Whatever your status in the Church, whatever your family/marital situation, whatever your religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here in the Catholic Community of Saint Thomas the Apostle!
Thirty — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17, 2019

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16 - Saint Margaret of Scotland, Saint Gertrude, BVM
VIGIL
8:15am + Ann Featherman r/o Hopkins Family
4:00pm + Thomas Corcoran r/o Fillimon Family
5:30pm + Ralph Nocera r/o D’Mello Family

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17 - THIRTY-THIRD SUN ORD
7:30am + For Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00am + John Connolly r/o Sousa Family
10:30am + Marco Guarino r/o Kathy Salmon
12:00pm + Phyllis Thornton r/o Larry & Joan McGrath

MONDAY NOVEMBER 18 - Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter/Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
8:15am + Andrew Cangelosi r/o Mercedes Dalomba
7:00pm** + For Parishioners, Living and Deceased

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19
8:15am + “Big John” Krajceck r/o Deacon Scott Titmas
7:00pm + Mary Helen Keevins r/o Keevins Family

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20
8:15am + Joseph Rodriguez r/o Margaret Angel/Padin Fam.
7:00pm + Gus & Armenia Sigmund r/o Daughter, Linda Villa & Son, Chet Sigmund

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21 - Presentation of the Bl. Mary
8:15am + Theresa Toolan-Veverka r/o Ives Family
7:00pm + Ron Weber r/o Alice & Percy Brown

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22 - Saint Cecelia, Martyr
8:15am + Mark McCoy & Kim McCoy Luczkw r/o Elaine Clarkin
7:00pm + Msgr. Richard Behl r/o Joseph/Jennifer Pasqua

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23 - Saint Clement, Pope Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin, Priest
VIGIL
8:15am + Christopher Liguori r/o Joe & Susan Olive
4:00pm + Nicholas Vastola r/o MaryAnn Fran & Tony
5:30pm + Robert Balint r/o Balint & Gracon Family

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24 - THIRTY-FOURTH SUN ORD
7:30am + Lisa Ann Seledotis r/o Aunt Patricia & Family
9:00am + Nicholas Tricardo r/o Chris & Frank Doyle
10:30am + Thomas Gallagher r/o Gallagher Family
12:00pm + Charlie Donnelly r/o Chris & Frank Doyle

**Mass in Church

Welcome to the Parish Family of St. Thomas!
If you are new to the community, Welcome! We are grateful to the Lord for your presence with us and look forward to including you in all areas of parish life. Please take a moment to stop by the Parish Office and register with us and after Mass please introduce yourself to Fr. Jay, Fr. Frank or Fr. Anthony. Registering and using your envelopes makes it easier for us to provide documentation, such as a certificate for sponsoring a child for Baptism or Confirmation or to arrange for a wedding. So please register...and Welcome!

Parish Office
One St. Thomas Plaza
Old Bridge, NJ 08857
Tel: 732.251.4000 Fax: 732.251.4946
School Tel: 732.251.4812
PREP Tel: 732.251.1660

Hours (Lunch 12:30pm-1:30pm approx.):
Monday and Friday: 9:00am—4:00pm
Tues./Wed./Thurs: 9:00am-8:00pm
Saturday-Sunday: 11am—1:30pm

Contact Information:
Website: www.sainthomasob.com
www.facebook.com/pages/St-Thomas-the-Apostle-Church-Old-Bridge-NJ
Parish Office Staff
Business Administrator: Ms. Michelle Loney
Parish Secretary: Ms. Kristine Yuhas
Reception/Bingo Coordinator: Ms. Angelica Gangemi
Bulletin Editor: Ms. Justine Durstewitz

Sacramental Information
BAPTISMS: (1:30pm, most Sundays) The Church calls GODPARENTS, to be practicing Catholics, examples of Christ-centered living today. All Godparents should submit Sponsor letters from their Parish ASAP—but no later than three weeks before the scheduled Baptism. PARENTS must attend a Baptism Preparation Session. (Registration is required.)

MARRIAGES:
Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance—before any social plans. Either the bride or groom must be a registered member of our parish. Once a marriage questionnaire (available in Pastoral Center) is completed/returned, a Parish Priest or Deacon will then contact the couple.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
In case of dangerous illness or accident, phone the Pastoral Center. A communal celebration of the Sacrament is held each year in the Spring.

PENANCE: Individual Confessions most Saturdays, 12:30pm and immediately following 5:30pm Mass. Communal Penance during Lent/Advent with visiting clergy.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Parishioners desiring the Sacraments, please contact Pastoral Center.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES . . .
Sanctuary Candle/Mary Candle. (lit for one week in church/chapel, available during daytime in Pastoral Center).

Wall of Remembrance: Honor your Loved One’s with a candle that burns for one year and has a plaque under the candle in the church.
**DECEASED LOVED ONES**
Dorothy Adamic, Ellen Ruane, Hermina Persaud, Ralph Nocera and Susan Legere

**PARISH PIPE ORGAN FUND**
This weekend: (Third Sunday of the month through December) this special collection is for the refurbishing of our current pipe organ, so that we may achieve our goal of repairing it. Special envelopes will be available at the exits of the church, as well as a brochure for memorial opportunities.

**2020 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**
Please pick up your envelopes in the auditorium after Mass. Thank you!

**NEXT WEEKEND: SECOND COLLECTION**
...is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the U.S. live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. Learn more about the campaign www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**
*Tuesday, December 10, 7pm*
This service includes Scripture reading, a brief homily and a communal examination of conscience, followed by individual confessions (church).

Visiting priests will be here. (No 7pm Mass.)

**PRE-ORDER YOUR 2020 CALENDAR RAFFLE NOW !!!**
Only a limited number of calendars will be printed. Order now while supplies last! 366 times to win (leap year!) Cost is $25 and is a great Christmas gift! Order you calendar at the “Welcome Desk” today!!!

**CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!!! (18-35)**
Celebrating our 3rd year! Next meeting: Today! Join our Young Adult group on the third Sunday of the month to meet new friends, forge relationships and stay connected to the Church! Info: John staya316@gmail.com.

**PARISH SUPPORT**
Here at STA we encourage you to be Christian Stewards, using everything God has given us—time, talent, treasure—to serve Him gratefully.

Last week’s collections: $11, 090 (+’18:$11,161) Poor: $780

Online Giving... Visit our website and get started: www.saintthomasob.com.
**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish School**

**Pre-K - 8th Grade**

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**Blue Ribbon Award Recipient**

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**Register for a Tour Today!**

*Contact: Admissions Office 732.251.4812 x8253*

333 Highway 18, Old Bridge

*Visit our website: www.sttaob.com*

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**Old Bridge Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

*Tuesday, November 26, 7:30pm*

Simpson United Methodist Church, 2095 Rte. 516 OB

Please attend, express gratitude for all blessings and share in the fellowship

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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**STA CHOIR FUNDRAISER**

St. Thomas Parish Choir is holding their annual See’s Candy Fundraiser. Order forms are available in the auditorium after all Masses and should be returned **no later than November 24**, so that orders can be placed and delivered for pickup the weekend of December 14/15. See’s Candy items make great teacher gifts, employee gifts, and even stocking stuffers, as well as a welcome addition to any Christmas dessert table. Please remember that some items come already wrapped for Christmas, which makes gift giving quite easy. While promoting the See’s Candy Fundraiser after Masses, the choir will also have the choir cookbook “Recipes to Remember” Favorite Recipes of the St. Thomas Parish Choir and Friends” available for those who may have missed them last year. This will give everyone plenty of time to add some great recipes to their Christmas gatherings!!!

This year the proceeds of these combined fundraisers will be donated directly to the organ refurbishment fund and we greatly appreciate your support!

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**Fr. Campoli Healing Mass**

*November 19, 7pm*

St. Thomas Church

All are welcome to attend Fr. Campoli’s Healing Mass here at St. Thomas! Fr. Campoli was an Associate Pastor here from May of 1970 until September 1973. For over thirty years, Fr. Campoli has been involved in both Renewal and Healing Ministry. His Love Ministries is an International Intercessory Prayer Ministry dedicated to bringing people to a deeper understanding of the love that God has for them.

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**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Holy Moments:**

**How are you spending your time?**

Holy moments are actions you take to demonstrate Christ within you. It is being led by the Holy Spirit, doing God’s will. It can be as simple as smiling at someone who needs a smile, visiting a sick friend or signing up to be a teacher for PREP. Take time to read some of the Holy Moments shared by your fellow parishioners that are already posted on the wall in the lobby of the church and share your holy moments by filling out a label and dropping it into the box.

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**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

All parents must participate in a Baptismal Preparation Program (if possible before the birth of your child). Next class: **Tuesday, November 26, 7:30pm (Parish Rm). Registration required.** Remember, the Sacrament of Baptism is a sacred event regulated by Church (Canon) law. **Please do not plan any activity until dates are confirmed.** Questions? Phone Pastoral Center: 732.251.4000.

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**See’s FAMINE**

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**BINGO**

(Including progressive) All proceeds support Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish School: Sundays - 5:00pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays - 11:00am; Friday—9:00pm and Midnight.
BLANKET MINISTRY

There is no meeting in November or December... Do you enjoy crocheting or knitting? Do you want to comfort the ill? Phone: Kathy (732-238-7187). Anyone in need of a prayer blanket contact the Pastoral Center (732-251-4000).
SENIOR’S MEETING

Our next meeting is **November 18, 1pm** in the Parish Room.

HOLY NAME PRESENTS

“The Christmas Carol” December 1, 2019

Featuring Riddlesbrood Touring Co. Photo booth & Buffet Dinner (Location K of C) 111 Pine St. OB

Doors open 3:30pm– Show 4pm-7pm, Cost $40pp 2/$70

John Thornton 732.763.3280

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**ST. THOMAS CALENDAR Raffle**

| 1-Nov-19 | 418 | 16-Nov-19 | 610 |
| 2-Nov-19 | 919 | 17-Nov-19 | 758 |
| 3-Nov-19 | 411 | 18-Nov-19 | 2 |
| 4-Nov-19 | 717 | 19-Nov-19 | 610 |
| 5-Nov-19 | 410 | 20-Nov-19 | 717 |
| 6-Nov-19 | 510 | 21-Nov-19 | 410 |
| 7-Nov-19 | 235 | 22-Nov-19 | 510 |
| 8-Nov-19 | 311 | 23-Nov-19 | 235 |
| 9-Nov-19 | 112 | 24-Nov-19 | 311 |
| 10-Nov-19 | 423 | 25-Nov-19 | 112 |
| 11-Nov-19 | 131 | 26-Nov-19 | 423 |
| 12-Nov-19 | 57 | 27-Nov-19 | 131 |
| 13-Nov-19 | 100 | 28-Nov-19 | 57 |
| 14-Nov-19 | 387 | 29-Nov-19 | 100 |
| 15-Nov-19 | 980 | 30-Nov-19 | 387 |

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Music at Saint Mary’s presents** the Five Musicians of Quincep­tion on Sunday, **November 17, 4pm**, 256 Augusta St, South Am­boy. Free admission ($15 offering suggested). Family-friendly concert will be followed by a Meet-the-Artists reception.

**Bridge Women’s Center Gala, Friday, December 6, 7:00pm.** 125 White Oak Lane, Old Bridge. Keynote speaker Abby John­son, author of the nationally best selling book and movie “Unplanned.” Reserve **tiny.cc/bwgc gala** by November 22.

**St. Lawrence Tricky Tray, Parish Hall, Laurence Parkway, De­ce­m­ber 20. Doors open 1pm. Tickets $10. Call 732.290.3002.**

**Pilgrimage to Philadelphia Shrine of St. John Neumann, Saturday, December 14, 7am-5pm. Cost: $40. Mail to Church of the Immaculate Conception New Evangelization, 35 Mountain Ave. Somerville, NJ 08876.**


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**PRAY FOR THE SICK**


*Please pray for all the sick. (Names will remain on our sick list for one month, after which time they will be removed, unless we are notified to the contrary.) The Clergy will be happy to visit parishioners confined to local hospitals. Phone the Pasto­ral Center: 732.251.4000*

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**MILITARY MEMBERS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS**

If you have a family member deployed overseas please stop at the “Welcome Desk” in the Main Lobby, so that the name(s) can be added to our Military Prayer List. **May God bless all of our military service members and their families. Thank you for your service! 2nd Class Petty Officer Kyle Conlon - serving Japan Major Scott Daniels - serving in Japan SP4 Mark Gonzalez 82nd Airborne - serving in Iraq Sergeant Thomas Jobson - serving in India**

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**COME & TURN OVER A NEW LEAF: VOLUNTEER**

Are you looking for a flexible volunteer opportunity? Inter­faith Network of Care (INC.) is looking for caring people who are interested in driving, visiting or providing res­pite care to those in need locally. To receive more info: please call 732.247.1655 or visit our website www.interfaithnetworkofcare.org. We will hold a training on **Thursday, November 21, 7pm** with refreshments at St. Francis Cathedral’s Solarium Room in Metuchen. Please RSVP by Nov. 18. Thank you!

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**MOTHER SETON HIGH SCHOOL**

**One Valley Road, Clark, NJ 07066**

732.382.1952 www.motherseton.org

**Scholarship Exam • Saturday, November 23, 8:30am**

**Register online deadline November 18**

**Open House • Tuesday, December 10, 7pm**
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