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Deacon Dennis J. Besida, Retired

### 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

Holidays: 8:30am Only

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

MARIAN  
DEVOTIONS:  
Mondays  
Novena Prayer  
11:30am Mass

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February 5, 2017 . Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, February 5**

- 7:30 am For The People
- 9:00 am Dorothy Collins – Family
- 10:30 am Alfred & Mildred Paul – Family
- 12:00 pm Deceased of Aversa & Toscano Family

**Monday, February 6**

- 7:30 am Deceased of Lubben Family – Bequest
- 11:30 am Frances Anderson – Friend

**Tuesday, February 7**

- 7:30 am Philip Thomas – Friend
- 11:30 am For the Protection of Babies in the Womb and their Families

**Wednesday, February 8**

- 7:30 am For The People
- 11:30 am Brendan Boyle – Bequest

**Thursday, February 9**

- 7:30 am Mary Margaret Tizzano – Bequest
- 11:30 am Tom Hogan – Friend

**Friday, February 10**

- 7:30 am Gail Karen Pilsbury – Family
- 11:30 am Joseph Imfeld – Family

**Saturday, February 11**

- 8:30 am James H. Lynch – Family

**Sunday, February 12**

- Saturday, February 11**  
5:00 pm Jacob Szajkowski – Daughters

**Sunday, February 12**

- 7:30 am Alfred Sabella – Family
- 9:00 am For The People
- 10:30 am Dorothy Collins – Friend
- 12:00 pm Thomas Mc Govern – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv. – Family



Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, and those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Judy Ann Porter, Kiran Fernando  
Barbara Mazzola, Nancy Salerno  
Maria Dimilia

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**Church:** The Gonnella Family



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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 January 22 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 \$15,622.



Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$881,500	\$500,718	\$380,782

The year to date amount is negative by \$28,182 as of week number 30 in our budget year.

## St. Thomas the Apostle School

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Saint Thomas the Apostle School was awarded the Educational Alliance Grant. Our school was given a check for \$1,000.00 to be used towards our Math and Science Programs. Next time you fill up at the pump say "thank you" for us!

## FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

The Holy Name Society continues to provide free federal and NJ state income tax preparation for seniors and disabled members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. To be eligible for this service, you must be a registered member of St. Thomas, at least 62 years of age or disabled, not actively employed and require no more forms and schedules than those listed below.

Income tax returns will be prepared by experienced tax preparers who are active members of the Holy Name Society, volunteering their time and talent in the spirit of stewardship.

Income tax returns will be limited to the following forms and schedules and excludes any returns involving the affordable care act;

**FEDERAL FORMS 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ**

**FEDERAL SCHEDULES A, B, D, AND R.**

**NJ STATE FORMS 1040NJ & NJ SCHEDULE B**

The tax preparation process for each individual or married couple will include an interview, review of your 2015 tax return and turnover of your tax documents (1099's). Completed Forms will be ready in about a week.

**TAX PREPARERS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH CENTER EVERY FRIDAY (EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY):**

**10 AM TO NOON FEBRUARY 17 THROUGH APRIL 14TH .  
NO APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY! ELEVATOR WILL BE ON**

## ST. THOMAS WELLNESS MINISTRY

Inviting nurses (active and retired) and volunteers to join the WELLNESS ministry and be a part of a sharing, people-loving team. Contact:

Loida Togonon @ 201-618-7590

email: [gemini1012@verizon.net](mailto:gemini1012@verizon.net)

Milette Padilla @ 973-487-0843

email: [apad001@aol.com](mailto:apad001@aol.com)

## Celebrate Valentine's Day with Pack 22

February 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

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## WELLNESS MINISTRY

Blood Pressure Screening

Sunday February 19 from 8 am – 12 noon

Everyone is invited.

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

## Men's Scripture

### Reading and Reflection

ALL MEN are invited **Monday, February 6**

@ 7:30pm in St. James Room

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

Share 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 February 6<sup>th</sup>. Meeting to follow in the Parish Center



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## Holy Name Society's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual



### "Irish Night"

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**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 to 10:30 p.m.**

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Irish Soda Bread, Beer, Wine & Soda (B.Y.O.B.)

**Tickets: \$30.00 Per Person**  
**(Not available at door)**

**No one under age 21 is permitted to attend.**

Deadline: Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> For information call:  
Dennis Sutton - 973-338-8604 or [Dcs3131@aol.com](mailto:Dcs3131@aol.com)



### ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

#### Our Mission:

Provide a Christ-centered group experience  
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a caring, compassionate, confidential atmosphere

**Final 2017 session: February 12**

**12 noon– 1 p.m. Parish Center, St. James Room**

**Registration required All calls are confidential.**

Please contact Parish Center: 973-338-9190

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday February 15 - 7:00 p.m. - St. Peter's Room

We are seeking additional men of all generations 18 years +.

+Come help us to evaluate our October programs on elder law  
& our December retreat on "Mercy".

+We value your input on the design  
of future programs for 2017-2018.

Contact persons: Steve St. Hilaire  
(973) 223-4045 or [svsthilaire@yahoo.com](mailto:svsthilaire@yahoo.com)  
John Nellegar, [jnellegar2004@yahoo.com](mailto:jnellegar2004@yahoo.com)

### 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).

#### 2017 Meeting Dates

Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>



**St Thomas September Club  
2017 Sponsored Trips**

**The Club is really looking forward to Spring and getting on the road again. We think we have a great line-up of fun Trips, and we invite you to join us. Contact Fran Gardella to book. Phone: 848-448-4335 Email: [fgardella@hotmail.com](mailto:fgardella@hotmail.com)**

The Five Irish Tenors' "Salute to Ireland": March 12<sup>th</sup>  
at 3pm Kean University's Theater in Union. \$57 Per  
Person includes Orchestra Seats, Bus, & Driver Tip.  
Stopping on return trip for Dinner on your own. \$20  
due upon sign-up and balance due February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Russian National Ballet Theater's Swan Lake: April 6<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown.  
\$62 Per Person includes Orchestra Seats, Bus, & Driver  
Tip. Stopping before for light dinner on your own. \$22  
due upon Sign-Up and balance due March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Finger Lakes New York: October 3<sup>rd</sup> - October 5<sup>th</sup>  
\$388 per person (Based on Double Occupancy)  
Includes 2 Nights Lodging, Dinner & Gratuity at  
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Lake Cruise, Finger Lakes Casino & Racetrack, Corning  
Museum of Glass, Willard Memorial Chapel,  
Sonnenberg Gardens, Wegman's Marketplace, Bus, &  
Driver Tip. \$20 Due upon Sign-Up (by February 13<sup>th</sup>),  
\$108 by July 3<sup>rd</sup>, & balance of \$260 by August 17<sup>th</sup>.



**On six consecutive Thursdays, beginning 1/19  
from 7:30pm –9:00pm, Deacon Brian Murphy  
will be showing in the Parish Center St.  
Peter's room, Part One of Bishop Robert  
Barron's new series, The Pivotal Players.  
The series illumines a handful of saints,  
artists, mystics, and scholars - who not only  
shaped the life of the Church - but changed  
the course of civilization. Evenings include  
prayer, discussion, and light refreshments.**

**Please note the schedule below.**

**More info, call Deacon Brian @ 973-454-7289**

**2/02 St. Catherine of Siena**

**2/09 Bl. John Henry Newman**

**2/16 G.K. Chesterton**

**2/23 Michelangelo**

**ARE YOU GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL?  
DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER IN  
THE HOSPITAL?**



We would like to visit our parishioners who are homebound, in the hospital or other health care facility. Because of patient confidentiality laws, however, the only way we can know is if someone informs us.

Call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190, leaving your name and number so we may return your call, or you may leave the information at the Parish Desk on Sunday mornings.

**PLANNED GIVING**

Here are some other ways You can help St. Thomas the Apostle Church continue its mission of serving God's people. Give a gift of cash or check for general use or a specific purpose. Give a gift of stocks or bonds. There could be a significant tax advantage to you if there has been appreciation in their value and they are transferred to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

A bequest in your will assures that your possessions are distributed as you desire. When making a bequest, use the full legal name and address: Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Make St. Thomas the Apostle Church partial or primary beneficiary of a life insurance policy that is no longer needed for family security. Ask the insurance company for the forms necessary to change the beneficiary or to transfer the ownership to St. Thomas the Apostle Church

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**Parents Confirmation Meetings**

for 2017 Confirmation Candidates

After all Masses: In Parish Center

February 11th & 12th

February 18th & 19th

Classes begin February 25th

**SAVE THE DATE**

*A Soup & Bread Evening of Lenten  
Reflection on Pope Francis' Encyclical*

**"Care for Our Common Home"**

**When: Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

**Time: 6:30-8:30 pm**

**Where: St. Thomas the Apostle**

**Presenter: Sr. Mary Elizabeth Clark, SSJ**

Sr. Mary Elizabeth serves as an Ambassador for the US Catholic Bishops Care for Creation Covenant and is Special Assistant to the President of Chestnut Hill College for Sustainability. She worked as staff in the Beyond RENEW program of the Department of Human Concerns in the Archdiocese of Newark and taught elementary school in parishes of Philadelphia, PA, Camden and Newark NJ.

**Donation: \$5.00**



**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY**

On Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate World Marriage Day. Accordingly, we will be giving a special blessing to all married couples at weekend masses; especially those who are celebrating significant

anniversaries this year. If you were celebrating your first anniversary, or your 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or more years of marriage in 2017, please call the Parish Center by Thursday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> and provide us with your names, the date of your marriage, a contact phone number, and which mass you plan on attending so we can be prepared to acknowledge your special anniversary.

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