

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Saturday Eve: 5:00pm

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Saturday Mornings: 8:30am Only

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Holidays: 8:30am Only

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September 2, 2018 • Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, September 2**

- 7:30 am Mary Roberts – Family
- 9:00 am Meredith Lombardi – Friend
- 10:30 am For The People
- 12:00 am Lawrence, Frances, Nicolette, & Nicholas Salerno

**Monday, September 3**

- 8:30 am Rose Marie Wesner – Family

**Tuesday, September 4**

- 7:30 am Joseph Szajkowski – Family
- 11:30 am Mary Margaret Tizzano – Husband

**Wednesday, September 5**

- 7:30 am Lola Raimo – Bequest
- 11:30 am Brendan Boyle – Bequest

**Thursday, September 6**

- 7:30 am Joseph Sadlak – Bequest
- 11:30 am Mary Jones – Friend

**Friday, September 7**

- 7:30 am Lucille Finamore – Friend
- 11:30 am Sophia McCoach – Son

**Saturday, September 8**

- 8:30 am Patricia Rush – Friend

**Sunday, September 9**

**Saturday, September 8**

- 5:00 pm Salvatore Alfano – Family

**Sunday, September 9**

- 7:30 am Laudano & Patrick Families - Family
- 9:00 am Carolina S. Roc - Family
- 10:30 am Vivian & Gerard Stouch & Family - Family
- 12:00 am For The People



In this Gospel, Mark addresses the issue of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus’ teaching and the practice of his first disciples.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God’s Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees’ language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person’s life.

If we read today’s Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus’ teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus’ first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus’ words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today’s reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today’s Gospel are addressed to Jesus’ disciples. Mark’s narrative shows several audiences for Jesus’ teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus’ disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus’ words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Virginia Fallan, Nancy Salerno,  
William Braun, Lou Diese,  
Daniel Sierchio, Lynette Fishman

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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 26<sup>th</sup> compared to the budget amount for the year. The break-even date is June 30, 2019. The amount needed each week is \$17,242 and the amount collected last weekend was \$17,146.

Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$896,600	\$147,146	\$748,454
The year to date amount is negative by \$8,032 as of week number 09 in our current budget year.		

## Attention Confirmation Parents

### Confirmation Dates

A thru L:  
October 7th at 3pm

M thru Z:  
October 28th at 3pm

## WELLNESS MINISTRY

### Blood Pressure Screening



Sunday, September 16  
St Peter Room  
Parish Center  
8 am - noon  
All are invited!

*Please feel free to ask for nurse advice during your meeting with one of our nurses.*

## Community Blood Drive

Sponsored by  
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**Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 AM – 1 PM  
(Inside School Cafeteria)

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For Medical questions please contact:  
Ms. Joanne Cherishian

## Beyond Cornerstone Service Ministry

Throughout the summer months we have continued to serve hearty, attractive meals to the homeless at St. Augustine's soup kitchen.

In July we provided a day of prayer, song, games, snacks, dinner, and take-home bags for the children attending the summer camp. It was a wonderful day for the children, Sisters, and volunteers. We are able to do this through the generosity of the St. Thomas parishioners.

A special thanks must be given to Tracey Hann, the summer CCD program children, and parents who gave of their time and donations. The Sisters have expressed their deep appreciation for our generosity. We are in their prayers and were asked that we remember them in ours.

**Our next meeting will be**  
**Wednesday,**  
**September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
**in the St. Peter Room**  
**All are welcome!**

## Men's Scripture Reading and Reflection

All Men are invited: Monday, September 10 at 7:30pm in St. James room.

Join a group of ordinary men and spend 90 minutes reflecting on the Sunday Scripture Readings for the coming week. We'll also be reading the great Christian Apologetic, CS. Lewis' Mere Christianity and discuss Church teachings within these readings.

*Come - share the extraordinary Word of God and together we can learn more about our beautiful Catholic faith.*



## COME JOIN THE FUN !!! Bloomfield Cub Scout Pack 22

Is Now Accepting Boys & Girls\*  
Entering Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Open House / New Scout Orientation Meeting

**Where:** Saint Thomas the Apostle School,  
Herron Hall

**When:** Monday, September 10, 2018  
at 7:00pm

**Unable to attend/have a question? Contact:**  
Victor Mandio, Cubmaster – vm1070@aol.com  
Martin Vreeland, Membership Chair –  
mv.bsa22@gmail.com

(\*Girls are now welcome to join Cub Scouts.  
We will be forming new All-Girl dens  
within the pack)

**Visit:** [www.bloomfieldpack22.scoutlander.com](http://www.bloomfieldpack22.scoutlander.com)

## All are Invited to Pray the Rosary

**The Rosary Society will meet  
at the church to pray  
the Rosary 7 pm on  
the following days:**



September 10, October 1,  
November 5, December 3,  
January 7, February 4,  
March 4, May 6, June 3

**Meetings follow in the Parish Center**

## September Club Craft Fair & Food Emporium Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> Crafters Wanted Advance Italian Sauces Orders

As promised, Fran is taking advance orders for the 3 Italian Cooking Sauces she makes for the Food Emporium (so I don't sell-out like last year and disappoint people) – Bolognese\* (Red Sauce with Lean Ground Beef & Vegetables), Sausage Sauce (Red Sauce & premium Italian sweet sausage), and Marinara (Red Sauce with loads of vegetables). All ingredients Fran uses are natural and most of them organic as well. Herbs and spices vary depending on the sauce. Sauces are frozen immediately after preparation and sold in a frozen state. This year I am packaging them in quarts, quart and a half, and half gallon containers. Prices will be \$5 for quarts, \$8 for quart and a half, and \$10 for half gallons.

Also, the September Club is looking for Crafters to exhibit at its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Fair & Food Emporium on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Because space is limited and we are relatively new to this venue, there is no Table Fee. We only ask for a small percentage of what you sell as a donation to the Club.

Contact Fran Gardella (848-448-4335 email [fgardella@hotmail.com](mailto:fgardella@hotmail.com)) to order sauces or register to sell a craft.

\*Gardella Family recipe with purchase of Bolognese

## **St. Thomas the Apostle Prayer Shawl Ministry**

***Our mission is to provide you with prayers, warmth, and comfort, to share your pain, your sorrow, or your joy. And to remind you that you are never alone.***

*Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry knit or crochet items, working either privately at home or with a group. Crafters begin each item with prayers for the recipient and continue their intentions throughout its' creation. A prayer may also be offered when the shawl is presented.*

*Over the past year our members have donated some sixty shawls and lap robes to parishioners and their loved ones who may be in special need of prayers. These are people who are confined to home, entering an extended care facility, entering Hospice, seriously ill, going through chemotherapy or have lost a loved one.*

*We have provided Villa Marie Claire hospice patients with nearly one hundred shawls and lap robes.*

*We welcomed over eighty babies in our parish as they receive one of our blankets. Several mothers of babies born with special needs have also received shawls and blankets as a reminder that they are continually in our prayers.*

*We made hats and scarves for local shelters and contributed many bags full of handmade gifts to the advent giving tree. We made chemo hats, premie blankets and premie hats too numerous to count and also provided shawls for Rachael's Vineyard*

*Our latest project is crocheting prayer squares. They are given to anyone you wish to remind that they are in your prayers. Small enough to slip into a pocket, the recipient can touch and be comforted throughout their day. We spent a wonderful evening introducing these to the youth group. They all tried their hand at making them. At their request, we provided prayer squares to give as Mother's Day gifts. A hospital Chaplain gives them to patients to serve as a reminder that they are in his prayers.*

*All crafters are welcome to joins us on the third Sunday of the month from September to June unless otherwise specified. We meet in the St. Peter's room at 11:30 until 1:30. These meetings give our members a chance to pray and work together—to exchange patterns and ideas. All are welcome to join us but you do not need to attend these meeting to be an active member.*

*Ask for any of our prayerfully made items by calling the parish center, by speaking to one of our members, dropping by during one of our meetings or by contacting Alicia @ 973-473-6633 or aliciaavons@ gmail.com You may support this Ministry by donating an ACMoore gift card. We also appreciate donations of your left over yarn.*

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

### ***Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting Dates***

***The Ministry meets in the St. Peter's room 11:30AM – 1:30 PM usually on the third Sunday of the month from September 2018 until June 2019***

***September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 28 (fourth Sunday because of Easter) May 19, and June 23.***

***Our next meeting is Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the St. Peter's Room***

## The September Club of St Thomas The Apostle Church

Restarts its weekly meetings with a **Welcome Back "Picnic" on September 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you are planning to join us **September 10<sup>th</sup>**, please let Roz know so we can order food accordingly and introduce you to the Club. We are looking forward to seeing everybody again, and welcoming new members.

In addition to regular meetings with activities, we sponsor special events and trips. If you would like to join us for some fun and fellowship, call Roz Frunzi at 973-785-0576 for more information or contact her via email at rozybabe1@aol.com.

### 2018 - 2019 Meeting Dates

Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>  
Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> & Dec 10<sup>th</sup>  
Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup> June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

September Club meets on Mondays from 11:30am - 2:30pm in the St Peter's Room, Parish Center and is open to all seniors (55+). You are welcome to visit a meeting any time.

### 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.

## 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.



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