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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

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Masses for the Week

Sunday, October 22

- 7:30 am James J. Davis – Family
- 9:00 am Anthony Meola, Sr. – Family
- 10:30 am For The People
- 12:00 pm Martha Kenney – Friend

Monday, October 23

- 7:30 am Fred Roberts – Daughter
- 11:30 am Rosuccia & Antonio De Rogatis – Family

Tuesday, October 24

- 7:30 am Carmelina Syracuse – Bequest
- 11:30 am David & Helen Fitterer – Daughter

Wednesday, October 25

- 7:30 am Daniella Auguste – Friend
- 11:30 am Rev. Edward McGrath – Bequest

Thursday, October 26

- 7:30 am Ignacio & Mercedes Od Sr. – Family
- 11:30 am Robert Imfeld – Family

Friday, October 27

- 7:30 am Carmen Jacutin Linaac – 1st Anniv. – Family
- 11:30 am Anna Masi & Family – Family

Saturday, October 28

- 8:30 am Dominic & Loretta Santagelo – Family

Sunday, October 29

Saturday, October 28

- 5:00 pm Raymond J. Sheenan, Sr. – Family

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

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Joseph Coppola, Mary Stark,
Gilbert Sprague, Nancy Salerno

REST IN PEACE

Emma Bucchini

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Church: Dorothy Bongiorno

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In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes. Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?



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 15 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 \$18,874

Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$856,000	\$261,939	\$594,061

The year to date amount is negative by \$6,605 as of week number 16 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 very important to our financial stability. It is also important to show how our gratitude to God for our many gifts by responding to The needs of our parish. If you have not returned your response envelope, please do so at the first opportunity.



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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 October 23
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.

The September Club

of St. Thomas the Apostle Church was founded in 1970 to meet the needs of Seniors to socialize.

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.

2017 - 2018 Meeting Dates

Oct 23rd, & 30th
Nov 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th
Dec 4th & Dec 11th
Jan 8th, 22nd, & 29th
Feb 5th, 12th, & 26th
March 5th, 12th, & 19th
April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th
May 7th, 14th, & 21st
June 4th, 11th, & 18th

The September Club meets on Mondays from 11:30 until 2:30pm in the St Peter's Room of the Parish Center and is open to all seniors (55+). You are welcome to visit a meeting any time, just call Roz so we can introduce you and order for you if it's a Monday we're serving lunch.

Ministry of Spiritual Direction

The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius
For the Greater Glory of God

The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius Loyola based on the life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus to help people deepen their relationship with God.

INTERESTED Further Information:
Or to register CALL- ANNA GRAZIANO
(973)-338-9538
No later than October 23

Attention Confirmation Parents Confirmation Dates

A thru L:
October 22nd at 3pm

M thru Z:
October 29nd at 3pm

Did you know –



The lower stained glass windows in the nave of the church are images of the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Rosary?

30 parishioners found this out as they toured the church on Sunday. October 1st, They also learned that The upper stained glass windows depict events in the life of Saint Thomas and when facing the altar the windows on the left are Saint Thomas in Scripture and the right are Saint Thomas in Tradition. In the sanctuary area there are the four Gospel Writers and two Old Testament figures Moses and Melchizedek.

There are many other beautiful stained glass windows and other symbols of Faith here in our church.

You can take a virtual tour by going to:
[youtube.com/watch?v=PrWirH3bcI0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrWirH3bcI0)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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



September Club Craft Fair &



Food Emporium

Sunday, October 22nd 8:00am –

3:00pm in the Parish Center

Today's the day! Come downstairs to the St Peter's Room to see the wonderful array of crafts, baked goods, and savory foods we have. Find a unique gift. Take home a sweet treat or a pasta sauce for dinner. Get information about the September Club, and support our efforts on behalf of our Seniors. We do so appreciate it.

"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

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- 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.

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"

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.

Women's Morning of Reflection

*Are you a
"Be-Attitude" Woman?*

**Saturday, October 28
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

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October 21 are appreciated**
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If you have any questions, call:
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