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November 4, 2018

All Souls Remembrance

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Masses for the Week

Sunday, November 4

Saturday, November 3

5:00 pm Brendan Boyle – Bequest

Sunday, November 4

7:30 am Adonis Romero – Friend

9:00 am For the Faithful Departed

10:30 am Thomas & Rose DeGennaro – Family

12:00 pm Chima Onyemaobi - Friend

Monday, November 5

7:30 am Eleanor Gonella – Family

11:30 am For The Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 6

7:30 am For The Faithful Departed

11:30 am Emilie B. Celis – Sister-in-law

Wednesday, November 7

7:30 am For The Faithful Departed

11:30 am Lola Raimo – Bequest

Thursday, November 8

7:30 am Frank O’Sullivan – Family

11:30 am For The Faithful Departed

Friday, November 9

7:30 am For the Faithful Departed

11:30 am For the Faithful Departed

Saturday, November 10

8:30 am For the Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 11

Saturday, November 10

5:00 pm Marie Reilly – Daughter

Sunday, November 11

7:30 am Anne & Joseph Dukiet – Family

9:00 am Josephine Battista – Daughter

10:30 am For The Faithful Departed

12:00 pm Vera Esposito - Daughter

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Nancy Salerno, Lillian Bieksha,
Virginia Fallan



SANCTUARY CANDLES

Church: Frank O’Sullivan

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As we continue to read from Mark’s Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today’s reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus’ authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus’ growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today’s Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today’s Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God’s covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments 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. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today’s Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus’ teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

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 28th 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 \$16,713.

Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$896,600	\$293,204	\$603,396

The year to date amount is negative by \$17,152 as of week number 18 in our current budget year.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

"I have called you by name, and you are Mine." - Isaiah 43:1b



The RCIA gives people on a faith journey an opportunity to "come and see" not only what the Catholic Church and a life of faith is all about, but also an opportunity to explore how the Lord may be calling them into his life in a more complete way. This program invites adults who have never been baptized, who have been baptized Catholic but not completed the sacraments of initiation (Eucharist & Confirmation) or who have been baptized in another faith and wish to become Catholic, to explore their journey of faith in the life of the Catholic Church. We also welcome those who seek to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith.

All classes will meet on Sundays immediately after 9am Mass, in the parish center. If you are interested in attending, or have a question; please contact Bob Miller at the parish

LECTOR TRAINING

The Lector Ministry is looking for people who can step up and profess the Word of the Lord. If you have an interest in being an important part of Mass or would like to learn what it is all about, please come and find out.

Training will take place one evening in November at 7:30 pm in the church. (Date to be determined) It is a great and fulfilling way to serve God. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Dawn Nelson at (201) 618-1111
Or email to: sta-lectors@verizon.net

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION in 2018/2019

Adoration will be held on:

Nov 26th, Dec 17th,
Jan 28th, Feb 25th, Mar 25th,
Apr 22nd, May 20th, June 24th



Schedule:

11:00 a.m. Holy Rosary
11:30 a.m. Holy Mass
12:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:30 p.m. Holy Rosary
6:00 p.m. Angelus
7:30 p.m. Respect for Life Holy Hour

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The ministry meets in the St. Peter Room from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. usually on the third Sunday of each month through June 2019.

Scheduled dates are as follows:

November 18, December 16, January 20,
February 17, March 17,
April 28 (because of 4th Sunday of Easter),
May 19, and June 23

Next meeting: November 18, 11:30 a.m. in the St. Peter Room (Parish Center)

Godly Goods  Gift Shop

Open Sundays
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Located in the Parish Center

Men's Scripture Reading and Reflection

ALL MEN are invited **Monday, November 5**
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.

Where do they eat??

We can tell you. As a direct result of your generosity, the Beyond Cornerstone Ministry provides a Sunday meal each month for the Soup Kitchen run by the Missionary Sisters of Charity of Mother St. Therese of Calcutta at St. Augustine's in Newark. The nuns rely upon donations of goods to maintain their shelter for women, help needy families in the area, and feed the hungry each day. We are now asking you to become a larger part of their endeavor by donating some of the items they most often need.

Their list includes the following:

- Plastic forks, knives and spoons
- Napkins, 10-inch heavy paper plates, hot or cold cups (small or medium)
- Paper towels
- Toilet tissue
- Bar and liquid soaps such as Ivory or other soaps for personal use, deodorant for both women and men, toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, bleach, disinfectant and insect sprays, anti-bacterial sprays, and floor cleaners such as Pine Sol.
- Trash bags- 45-gallon size both white (for recycling purposes) and black

We will have boxes available in the vestibule of the church after the Saturday and Sunday masses on the weekend of November 4th to collect these items and bring them to the Sisters.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



*Blessed are they
that mourn: for they
shall be comforted.*

Matthew 5:4

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 three 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

2018 session dates:

Sundays 11:45 – 1:00 p.m.

- ***November 11 – Alone & Loneliness***
- ***November 25 – Experience the Pain of Grief- Anger***
- ***December 16 – Preparing for Advent-We Remember***

Meetings held: Saint James Room

Registration required for meetings.

Please contact Parish Center - 973-338-9190

All calls are confidential.



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Out of parish - discontinue mailings

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or Arlete Delgado @ 862.368.7388

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Senior High Youth Group News

Meetings every Sunday night in the
Parish Center from 7-9pm.
All High School Youth are Welcome!

The September Club

of St Thomas the
Apostle Church meets weekly from mid-September
through mid-June. In addition to regular meetings with
activities, we sponsor parties, special events, and trips.
The Club meets on Mondays from 11:30am until 2:30pm
in the St Peter's Room of the Parish Center and is open
to all seniors (55+).

If you would like to join us for some fun and fellow-
ship, call Roz Frunzi at 973-785-0576 for more informa-
tion or contact her via email at rozybabe1@aol.com.

2018 - 2019 Meeting Dates

**Nov 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th, Dec 3rd & 10th, Jan 7th,
14th, & 28th, Feb 4th, 11th, & 25th,
March 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th April 1st, 8th, & 29th,
May 6th, 13th, & 20th, June 3rd & 10th**

September Club Craft Fair & Food Emporium

The September Club would like to thank
everyone who came to our Fair on October
14th. The Fair was a success thanks to you.
Your support of the September Club
ensures we will be able to continue our
great programming and be there for future
generations of Seniors.

We have now opened the happy discussion
of what to spend a portion of the proceeds
on in 2019 – another lunch, entertainment,
etc.; and Fran is still making Bolognese
Sauce for 2 people because she ran out
after tripling the quantities from last year!

Best wishes to all for a Happy and
Blessed Thanksgiving

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:**

November 5, December 3,
January 7, February 4, March 4, May 6, June 3

Meetings follow in the Parish Center



WELLNESS MINISTRY

TIME TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT

Be sure to get your flu shot before the end of October in
order to be fully prepared for the upcoming season. The
flu season ranges from October through May, with peak
activity between December and February.

During last year's flu season, 80,000 Americans died,
including 180 children. (info from Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention)

It is possible to contract the flu and not show any
symptoms. When this happens, you can unknowingly
pass the virus on to vulnerable individuals, including the
elderly, babies and children, cancer patients going
through chemotherapy, and other immune compromised
individuals.

Getting your flu shot now is the best way to protect
yourself and your loved ones!

HOLIDAY SEASON BULLETIN DEADLINES

NOVEMBER 25TH BULLETIN

Deadline: 5pm on Monday November 12th

DECEMBER 23RD BULLETIN

Deadline: 5pm on Monday December 10th

DECEMBER 30TH BULLETIN

Deadline: 5pm on Friday December 14th

JANUARY 6TH BULLETIN

Deadline: 5pm on Friday December 21st

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

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE



“...Jesus said,
{Let the children
come to me, and do
not prevent them; for
the kingdom of heaven
belongs to such as these.”

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

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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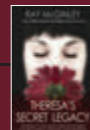
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