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November 3, 2019

All Souls Remembrance



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Masses for the Week

Sunday, November 3

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 am Rev. Edward Haber – Friend
- 9:00 am For the People
- 10:30 am Christopher Berry – Family
- 12:00 pm Chima Onyemaobi – Friend

Monday, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

- 7:30 am Salvatore Rotunda – Family
- 11:30 am For the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 5

Weekday

- 7:30 am For the Faithful Departed
- 11:30 am Eleanor Gonnella – Family

Wednesday, November 6

Weekday

- 7:30 am For the Faithful Departed
- 11:30 am Frank O’Sullivan – Family

Thursday, November 7

Weekday

- 7:30 am Lola Raimo – Bequest
- 11:30 am For the Faithful Departed

Friday, November 8

Weekday

- 7:30 am For the Faithful Departed
- 11:30 am Salvatore Rotunda – Family

Saturday, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- 8:30 am For the Faithful Departed
- 5:00 pm Anne Lynch – Friend

Sunday, November 10

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 am Virginia E. McGovern – Friend
- 9:00 am Dorothea Berdoulis – Friend
- 10:30 am For the Faithful Departed
- 12:00 pm Marie Reilly – 9th Anniversary – Daughter

PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Virginia Fallon, Ranato Tuason,
Phyllis Manion, William Frunzi,
Nancy Salerno, Kevin Carroll,
Fortunato ‘Gerry’ Geronimo

REST IN PEACE

Maureen Dries
Andrew Synder

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

CHURCH: Frank O’Sullivan

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<http://stachurchbloomfield.com/bulletin>

Background on the Gospel Reading: *Luke 19:1-10*

Jesus stays at the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector.



In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honor the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.

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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 October 27th compared to the budget amount for the year. The break-even date is June 30, 2020. The amount needed each week is \$17,496 and the amount collected last weekend was \$14,593.

Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$892,300	\$278,447	\$613,853

The year to date amount is negative by \$18,985 as of week number 17 in our current budget year.

MASS FOR OUR COUNTRY is an opportunity to come together in prayer for the healing of our Country; held on the first Thursday of each month to June at 7:30 pm preceded by a rosary at 7:00 pm. This will be held here at St. Thomas the Apostle. **See below for Mass scheduled this week.**

This week at STA stachurchbloomfield.com

Location key: (CH) Church (PC) Parish Center (G) Gym (HH) Herron Hall

Day	Date	Time	Event and location (refer to key)
Su	11/03	10:00a 10:30a 7:00p	RCIA (PC) Mass - Children's' Liturgy (PC) Youth Group (PC)
M	11/04	11:30a 3:40p 6:00p 7:00p	September Club (PC) CCD Class (HH) Cub Den Meeting (HH) Rosary (CH)
T	11/05	3:40p 6:00p 7:00p	CCD Class (HH) Girl Scouts (HH) Boys Scouts (G)
W	11/06	4:00p 7:00p 7:00p	Children's Bell Choir (PC) Small Christian Community (PC) Sports Meeting (HH)
Th	11/07	7:00p 7:30p 7:45p	Mass for Our Country (CH) Home & School (HH) Choir Adult (PC)
F	11/8	7:20p	Small Christian Community (PC)
Sa	11/9	11:00a	Confession (CH)
Su	11/10	10:00a 10:30a 1:00p 7:00p	RCIA (PC) Mass - Children's Liturgy (PC) Baptism Preparation (PC) Youth Group (PC)

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

*We welcome our newly Baptized,
with our prayers and good wishes,
into our Community of Faith...*



Daniel Cerda

Parents: Vanessa (Ramirez) & Oscar Cerda

Angelo Phillip Pellicano

Parents: Cara (Caronna) & Phillip Pellicano.

Louie Stephen Schliessman

Parents: Amanda (Knapp) & Brian Schliessman

Ava Michele Taylor

Parents: Leslie (Salazar) & David Taylor

Nolan Peter Triano

Parents: Casey (Spera) & Jason Triano

*We welcome, to our parish family,
the following new parishioners...*

Welcome!!!

Mr Brian Hubbard & Ms Caitlyn O'Loughlin

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford & Claudine Dela Rosa

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse & Ysolt Schmidt

Ms Julie Sulit

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel & Aida Gonzalez

Mr. & Mrs. Peter & Cathryn Coppola

Ms Carina D'Alessio

Ms Maureen Moore

Mr. & Mrs. Wilson & Laurel Tenesaca

Mr. & Mrs. Chevrone & Melissa Combes

New Ministry Here at St. Thomas
Have you ever thought of using
your time and talent to help others
who are grieving?



Here at St. Thomas we celebrate many funerals each year. What better way to show our love and support for each other than by offering our time and talent during this difficult time in a family's life. We will be starting a funeral ministry to offer such support to one another.

If you are interested come to a meeting with Fr. Larry on Monday, November 11th at 7pm in the church.



St. Thomas is looking to restore the Wedding Rehearsal Team!! This valuable ministry assists the priest, deacons, couples to be married and their families by running the wedding rehearsals. This is a very social ministry and it is exciting to work with the couples and their families at such a happy time. The newly revised plan for rehearsals is much more streamlined and very different from previous teams. We invite anyone who may be interested to please contact Michael

Pasquale: mpasquale22@gmail.com or Fr. Anton by calling the parish center to leave your name and contact information. Or, you can simply approach us after mass. Training and meeting information will be forthcoming once we have a core group together.

MEN'S SCRIPTURE READING AND REFLECTION

ALL MEN are invited **Monday, October 28, 2019** 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 and discussing some of the **Challenges to our Catholic Faith**. Come and share the extraordinary Word of God and together learn more about our beautiful Catholic faith.



Looking for a few new members for the St Thomas Bell Choir. Students grades 4 and up. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 4-5 in the parish center. Must be available to play Thanksgiving morning and Christmas Eve masses. For questions or more info please contact bell director Mrs Bellotti at amb@bellotti.us.com

SOMETHING NEW

We have added a "Petition Book" to our church near the Reconciliation Room. Here you may list any special intentions that you have and we will pray for them at our weekend Masses.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

How Do I Arrange a Wedding?

Archdiocesan policy requires that arrangements be made with a Parish Priest or Deacon 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 or Deacons.

'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.



Are you or someone you know interested in being baptized or need to receive the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation? Perhaps you just want to learn more about your faith. The RCIA is the process by which adults prepare for the reception of the sacraments in a friendly, relaxed, and informal setting. It is also a way for those who have already received their sacraments in initiation to learn about their faith in a deeper way. The RCIA meetings are held every Sunday after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas room in the parish center. For more information call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x135.

HOLIDAY SEASON BULLETIN DEADLINES

DECEMBER 1st BULLETIN

Deadline: 5pm on Monday November 18th

DECEMBER 22nd BULLETIN

Deadline: 5pm on Monday December 9th

DECEMBER 29th BULLETIN

Deadline: 5pm on Friday December 13th

JANUARY 5th BULLETIN

Deadline: 5pm on Friday December 20th

Living the 3 T's by sharing your Time, Talent & Treasure

*"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God."
(Isaiah 40:1)*

Inasmuch as November is set aside in a special way to prayerfully remember the deceased, let us also remember to reach out to comfort those grieving loved ones who have been "left behind." Let us generously use our Time, Talent, and Treasure to comfort those who themselves are in the final stages of dying, as well as their loved ones who are generously and bravely ministering to them. With great courage and wisdom, too, let us prepare materially and spiritually to comfort ourselves and our loved ones in anticipation of the eventuality of our own deaths. *Amen?*

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Your Legacy...

**...a time to look back and to look
forward**

Now is a good time to look back at what we have done and given to the Church. It is also a very good time to plan for what you will do for the Lord and others this year.

There are many ways you can give. You can donate your Time and Talents to one of the many ministries here at St. Thomas the Apostle. They are always looking for good people to help out: at Mass as an usher or greeter, or perhaps a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, or with Religious Education or Feeding the hungry. There are also many other areas of ministry you could join. Check our website <https://www.stachurchbloomfield.com/web/ministries/> or request a list of Ministries and contacts from the parish office.

Of course you can always give from your Treasure - a gift of cash or check or perhaps stocks or bonds or an unneeded Life insurance policy can help out with ongoing expenses here.

Your gifts can help Saint Thomas the Apostle Church continue its Mission - to spread God's Word of Love and mercy, by serving His people. What will be your Legacy for the Lord?

OLIVER!

The Theater League of Clifton will present the Broadway musical, "Oliver".

Theresa Aprea Theater
199 Scoles Ave.
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The show opens on Nov. 8
and continues Nov. 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17.

Friday & Saturday night performances begin at 8 p.m., while the two Sunday matinees will start at 2 p.m. Ticket prices for adults are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For students and seniors, prices are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Group rates are available for \$12 /ticket (must have 12 or more people).

Tickets may be reserved by phone (973-928-7668);
online via the theater's website

www.theaterleagueofclifton.com;

or regular mail--payment by check only.

The Theater League's mailing address is: P.O. Box
4072, Clifton, NJ 07012

St. Thomas parishioners in this production:

Kim Mesiti (cantor) – as Nancy

Jose Rojas (choir member) – as
Grimwig/Governor/Ensemble

Mary Nakrosis (STA student) – as
Handwalker/Ensemble



“Blessed are you who are hungry, for you will be satisfied.” – Luke 6: 21

St. Thomas the Apostle operates a food pantry for those who need assistance. We welcome donations of only “canned and packaged non-perishable foods.” Goods in bags may be left outside the food pantry door, found through the church side entrance for the disabled. Supermarket gift cards are always welcome. Please bring gift cards to the parish center, or place them in the collection basket at Sunday Mass. Families and individuals in need are encouraged to call the parish center at 973-338-9190. Thank you and may God bless you for your continued generosity.

NEW TO OUR PARISH? WELCOME!!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP; New Parishioners are request to register in the Parish as soon as possible. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes in address or phone number.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I wish to receive a registration form

I have an address change

I am moving out of the Parish

Please cut out and return to Parish office or drop in the collection basket.

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Sunday • November 3, 2019 • 4:00 PM

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John J. Miller, *conductor*
and

Kristin Dabaghian, *organist*

Pre-concert Lecture:

Lauren Tamara (Office of Family Life Ministries, Archdiocese of Newark) will present “Adapting to Loss” to the bereaved at 3:20 pm in the Chapel of Our Lady of Grace.

Program to include:

Abide with Me - Bertalot
Pie Jesu (*Requiem*) - Fauré
Lead, Kindly Light (*Eternal Light Requiem*) - Goodall
Danny Boy - arr. Flummerfelt
Goin' Home - Dvořák

Guests are invited to inscribe the names of their loved ones in the Book of Remembrance.

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