

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

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 & 7:00pm

Holidays: 8:30am Only

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SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION:
(Penance/Confessions)
Saturday: 11:00am

MARIAN
DEVOTIONS:
Mondays
Novena Prayer
11:30am Mass

LITURGY OF
THE WORD
WITH CHILDREN:
Sundays: 10:30am Mass
September - June

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October 26, 2008 . 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, October 26

Saturday, October 25

5:00 pm Rose Russo - Friends

Sunday, October 26

7:30 am Marguerite G. Revene - Daughter

9:00 am Ann & Peter McHugh - Family

10:30 am Louis Meier - Family

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, October 27

7:30 am Daniel Lardieri - Wife

11:30 am Jerome Mulvaney - Friend

Tuesday, October 28

7:30 am Dominic & Loretta Santangelo - Family

11:30 am John Holle, Jr. - Friend

Wednesday, October 29

7:30 am Victor Porcelli - Wife

11:30 am Rose McGarry - Bequest

Thursday, October 30

7:30 am Joanne Lopez - Sister

11:30 am Mario Lucciolo - Family

Friday, October 31

7:30 am Loretta DiMichele - Husband

11:30 am Terri Dowd - Friend

Saturday, November 1

8:30 am Frank McGarry - Bequest

Sunday, November 2

Saturday, November 1

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 2

7:30 am Elizabeth Donatiello - Family

9:00 am Claudette Westerfield & Anna & Charles Sarno - Family

10:30 am For the Faithful Departed

12:00 pm Beatrice Londono - Grandchildren

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Frank Korec, John McCue
Raymond Spieczynski, John Janiec, Dominick Mattia,
Claire Mykowski, Franco & Fasone Families

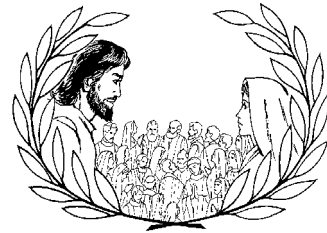
REST IN PEACE:

Alice Ferraer, Joyce Fanok Gurian, Anna C. Tolve
Ester Caruso, Angelina Catalano, G. Steven Moran

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Joanne Lopez
Convent: Sr. Miriam Eucharua Hunt

This Week in View



ALL SAINTS - SAT., NOV. 1ST

Although this is a holy day, it is not a day of obligation.
Regular Saturday morning Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Today the Church honors all the saints of heaven--God's holy ones--those known and unknown to us. This solemnity celebrates all who have been examples of faith throughout the ages, those whose lives mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ. As we heard in the Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany, it is in the lives of the saints that the Church proclaims the Passover of Christ. Today's solemnity honors all the saints, in particular those who are not individually recognized throughout the year.

Because this solemnity of All Saints falls on a Saturday, it is not a holy day of obligation this year in the U. S.

ALL SOULS - SUNDAY, NOV. 2ND
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

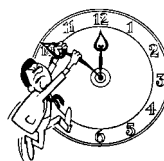
As we anticipate remembering our faithful departed during the month of November, remember that our prayers for the dead bind us to them in the communion of faith and life promised by Jesus to all who believe in Him.

All Souls day is a commemoration of all those who have fallen asleep in Christ marked with the sign of faith and who, we pray, may one day join the saints around the great banquet table of the Lamb. We pray for the dead; we pray for the forgiveness of all their sins; and we pray that God, in his great mercy, will take them to himself.

ALL SOULS ANNOUNCEMENT

Since All Souls day falls on a Sunday this year, the names of our parishioners who have died between November 1, 2007 and October 26, 2008, and whose funeral Mass was celebrated in our Church, will appear on our November 2nd bulletin cover.

All are invited to the parish center for hospitality with light refreshments after the 9:00a.m. and 10:30a.m. Masses.



"Time Change" Next Weekend
Standard time resumes next Sunday,
November 2nd at 2:00 a.m.
Don't forget to set your clocks
back one hour!

Visit our website at www.stachurchbloomfield.com

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE APPEAL

HOW MANY MINUTES ARE THERE IN A WEEK?

10,080 minutes!

Americans spend an average of:

720 minutes watching television
360 minutes eating out and socializing
180 minutes on hobbies
120 minutes on sports and exercise
60 minutes on volunteer work and religious activities

{Source: Jim Spring, "Seven Days of Play," American Demographics.}

**How do you spend your time?
Invest a portion of your time in your parish!**

Stewardship Prayer

S. Marie Schwan

Lord God,
You alone are the source of every good gift,
of the vast array of the universe,
and the mystery of each human life.
We praise You and we thank You
for Your great power
and Your tender, faithful love.



Everything we are and everything we have
is Your gift,
and after having created us
You have given us
into the keeping of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

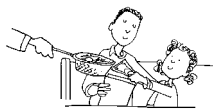


Fill our minds with His truth
and our hearts with His love,
that in His Spirit we may be bonded together
into a community of faith,



a parish family, a caring people.

In the Name and Spirit of Jesus,
we commit ourselves to be good stewards
of the gifts entrusted to us,



to share our time, our talent,
our material gifts as an outward sign
of the Treasure we hold in Jesus.

Amen.

A CALL TO POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF THE U. S.

The following is an excerpt from *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*. This document, issued by the bishops in November, 2007, suggests key issues for our prayerful reflection as we prepare to fulfill our responsibilities as voters in the national election this November 4. The full text of the document can be found at www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/FCStatement.pdf. Additional resources for families, groups and individuals are available at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

From the heading: *Doing Good and Avoiding Evil*

25. The right to life implies and is linked to other human rights—to the basic goods that every human person needs to live and thrive. All the life issues are connected, for erosion of respect for the life of any individual or group in society necessarily diminishes respect for all life. The moral imperative to respond to the needs of our neighbors—basic needs such as food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful work—is universally binding on our consciences and may be legitimately fulfilled by a variety of means. Catholics must seek the best ways to respond to these needs. As Blessed Pope John XXIII taught, “[Each of us] has the right to life, to bodily integrity, and to the means which are suitable for the proper development of life; these are primarily food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, and, finally, the necessary social services” (*Pacem in Terris*).

26. Pope John Paul II explained the importance of being true to fundamental Church teachings:

Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights—for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture—is false and illusory if *the right to life*, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination. (*Christifideles Laici*, no. 38)

27. Two temptations in public life can distort the Church's defense of human life and dignity:

28. The first is a moral equivalence that makes no ethical distinctions between different kinds of issues involving human life and dignity. The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed.

29. The second is the misuse of these necessary moral distinctions as a way of dismissing or ignoring other serious threats to human life and dignity. Racism and other unjust discrimination, the use of the death penalty, the use of torture, war crimes, the failure to respond to those who are suffering from hunger or a lack of health care, or an unjust immigration policy are all serious moral issues that challenge our consciences and require us to act. These are not optional concerns which can be dismissed. Catholics are urged to seriously consider Church teaching on these issues. Clearly not every Catholic can be actively involved on each of these concerns, but we need to support one another as our community of faith defends human life and dignity wherever it is threatened. We are not factions, but one family of faith fulfilling the mission of Jesus Christ.

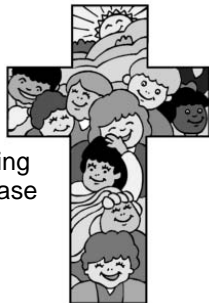
Next Sunday's Readings:

Wisdom 3:1-9
1 Corinthians 15:51-57
John 11:17-27

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

Religious Education News

Just a reminder that we offer a Special Needs Religious Education program every Tuesday from 4:00 – 4:40 in the Parish Center. Anyone interested in finding out more information on this program please contact the Religious Education Office at 973-338-7400.



Our Special Needs children have been preparing for their First Communion and are getting closer each week to their special day. These children and their families are an important part of our parish family and we ask that you keep them in your prayers throughout the year. Also, we ask that you be patient when you see them in mass because they are working on staying still for a long time and sometimes it's very hard to do. Thanks for your patience and prayers!

First Penance Parent's Meeting – ALL First Penance parents must attend one of the following meeting dates:

Thursday, October 30th 7:30
Monday, November 3rd 7:30

The meetings will take place in Herron Hall in St. Thomas School. Important sacramental information will be distributed so please make every effort to attend. If you are unable to attend please call the Religious Education Office to set up an appointment.

REMINDER – THERE WILL BE NO CCD ON ELECTION DAY – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our church
October 26th at 3 p.m.
with Most Rev. Gerety.

Please remember our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they welcome the Holy Spirit into their lives.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS



Right to Life

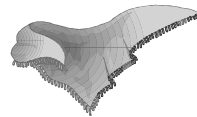
For all mothers who will give birth today: that their love and care will inspire all to a deeper appreciation of the beauty of life;

We pray to the Lord

Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program

The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Mon-Fri, 9am to 8pm. Call the Parish Center 973-338-9190 ext. 20. A return call will be made within 24 hours. A Parish Nurse will provide limited confidential health counseling & referrals to Community health resources & services. Volunteers are available for errands, home visits and phone contacts.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



An evening meeting will be held in the Parish Center Nov 5th from 7 to 9 PM. Further schedule to follow in coming weeks. We have simple patterns for shawls, lap robes, scarves, hats and gloves. If you are interested in participating but do not know how to knit or crochet, there are members willing to help you get started. If you have questions or wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact Bernadette 973-893-0114 Alicia 973-473-6633 or Sister Arleen 973-338-9190. **Let us continue to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them.**

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 10/27

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
Eucharistic Adoration - 12:00 Noon in Church
Men's prayer and Bible Study – 7:30pm in St. Matthew
Respect Life - 7:30pm in Church

Thursday – 10/30

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 10/31

HALLOWEEN

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter

Saturday – 11/1

All Saints Day – 8:30am Mass

Sunday – 11/2

All Souls & Remembrance
Daylight Savings Time Ends Today!

Women of Wisdom are invited to attend a Morning of Reflection Saturday, Nov. 15 in Herron Hall. More details next week.

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Women's Cornerstone Retreat, March 20-21, 2009. This year's theme: "Be still and know I am your God"





St. Thomas the Apostle's
Senior High Youth Group is proud to present
an Evening of Song with special guest:
Catholic Recording Artist
KARA KLEIN

November 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church
All are welcome. Kara Klein will also be with us at all
the Masses that weekend.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH CENTER
FROM 7-9PM. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

10/26 HALLOWEEN MEETING - COME IN COSTUME

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- 11/07 ST. JAMES LOCK-IN
- 11/09 TEACHING MASS WITH FR. TOM BLIND
- 11/15 KARA KLEIN PIZZA NIGHT

50-IN-15 ... CAN OF SOUP

CONGRATULATIONS!!

ALEX PODKUL - EAGLE OF THE CROSS AWARD
STEVEN GRABOWSKI - PARISH YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT tdennin@att.net

*"Enjoy this parish-wide social event catered by
Nightingale, the original beefsteak caterer... try your
luck at winning one of the many, many fabulous
prizes... catch up with old friends..."*

**Saint Thomas The Apostle
Home and School Association's**

**Beefsteak
Dinner**

to benefit the academic and technological programs of STA

Saturday, Nov. 8th 6pm in Herron Hall
St. Thomas the Apostle School

\$35. per person

includes: Dinner & Beverages (Beer, soda, coffee)
For tickets call: MaryAnn Garner at 973-338-1868
Advance reservations only!



**Support St. Thomas' Annual
Christmas Concert**



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

For the last 14 years our church has been blessed to
have an outstanding traditional concert. All have
enjoyed the fine musical work of the Garden State
Concert Band and their guest vocalists.

Unfortunately we missed last year because the
money was lacking to subsidize this beautiful event.
Many throughout this past year have asked us to find a
way to resurrect our Christmas Concert.

We have set it for Saturday, December 13, 2008,
7PM with reception following. To achieve this objective
we need to have a Souvenir Program Journal that will
raise the necessary funds. Please see the form below
and make your contribution check to St. Thomas the
Apostle.

Thank you,
PAUL ALONGI,



Be a Sponsor for the St. Thomas the Apostle
Annual Christmas Concert & Reception
Saturday, December 13, 2008 – 7PM

Featuring the Garden State Concert Band
And guest narrator Father Charles Miller

How – Contribute to the Souvenir Program Journal

- Back Cover - \$400.00
- Inside Back Cover - \$200.00
- Gold Page - \$150.00
- Inside Front Cover - \$200.00
- Full Page - \$100.00
- Half Page - \$75.00
- Quarter Page - \$50.00
- Listing of Name Page - \$25.00

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I want to contribute _____ for _____ page
or \$25.00 for a name listing.

Make all returns with copy to
Paul Alongi, 21 Leo Terrace, Bloomfield, NJ 07003,
973-338-4665 or Parish Center.

Did you know?

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.

► **Catholic High School Open Houses** ◀

Bergen Catholic High School

1040 Oradell Ave., Oradell, NJ (201) 261-1844

www.bergencatholic.org

Sunday, October 26th, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



St. Jude, Patron of Desperate Cases

ST. JUDE THADDAEUS - OCTOBER 28TH

St. Jude is a popular saint among many Catholics. He is known as the saint to intercede for what seem to be impossible cases. St. Jude was an apostle of Jesus. Devotions to St. Jude were virtually unknown until the 20th century. His popularity began during the Depression in South Chicago. Fr. James Tort, long devoted to St. Jude, recommended that his parishioners join him in a public novena and many prayers were answered. Throughout the hard times of the Depression and World War II, novenas to St. Jude were instituted by other parishes. He became the patron of hope where all hope seemed to have been lost.

Christmas Pageant Epiphany Workshop

Saturday, November 1st in the parish center

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For all you moms who have not involved your child[ren] in the pageant because you just could not handle any costume pressure so close to Christmas - this morning is for you! Parishioner, Judy Donahue has extensive seamstress experience and has a pattern [simple] and will provide most materials etc. Angel costumes, shepherds and even Kings and Queens for the courts of the Earth - will be made and planned for in this hands-on workshop.

Please register for this free workshop by emailing Judy at donahue.J@verizon.net or by calling Nancy Cardone at 973-338-9190 ext. 42. Let them know if you have a portable sewing machine you could bring.

So no more excuses - we want to see many more children involved in this short but wonderful pageant!

Halloween Safety: We Care about our Children!

Treats: Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has carefully examined them for evidence of tampering.

Costume Designs: Purchase or make costumes that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists. Decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Use flashlights for extra visibility. Apply a mask of cosmetics rather than a loose-fitting mask that might obscure vision. If a mask is used, however, make sure it fits securely and has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



HOW HALLOWEEN CAN BE REDEEMED

Halloween has grown into a major secular holiday in American culture. But for those who don't value devotion to the saints, the Eve has become "hollow" instead of "hallow."

The purpose behind it has been lost - like celebrating New Year's Eve without a New Year's Day. Take away the saints and our beliefs about the dignity and destiny of human beings, and the only thing left is pre-Christian superstition regarding the dead.

Among many Christians, there has been concern that things have gotten out of hand. After all, doesn't Halloween glorify evil? Is it right to send our children out as devils and vampires, or is it better to emphasize the saints, whose nearly forgotten feast day is the reason for Halloween? *Hallow* is the same word for "holy" that we find in the Lord's Prayer, and *e'en* is a contraction of "evening."

November 2 has been chosen to commemorate All Souls because it was an obvious companion date and extension of the Feast of All Saints. Both days are reminders that all of us, living and dead, are united in a living communion with Christ and one another.

In effect, Halloween because one vigil for two feasts celebrated by the Catholic Church. Now, violent movies with Halloween settings flood television and video stores; warped personalities copy malicious acts "for fun"; young people experiment with the occult because of publicity given to witches and warlocks.

It is precisely because Catholics do believe in the reality of evil that we promise to turn away from "Satan and all his works" in the baptismal rite. Here's a chance for parents (and godparents) to make good on that promise: Be vigilant about television and video games, don't give warped personalities the publicity they crave, choose carefully if and where your child will trick-or-treat.

The word *Halloween* itself is a shortened form of "All Hallows Eve," the day before All Saints Day. This holiday, properly understood and celebrated with all of its fun trappings can be a way for us to deepen our understanding of our faith. The key to this understanding is close at hand for Catholics in our love of the communion of saints.