Center

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Because of Thanksgiving, our next gathering will take place on Sunday, November 12th at 11:30 in the Parish center

If you can knit or crochet we need your help.

Patients being cared for at the Villa Marie Claire hospice and palliative care center receive a Prayer shawl upon admission. We have been invited to participate in this project to help meet the demand.

We also keep a supply of shawls and lap robes for those who are in special need of prayers. We make chemo hats, preemie hats and blankets. Our prayerfully made items are available just by contacting the Parish Center, Betsy or Alicia.

I now reach out to all crafters to consider helping us with these projects. Our Ministry can provide you with the guidance for this prayerful activity. If you wish to help with these projects please call Alicia at 973-473-6633—email aliciavons@gmail.com or call Betsy @973-893-2441.

To learn more about our Ministry, please consider joining us at our next gathering.

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

Sisters of Charity Harvest Festival honoring Father Michael Saporito

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth are hosting their annual Harvest Festival at The Madison Hotel, Morristown, NJ on Thursday, October 26, 2017 from 6:30-10:00 p.m. Come and enjoy cocktails, dinner and dancing to the music of Tim McLoone and the Shirleys. Special honorees this year are **Rev. Michael A. Saporito** and Mary and Jim Smith. Cost of tickets is \$200 per person. If you would like to attend this special event or place a journal ad congratulating this year's honorees, please contact the Sisters of Charity Development Office at 973-290-5454/5409.

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Food for Thought

There is a Food Pantry at St. Thomas, established to serve the needs of our parishioners and others in need. The goal of the program is to provide sustenance to individuals and families who, for many reasons, do not have enough to eat. If you or a family member are in this situation simply contact the Parish Center and we'll do our best to assist.

If you know of a parishioner that you feel may have this need, please make them aware of this program and have them contact us. Food Collection Sunday is usually the third Sunday of each month, when our parishioners generously leave food at the church doors and put grocery - store gift cards in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" for those in need.

Senior High Youth Group News

Meetings every Sunday night
in the Parish Center

From 7-9pm

All High School Youth are Welcome

For more info: Contact Tim Dennin at
tdennin@live.com

STA Home & School Association



SUPER 50/50



Tickets cost \$5.00 each
Winner will be announced
at the **Fall Event**
Saturday, November 4th in Herron Hall

Winner does not need to be present

Updates will be posted on the
St. Thomas the Apostle School website
www.stthomastheapostlenj.com
under "Parents & HSA"

All Are Invited to Pray the Rosary

The Rosary Society will meet in
the Church to pray the Rosary
at 7pm on the following days:

November 6 (Mass for deceased Rosarians)
December 4, January 8, February 5,
March 5, April 9, May 7, June 4

Meetings follow in the Parish Center



"Care for Our Common Home"

Discussion Group will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the
St. Matthew Room on the following Thursdays:

November 2
and December 7.

Please join us to discuss
measures we can take
to live the spirit of Pope Francis'
Encyclical, *Laudate Si*.

For more information, please call
Joyce Cupoli: 973-699-7268

Christmas Cookies for St. Augustine Soup Kitchen

With your help, the Beyond Cornerstone Service Ministry continues to provide most welcome monthly meals at the St. Augustine soup kitchen.

As an added treat, the coordinators of the December 3rd visit would like to fill goodie bags with Christmas cookies and candies. We appreciate that this is a busy time of year, but sure could use your help. Please consider baking a roll of slice and bake cookies (NO NUTS PLEASE) to help fill the bags.

Place the cookies in a zip lock bag or any disposable container and drop them at the church on Sunday morning, November 26th. We will have a table in the back of the church after every Mass.

Any questions? Please contact Joanne jrhsci@aol.com, Jane janemre9@gmail.com or Ellie rjc189@optonline.net

Many thanks for your continuing support through donations, prayers and service. Your contributions make all of this possible!

**ARE YOU GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL?
DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER
IN 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.

Ministry of Spiritual Direction
St Thomas Apostle Parish
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Centering Prayer Group

*Be still, and know
that I am God.
Psalm 46:10*

Wed Nov 1st and 8th,

Tues Nov 14

10:00am - 11:30am

55 Ketner St.

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Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of experiencing God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer enables us to experience an ever-deepening intimacy with God and the practical caring for others that flows from this relationship.

All Are Welcome

Register at (973) 338-9538

Please try to arrive at 9:50

Take this time as a way of preparing your heart to be open to the Grace of God before the busy season begins.

Moving?



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Within the parish – to update new address

Out of parish – to discontinue mailings

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