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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 & 7:30pm

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Saturday: 11:00am

MARIAN  
DEVOTIONS:  
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November 13, 2016 . 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, November 13**

- 7:30 am Anne & Joseph Dukiet - Family
- 9:00 am For the People
- 10:30 am Maria DeRogatis – Family
- 12:00 pm Marie Reilly - 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv. – Family -Daughter

**Monday, November 14**

- 7:30 am Paul Tomaszek – Friend
- 11:30 am Vera Colicelli – Family

**Tuesday, November 15**

- 7:30 am Gail K. Pilsbury – Family
- 11:30 am Maryanne Pizzani – Family

**Wednesday, November 16**

- 7:30 am Joseph De Lorenzo – Bequest
- 11:30 am Maxima Alemanian – Family & Friends

**Thursday, November 17**

- 7:30 am Fay De Lorenzo – Bequest
- 11:30 am Linda Neidhardt – Family

**Friday, November 18**

- 7:30 am Rogelio Landicho – Family
- 11:30 am Joseph Blume, Jr. – Friend

**Saturday, November 19**

- 8:30 am Mark Zieleniewski – Family

**Sunday, November 20**

**Saturday, November 19**

- 5:00 pm James Blasi – Daughter

**Sunday, November 20**

- 7:30 am Antonette De Lorenzo – Family
- 9:00 am Jennie Fabbo – Family
- 10:30 am For The People
- 12:00 pm Robert A. Dennin – Family

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Theodore Cifelli, Judy Koziatek,  
Lillian Donatiello, Mary LoCicero,  
Nancy Salerno



**REST IN PEACE**

Elaine Aiello

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**Church:** Lawrence Molinaro  
**Rectory:** Millie Catala



In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways. To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

### 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 November 6 compared to the budget amount for the year. The break even date is June 30, 2017. The amount needed each week is \$17,630 and the amount collected last weekend was \$19,696.



| Budget Amount | Year to Date | Remaining Amount |
|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| \$881,500     | \$304,556    | \$576,944        |

The year to date amount is negative by \$30,414 as of week number 19 in our budget year.

### 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

### WELLNESS MINISTRY

#### Blood Pressure Screening

Parish Center  
St. Peter Room  
Sunday November 13  
8am to 12 noon

Everyone is invited!  
Please feel free to ask for nurse advice  
during your meeting with one of our nurses.

### HOLIDAY SEASON BULLETIN DEADLINES

**DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> BULLETIN**  
Deadline: 5pm on Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>

**JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> BULLETIN**  
Deadline: 5pm on Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>



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

*Matthew 5:4*

### SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

We invite you to join us for a series of four sessions of mutual sharing & support in a spiritual, caring, confidential setting.

#### Our Mission is:

- Provide a Christ-centered group experience
- Support spirituality and emotionally those who mourn
- Offer a caring, compassionate, confidential atmosphere

**2016 session dates:**

**November 13 & 27**

**Sundays 12:00 noon– 1:00 p.m.**

**Meetings held: Parish Center**

Registration required.

Please contact Parish Center  
973-338-9190

**All calls are confidential.**

### Men's Scripture Reading and Reflection

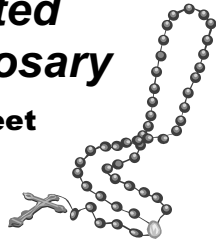
**All Men** are invited Monday, November 21 at 7:30pm in St. James room for Men's Scripture Reading and Reflection.

We will continue to read Saint Paul's "Letters to the Romans" and the readings for the next Sunday and also discuss some of what was going on at that time.

Celebrate this "Year of Mercy" by Sharing the extraordinary Word of God with ordinary men and together we can learn more about our beautiful Catholic faith.

## 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:



Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>  
Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> March 6<sup>th</sup> April 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1<sup>st</sup> June 5<sup>th</sup>  
Meetings follow in the Parish Center

## St. Thomas' Annual Blood Drive Sunday, November 13 8:30 a.m. to 2 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 who will be "first time donors." All donors must present a signed or picture ID and know their Social Security number.

### BEFORE DONATING

Get a good night's sleep. Have a good breakfast or lunch. Eat iron-rich foods—beans, red meat, fish, poultry, iron-fortified cereals, raisins, prunes, etc. Drink extra water and fluids to replace the volume you will donate. Avoid tea, coffee, or other caffeinated beverages. Avoid fatty foods such as hamburger, fries ice cream.

### DURING DONATION

Relax. Wear clothing with sleeves that can be raised above the elbow. Show the staff any "good veins" that have been used successfully in the past to draw blood.

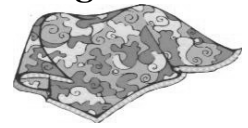
### AFTER DONATION

Take the time to enjoy a snack and a drink afterwards. Immediately after donating, re-hydrate by drinking plenty of fluids over the next 24-48 hours. Avoid strenuous physical activity or heavy lifting for about five hours. If you feel light-headed after donating, lie down, preferably with feet elevated, until the feeling passes. Enjoy the good feeling that comes with knowledge that you may have saved as many as three lives!

**Kindly consider posting this bulletin notice on your refrigerator as a reminder.**

If you have any questions call Barbara St. Hilaire, R.N. at (973) 338-5371 or the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190.

## St. Thomas the Apostle Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 11:30 in the Parish Center



An active prayer... As I knit this shawl, the work of my hands and the faith of my soul ask God to bring blessings upon you. A gift received, a prayer accepted. The receiver physically and spiritually wrapped in the shawl, the prayers of the giver -- prayers for comfort, for healing, a blessing, or thanksgiving.

During these cold winter months a prayer shawl or lap robe, which can be had for the asking, may well be comforting to someone limited in activity or going through a difficult time.

**You may request a shawl by calling the parish center, by speaking to one of our members, dropping by during one of our meetings or by contacting Alicia @ 973-473-6633 or [aliciavons@gmail.com](mailto:aliciavons@gmail.com)**

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

## Bloomfield Cub Scout Pack 22

Annual Pancake  
Breakfast Fundraiser  
Sunday, November 20  
7:30am to 1:00pm

Heron Hall

Adults & Teens \$8  
Seniors & Children \$5  
Kids under 5 are free

**Enjoy a hearty breakfast including Sausage, Juice, Coffee, Tea, and All You Can Eat Pancakes!** The funds raised help us purchase badges, patches, pins and program materials needed for us to provide an outstanding youth program for area boys in grades K through 5.

## The September Club

invites all seniors (55+) to join us for fun & fellowship. In addition to regular meetings, we sponsor special events and trips. Call Roz Frunzi at 973-785-0576 for more information or contact her via email at [rozybabe1@aol.com](mailto:rozybabe1@aol.com).

### 2016 - 2017 Meeting Dates

Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>,  
Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, April  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>

# The Holy Name Society

Invites All Parishioners  
Men, Women, Teens to:

## Advent

### Early Afternoon of Reflection

Sunday, December 4

Following noon Mass to 3:25 p.m.

(Jets don't play & Giant's game starts later at 4:25 p.m.)

St. Peter's Room.

Light lunch included – Donation: \$7

(Teens free)

***“Now that Pope’s ‘Year of Mercy’ is Ending:  
Where Do We Go From Here with Mercy:  
In Our Individual Lives, Parish Community &  
the World Beyond our parish borders?”***

Facilitators will assist us to reflect & discern:

- Through Scripture, Church Teachings & Song
- Simple, practical examples that are workable
- Through the witness of formerly homeless youth
- Table discussions where you reflect & share; plus teen table

*Please detach here and include with your donation*

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Make check payable to:

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**Registrations before November 28<sup>th</sup> are appreciated**

Send to 60 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield, N.J. 07003

Or drop it at Parish Center: ATTN: Holy Name Society

If you have any questions, call:

Steve St. Hilaire at (973) 223-4045;

Email: svsthilaire@yahoo.com

Or John Nellegar at jnellegar2004@yahoo.com

Saint Thomas the Apostle  
Home and School Association  
Presents...

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



**Where:** Herron Hall, STA School  
**When:** Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30a.m.

Hot Breakfast from Hot Bagels Abroad  
DJ Rob, crafts and fun  
for children of all ages!!!

**(Santa will be available for pictures, so  
bring your camera!)**

Adults: \$12.00 Children: \$6.00

Children 3yr. and under are Free

**Reservations are due by Friday, Dec. 2nd**

Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Christine Licciardello #973-303-2112 or

Clara Quesada-Lopez #973-704-9311

**\*\*No Reservations Will Be Accepted**

**After December 2<sup>nd</sup> \*\***

Please go to the school website and use  
the Buy Now button to pay for your  
reservations.

Send this form back to the school office  
in an envelope marked Santa Breakfast no  
later than Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

#Adults \_\_\_\_ #Children \_\_\_\_ # Children  
under 3yr. \_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \$\_\_\_\_

\*Is there anyone you would like to sit with?

Let us know below.

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**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

## St Thomas' Annual Christmas Concert & Reception

**21<sup>st</sup> Year**

**Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>  
7PM**

FEATURING

THE GARDEN STATE CONCERT BAND

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### STA School

Invites parishioners to join the

### Fall Box Tops Drive

Nov. 1 - Dec. 2, 2016

**THANKS to parishioners, who contributed  
over 850 Box Tops over the summer!**

To submit Box Tops coupons:

check for the expiration dates

clip Box Tops coupons along dotted line

collect them in an envelope or plastic Ziploc sandwich bag

submit envelope to the box dedicated to this collection in the  
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Visit [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com) and click on "participating products" under the  
"Earn Box Tops" tab at the top of the home page to find a list of  
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Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10 cents for our school!

The Holy Name Society Invites All Parishioners to

### Advent Early Afternoon of Reflection

Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> after noon Mass to 3:25 p.m.

*(Jets don't play & Giant's game starts later at 4:25 p.m.)*

Light lunch included – Donation: \$7 or free will offering (Teens free)

*"Now that Pope's 'Year of Mercy' is Ending: Where Do We Go From Here  
with Mercy: In Our Individual Lives, Parish Community & the World  
Beyond our parish borders?"*

Presenters:

+**Sister Gerrie Muller, SSJ**, San Alfonso's Retreat House &  
+**Ms. Linda Tober-Flores**, Dir., Elizabeth Coalition to House Homeless  
(ECHH is assisting homeless hero who discovered pipe bombs)

Presenters & facilitators will assist us to reflect & discern:

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Simple, practical examples that are workable

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*The Saint Thomas the Apostle  
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is sponsoring the*



## Annual Advent Giving Tree

—Gift Tags will be available the weekend of November  
19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

—**All gifts must be returned no later than the  
weekend of December 3rd/4th\*\***

—Please do not wrap gifts – place items in gift bags or  
plastic bags.

—Original gift tags must be attached to the bags.

—Gift cards (with the gift tag attached) should be placed  
in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish  
Center.

\*\* The organizations have requested early pick-up dates  
in order to prepare for delivery to families and Christmas  
celebrations. We appreciate your spirit of generosity and  
look forward to another successful year.



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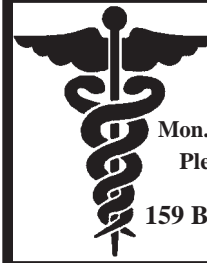


Have faith in God  
 Mark 11:22

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