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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

MARIAN
DEVOTIONS:
Mondays
Novena Prayer
11:30am Mass

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September - June

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May 28, 2017 • Seventh Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

Sunday, May 28

- 7:30 am Donald McKinstry – Friend
- 9:00 am For The People
- 10:30 am Michael & Maria Melograno – Family
- 12:00 pm Bill McGuire – Family

Monday, May 29

- 8:30 am Angela Scullion – Friend

Tuesday, May 30

- 7:30 am Deceased of Lubben Family – Bequest
- 11:30 am Mary Ganning – Friend

Wednesday, May 31

- 7:30 am Thomas G. McGarry – Bequest
- 11:30 am Sister Joan Moore – Family

Thursday, June 1

- 7:30 am Teodorico Q. Flores – Family
- 11:30 am Carmelina Syracuse – Bequest

Friday, June 2

- 7:30 am Margaret Sheridan – Friend
- 11:30 am Doris Ambrunn – Friends

Saturday, June 3

- 8:30 am Joseph Rogalcheck – Father/Grandfather

Sunday, June 4

Saturday, June 3

- 5:00 pm Helen Rohan – Family

Sunday, June 4

- 7:30 am Angelo Gene Insalaco – Friend
- 9:00 am Anna & Carlo Grananta – Family
- 10:30 am For The People
- 12:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Nicolette – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Virginia Fallan,
John Kleissler, Nancy Salerno

REST IN PEACE

James Doran

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Church: Special Intention for the Lord

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Today's reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden. The prayer might be read as Jesus' final commendation of himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for his disciples. Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father.

Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the Word, who pre-existed with the Father and was sent to do the Father's work on earth. In this prayer we learn that Jesus' life and ministry have been directed toward one purpose, revealing the Father. When this work is accomplished, Jesus is to return to the Father to be glorified. Regardless of what happens to Jesus, in John's Gospel, Jesus and the Father are in charge. Even in the description of Jesus' death, Jesus does not simply die but instead hands over his spirit.

In today's Gospel we also note the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they are separate from it because they have been given to Jesus. They are chosen from the world to be in service to the world for its salvation.

This salvation has been accomplished in Jesus because Jesus has revealed the Father to the world, but the disciples will be sent by Jesus to make both the Father and Jesus known to the world. Jesus' prayer is for the disciples' work in the world.

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 May 21 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 \$15,032.



Budget Amount	Year to Date	Remaining Amount
\$881,500	\$752,053	\$129,447

The year to date amount is negative by \$41,297 as of week number 45 in our budget year.

EASTER Collection \$54,924 vs. Budget \$52,000

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Care for Our Common Home

A follow-up meeting to the program on Pope Francis' Encyclical, *Care for Our Common Home*, was held and a number of ideas for future work were explored.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, June 1 in the St. Thomas Room of the Parish Center.** All are invited. For further information, please call Joyce Cupoli at 973-785-1840.

Pray the Rosary in May



May is the month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother it is also the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima.

Please say the rosary every day for peace per her request.



STA School
Invites parishioners to join in its
Spring Box Tops Drive

May 15 - June 4, 2017

The School also wishes to THANK parishioners for submitting over 550 Box Tops since the fall drive!

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 vestibule of the church

Visit www.btfе.com and click on "participating products" to find a list of products with coupons.
Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10 cents for our school!

Men's Scripture Reading and Reflection

**ALL MEN are invited Monday, June 5
at 7:30pm in St. James room**

Join a group of ordinary men and spend 90 minutes reflecting on Sunday Scripture and Readings of the coming week.

We are also reading *The Didache*, probably the oldest surviving non-canon literature. Essentially a handbook for new Christians derived directly from the teachings of Jesus.

We'll discuss Church teaching within the readings and learn of what was going on at that time. Share the extraordinary Word of God and together learn more about our beautiful Catholic faith.

You are invited to join the Ushers & Greeters

Saint Thomas is still in need of Ushers & Greeters.

GREETERS welcome parishioners at the doors to help create a warm, joy filled and welcoming community here at St Thomas the Apostle. We want people to feel the same goodness that you feel when you get a warm cordial greeting from family and friends.

USHERS coordinate much of the logistical duties needed to conduct a Mass. In addition to greeting as described above, ushers seat parishioners, handle the collection, distribute materials including the weekly Bulletin and help with whatever is needed.

Being a part of the Ushers and Greeters Ministry gives you the opportunity to help do God's work. We know that all of us have busy lives, but please consider participating. Serving others is a good feeling and we need you.

Thanks & Blessings

Debbie ... Debbie Walsifer ... 862-307-5250 cell

Jeff ... Jeff Monacelli ... 973-568-3826 cell

To join in, cut-out & complete the information below and put it in the collection basket.
We will contact you shortly thereafter.
Any questions, contact either of us.

First and Last Name ... _____

Email ... _____

Home Phone .. _____,

Cell Phone ... _____

Usher () Greeter () ... check either or both

The September Club

invites seniors (55+) to join us for fun & fellowship. In addition to regular meetings, we sponsor special events and trips. For more info call Roz Frunzi at 973-785-0576 or email at rozybabe1@aol.com.

2017 Meeting Dates

June 5th, 12th, 19th

Prayer Shawl Ministry News

The prayer shawl ministry is in need of new members who knit or crochet and would like to share their talent with our ministry. All are welcome to joins us on the 3rd Sunday of each month in the St. Peters room from 11:30 to 1:30 pm.

The meeting gives our members a chance to pray and work together as a group as well as exchange patterns and new ideas to enhance our ability to comfort others in need. You do not need to attend these meetings to be an active member to share your talent with our ministry.

Please come to a meeting or call Betsy @ 973 893-2441 for more information on sharing your talent with our ministry.

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 speaking to one of our members, dropping by one of our meetings or by calling the Parish Center.

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



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

Sands Casino in Bethlehem

Pennsylvania: July 19th. \$32 per person. Includes Bus, Driver Tip, and Bus Snacks. \$20 Free Slot Money & \$5 Food Coupon. Bus will leave at 9:30am & Return at 5pm. \$10 Upon Sign-Up and balance due by June 19th.

Reeves Reed Arboretum, Lunch at Basilico Restaurant, Greenwood

Gardens:

Millburn 9:30am August 15th. \$76 Per Person includes Entrance Fees & Tours of Aboretum and Gardens, Lunch & Gratuity at Restaurant, Bus, & Driver Tip. \$20 Upon Sign-Up and balance due August 7th.

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

Thank You!

We would like to thank the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish community for participating in the STA School Calendar Raffle this year.

Your generosity helped raise over **\$8,000 to support the school and provide our children with a Catholic education.**

We appreciate your contributions and loyalty!

Eucharistic Adoration

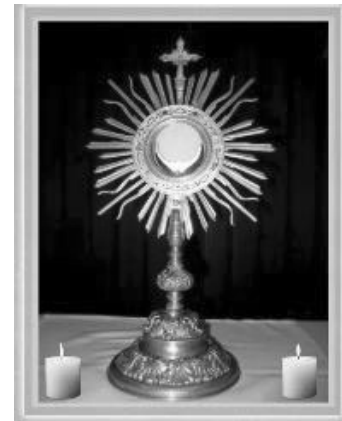
Monday

June 26

In church

After the 11:30 AM Mass until after the Respect Life Service in the evening.

*Why not stop by for a few minutes and say
"thank you" for all your blessings?*



"St. John Paul II's Encyclical letter, "On the Eucharist and its Relationship to the Church" (2003), Paragraph 25, states: 'The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church. This worship is strictly linked to the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. The presence of Christ under the sacred species reserved after Mass - a presence which lasts A LONG As the species of bread and of wine remain - derives from the celebration of the sacrifice and is directed towards communion, both sacramental and spiritual.

It is the responsibility of Pastors to encourage, also by their personal witness, the practice of Eucharistic adoration, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in particular, as well as prayer of adoration before Christ present under the Eucharistic species."

PARISH INFORMATION

Did you know

FOR ST. THOMAS PARISH

Registration

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.

How Do I Arrange a Wedding?

Archdiocesan policy requires that arrangements be made with a Parish Priest at least one year before the wedding date. Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Center, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. You should be a registered parishioner of St. Thomas in order to be married here.

"Time of Marriage"

Well in advance of making other arrangements for your wedding, the time of your marriage should be arranged with one of the Parish Priests.

'Directives'

You should consult one of the parish priests concerning the current Church law when a Catholic is marrying a person of another faith. All procedures for Marriage Preparation must still be followed,

In preparation for Marriage here at Saint Thomas, you would ask you to be willing to follow the norms set by Canon (Church) Law, Archdiocesan and Parish Policy.

Baptisms

We remind you to contact the parish at least three months prior to the Baptism of your child.

We have scheduled various dates for Baptisms during the year. These schedules are published in the Bulletin and are available at the Parish Center.

Baptism is a community celebration. Individual Baptisms are normally performed only in case of necessity.

Recycling Tips: It is important to know what, where and how to recycle. These days almost everything can be recycled and most townships offer those services. It helps your town with income and helps the environment with less trash! In addition to your regular pickups, electronics, clothing, motor oil, appliances can all be recycled through your municipal recycle center or Department of Public Works.

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bloomfieldtwpnj.com/main/services/recycling

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Map:1 Recycle Drive

cliftonnj.org/content/recycling-department

Montclair - Department of Community Services 973-509-5711

Map:219 North Fullerton Avenue

Nutley - Recycling 8am - 4pm Mon - Friday 973-284-4984

nutleynj.org/recycling

Glen Ridge - Recycling

glenridgenj.org/recycling.htm

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

On May 27, seven men will be ordained as priests at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Five of the men are resident seminarians of Immaculate Conception Seminary; one is a resident seminarian of Redemptoris Mater; and one studied at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

Rev. Philip Micele said, "I am deeply grateful for all the support, both financial and spiritual, which the people of the Archdiocese of Newark have provided us. Their contributions enable us to have access to excellent professors and formatters who help us to grow as men of prayer, and come to know and love the Lord and his church more deeply. During my years as a seminarian, I can say I've experienced a lot of personal growth, and so much of that is due to the generosity of the people of the Archdiocese of Newark."

Although each new priest took a different journey in responding to God's call, all of them share a deep humility at being called to the priesthood and the common desire to do the will of God and serve His Church.

Thank you for your support of the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal which provides funding to our seminaries.



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