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Saturday Eve: 5:00pm

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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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Saturday: 11:00am

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DEVOTIONS:
Mondays
Novena Prayer
11:30am Mass

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August 14, 2011 . 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, August 14

Saturday, August 13

5:00 pm Joseph & Anna Stevens – Family

Sunday, August 14

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Bridie Brady – Family

10:30 am Michael Chapel – Family

12:00 pm Patty Trevino – Friend

Monday, August 15

7:30 am Asuncion A. Flores – Children

11:30 am Marie Dunning – Family

7:30 pm Nancy Cariani – Friend

Tuesday, August 16

7:30 am Elena Torrese – Son

11:30 am Salvatore Nesto, Sr. – Family

Wednesday, August 17

7:30 am Tom Schillaci – Friend

11:30 am Edward L. Post, Jr. – Family

Thursday, August 18

7:30 am Michael Torrese, Sr. – Son

11:30 am Eugene Petroff – Family

Friday, August 19

7:30 am Mildred Cibellis – Family

11:30 am Joseph Simeone – Children

Saturday, August 20

8:30 am Cesar Mac – Friend

Sunday, August 21

Saturday, August 20

5:00 pm Antoinette & Anthony Lubertazza – Daughter

Sunday, August 21

7:30 am Catherine Caputo – Family

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Living members of the Polak family – Family

12:00 pm Beatrice Kovacs – Friend

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Msgr. Martin O'Brien,
Ariella Chivil, Mary De Milia

REST IN PEACE:

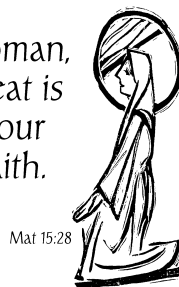
Sr. Carmela Marie Christiano, Anita Ricciardelli
Sr. John Marita Fenton

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Kathleen Hanf
Convent: Slavik Wysocki

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Woman,
great is
your
faith.



It is rare for all three readings to have the same focus, but that is what we have today. The First Reading and the Gospel have a common theme or message. The Second Reading is usually a semiconscious reading of one of the epistles or other books from the New Testament. The theme of today's readings is that God's abundant mercy and love are open to all people.

Lectionary

■ **THE GOSPEL:** Today's Gospel is the story of the Canaanite woman who approaches Jesus on behalf of her daughter, who is possessed by demons. She calls out to Jesus as the "Son of David," asking him to save her daughter. Jesus doesn't respond and the disciples call for her to be removed. She pleads again, this time calling Jesus "Lord." By addressing Jesus with two Jewish messianic titles, she reveals her great and persistent faith. He relents and the woman's daughter is made well because of her persistence, her faith, and her recognition of Jesus' identity.

■ **FIRST READING:** The prophet Isaiah proclaims that God's salvation and justice shall be revealed. The prophet notes that even foreigners who love the name of the Lord will be saved. This is the section where we hear that the Lord's house will be a "house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).

■ **PSALM 67:** The psalmist entreats all peoples and nations to praise the Lord.

■ **SECOND READING:** St. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, tells the Gentiles that God's call and the gifts that he so abundantly gives are irrevocable.



ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Monday, August 15

A Holy day without Obligation

Masses at 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

That feast of the Assumption celebrates Mary's entrance into heaven, body and soul. Mary is the first among the faithful to be fully redeemed because of her perpetually sinless state. Mary, because of her relationship to her Son, shares, through privileged anticipation, in the grace of the resurrection of the dead. Mary does not have to endure the suspension of eternal life until the resurrection of the dead.

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- Research shows that because of a greater emphasis on homework and study, Catholic School students develop more effective writing skills.
- Catholic High School students attend post-secondary education at a rate in excess of 80% and are more likely to complete their program of studies.
- Catholic Schools have an excellent success rate in educating minority students.

While providing a stimulating and demanding education, Catholic Schools give students a high level of individualized attention and personal sharing. This commitment is reinforced by participation in programs for advanced students and also for those experiencing difficulties in reading, writing, and math.

Family and Community

A Catholic School recognizes the parents and family as primary educators and joins with them to form a living community of shared visions.

- Catholic Schools help students understand that each person is unique and valuable.
- Catholic Schools join with the family to help students understand their special place in the family, the Church, and society.
- Catholic Schools encourage family input and involvement in the ongoing education of their children. Research shows that such a partnership results in higher attendance rates and lower dropout rates.
- Catholic Schools strive to create a special bond among the students, the home, the school, and the church, so that all share the strong sense of community.

Every child shares in an educational environment filled with love and concern -- a community joining together to help create a better world.

SUMMER-BREAK PRAYER



Lord, what about you and me?
I don't want to forget you
just because I'm off my normal school-year routine.
Keep close to me, Lord, and remind me
that my relationship with you
should never take a break.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



The main source of operating funds for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is our weekly offertory contribution. To assist us in being good stewards of God's gift of treasure, our contribution from last weekend is compared below to the amount we need this week to meet our budget. You may have noticed this amount will vary. This is because our budget varies by season, just as yours does. The year to date (YTD) amount compared to the budget is also shown below. This line will be updated monthly.

June collection variance:

Budget: 74,400
Actual: 74,281
Variance: 199

YTD

Budget: 1,005,600
Actual: 943,445
Variance: 62,155 Final for FY 2011

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

KICK-OFF MEETING FOR STAYG 2011-2012
SEPTEMBER 11TH IN THE PARISH CENTER
ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
OCTOBER 14TH FRIGHT FEST AT GA
OCTOBER 29TH JOHN ANGOTTI IN CONCERT

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT tdennin@live.com

Confirmation Dates:

A thru K October 16th at 3pm

L thru Z October 23rd at 3pm

Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program

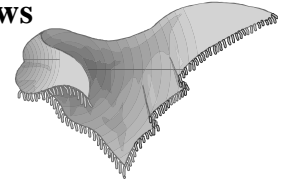
The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Mon-Fri, 9am to 8pm. Call the Parish Center 973-338-9190 ext. 120. A return call will be made within 24 hours. A Parish Nurse will provide limited confidential health counseling & referrals to Community health resources & services. Volunteers are available for errands, home visits and phone contacts.

JOB SEEKERS GROUP

Don't let your job search get you down. St. Thomas' Work Ministry offers a free, comfortable place to find support, ideas and inspiration. We meet on the first and third Thur. of every month at 7:30 in the Parish Center. Keep checking the bulletin for our programs geared to helping your job search. All are welcome to join us if you are looking for a job or need a person to fill a position. We ask any parishioner who knows of an opening at their company to send the open position information to us to be shared with our job seekers, (it will be shared anonymously). For more info, e-mail workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry News

Our next meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 18th at 11:30AM at the Parish Center.



Please continue to create shawls and baby blankets during the summer months. Shawls should be long and wide enough to cover the shoulders (at least 22 by 60 inches). Baby blankets should be approximately 32 by 42 inches using white or pastel colors of soft yarn.

All are welcome to work and pray with us. If you have any questions or you wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact the Ministry Sister Arleen 973-338-9190 Alicia 973-473-6633

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

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

****SAVE THE DATE****
Annual Communion Breakfast
Saturday, October 1st, 2011
after the 8:30A.M. Mass
at the Forest Hill Field Club

Next meeting is Monday September 12th.
Rosary @ 7:00 P.M. in Church
Meeting @7:30 P.M. in Parish Center
New members are always welcome.

Not the power to remember, but its very opposite, the power to forget, is a necessary condition for our existence.

~ Saint Basil

Got Sacraments? What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults?

If you or anyone you know needs to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, the RCIA can help with the completion of these sacraments of initiation. For more information about this process please call Bob Miller in the parish center at 973.338.9190 x131.

Dear Parishioners,

The famous psychologist, Carl Jung wrote, "We cannot live the afternoon of life according to life's morning." It has been my privilege to serve you in this parish for the past nine years. However, after much prayer and reflection the Holy Spirit has prompted me to seek retirement. My religious congregation has supported my decision. Change is never easy. It is difficult to leave you and yet I'm excited about the new possibilities of growth in my faith life as well as my personal life. I'm looking forward to this new venture.

When I spoke with Fr. Miller in March and informed him of my decision to retire, I asked him not to say anything to you because I didn't want any special acknowledgement or reception. I had a glorious 50th Jubilee in October and that will always live in my heart. I ask only for your prayers that I may be open to the mystery unfolding in me.

I thank Fr. Miller, the entire Parish Staff and you the parishioners for all your kindnesses extended to me. My prayer for you is that you be open to the Holy Spirit working in you. Don't be surprised if you see me at the Parish Center as I will continue to be part of the Cornerstone Team planning for the Cornerstone Retreat in March of 2012.

I continue to say as stated in the theme of my Jubilee, For all that has been, Thanks. For all that will be, Yes.

God bless you.

Sister Arleen

Feel good about yourself - - Give blood



*St. Thomas' Annual
Blood Drive
Sunday,
September 25, 2011
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in
Herron Hall*

Our blood banks are in need of all types of blood. Please consider this as your gift for life. Come to our blood drive and donate. We welcome our "regulars" and those of you who will be "first time donors". All donors must present signed or picture ID's and know their social security number. Please eat a meal before you donate.

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- You'll make your community a safer place.
- Fulfills your desire to "give back" to the community.
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We pray to the Lord

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**Please join us in Celebration
at 5:00 p.m. Mass on
Saturday, August 13, 2011**

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ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

**Bakers are needed
for Sr. Joan Moore's 50th Jubilee,
Saturday, August 13th
(Following the 5 P.M. Mass)**

*Finger Desserts only
(Cookies/Brownies/Cupcakes)*

If you are able to bake,
please call Bernadette at 973.893.0114.
Thank You for your generosity!

Our Next meeting is Monday September 12th.
Rosary @ 7:00 P.M. in Church
Meeting @ 7:30 P.M. in Parish Center

***St. Valentine's
Annual Family Festival
September 9th, 10th & 11th;***

held on parish grounds,
corner of E. Passaic and Hoover Avenues.

Times: Friday – 6 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday – 4 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Sunday – 2 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Prayer for Summer!

*Dear God,
You made the four seasons. Each summer arrives as
part of your perfect pattern and will, yet it is unique
unto itself.
This summer, help me to see not only the enjoyment of
vacations, but the joy of your will.
Help me to feel, not only the pleasure of the warm sun,
but the contentment of a life guided by you.
Help me to know, not only the satisfaction of a project
completed, but the fulfillment of a heart filled by you.
Help me to see you in all things, Lord, in all the
seasons of life you give us.*

~ AMEN

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