

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday Eve: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30, 9:00,
10:30am & 12:15pm
(12 Noon during summer months)

Weekdays: 7:30, & 11:30am

Saturday Mornings: 8:30am Only

Holy Days:
7:30, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Holidays: 8:30am Only

INTERPRETED MASS
FOR THE DEAF
Fourth Sunday
of Each Month
12:15pm

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

MARIAN DEVOTIONS:
Mondays
Novena Prayer
11:30am Mass

LITURGY OF
THE WORD
WITH CHILDREN:
Sundays: 10:30am Mass
September - June

CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
SERVICES
OFFERING SOCIAL
SERVICE ASSISTANCE
1(800) CCS-7413
Fax: 596-3735

Rev. Charles J. Miller, M. Div., Pastor

Rev. Peter K. Funesti, M. Div., Parochial Vicar

Rev. Philip A. Sanders, S.T.B., Parochial Vicar

Rev. Thomas F. Blind, M. Div., In Residence

PERMANENT DEACONS:

Deacon Albert H. Tizzano

Deacon Dennis J. Besida

Deacon Thomas J. Coyle

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR
ELEMENTARY CATECHETICS:
Tracey Rennie

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE
FOR PARISH MINISTRY:
Sister Arleen Crimmins, O.P.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:
Ms. Joan Ferraer

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL
MUSIC MINISTRIES:
Nancy A. Cardone

ASSISTANT LITURGICAL
MUSIC MINISTERS:
Paul DiBianca
Kimberley Mesiti

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR FAMILY
& ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES:
Robert P. Miller

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:
Mr. Timothy Dennin

PASTORAL COUNCIL:
Tom Rossano, Chairperson
Orly Trias, Vice Chairperson
Michele Sweetman, Secretary

FINANCE CHAIRMEN:
Peter Maulbeck, Finance Council
Patrick DeCotiis, Finance Committee

May 4, 2008 . Seventh Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

Sunday, May 4

Saturday, May 3

5:00 pm Josephine Battista - Daughter

Sunday, May 4

7:30 am Esterina & Silvester Fusco - Family

9:00 am Claire McCarron - Friend

10:30 am Clifford Sharkey - Friends

12:15 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, May 5

7:30 am Deceased Members of McIntyre Family -Bequest

11:30 am Thomas & Roger Malone - Friend

Tuesday, May 6

7:30 am Robert Stivala - Friend

11:30 am Sadie & James Burns - Family

Wednesday, May 7

7:30 am Frank Veloce - Family

11:30 am Joseph Pagano - Family

Thursday, May 8

7:30 am Frank Veloce - Family

11:30 am Pasquale G. Fazzi - Bequest

Friday, May 9

7:30 am Gina Safonte - Parents

11:30 am Robert Stivala - Friend

Saturday, May 10

8:30 am Richard F. Curcio (3rd Anniversary) - Wife

Sunday, May 11

Saturday, May 10

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 11

7:30 am All Mothers Living and Deceased

9:00 am All Mothers Living and Deceased

10:30 am All Mothers Living and Deceased

12:15 pm All Mothers Living and Deceased

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Glenn Stickles, Ann Wagner,
Geraldine Halpin, Judy Sabatino
Fasone and Franco Families

Rest in Peace

Augustine Jordon, Louis Berto

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Rita Petykowski

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23



In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

Pray For Vocations



"...and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept because it neither sees nor knows Him." This Advocate and Spirit of truth, which is the Holy Spirit, dwells in the hearts of each baptized Christian. The world cannot accept, and even at times rejects, the Truth that this Spirit has given in the form of the Catholic faith. As a priest, deacon or religious, it is the duty of those in the consecrated or ordained life to recall and remind the faithful to follow the guidance of this Spirit, not of the world. Are you willing to seek the faithful out and assist them in following the Holy Spirit as He dwells in the Church and in their hearts? If so, you may have a vocation. Pray for the wisdom, truth and strength of the Triune God and contact the Office of Vocations at kellybar@rcan.org or 973.497.4365.



Right to Life


For our Holy Father:
in thanksgiving for his devotion
to the Gospel of life;

We pray to the Lord

Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program

The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Mon-Fri, 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Call the Parish Center at 973-338-9190 ext. 20. 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.

Mother's Day Remembrance


Included in your recent packet of envelopes is a Mother's Day remembrance envelope. **The Masses on Mother's Day, May 11th, will be offered for the living and deceased Mothers of our Parishioners.** The envelopes with the names of Mothers inscribed on them will be placed near the altar on that day. Remember Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, Sisters, and Daughters. A limited number of Mother's Day cards are available at the Parish Center which shows that your designated Mother is remembered this day.

7th Sunday of Easter

We have entered the last week of the great season of Easter. We are in between the celebration of the Ascension (when Christ returned to his Father) and that of Pentecost (when the Holy Spirit, will be poured out upon the disciples). The nine days counted from Ascension to Pentecost constitute the original novena – nine days in which the readings from the liturgy recount the prayer and patient waiting of the disciples. This novena is still observed today by the faithful.

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LECTIONARY

FIRST READING: Acts recounts the prayer of the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary as they anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Remember that we are in the midst of the Pentecost novena, so this reading serves as a model for the Church these last days before the great solemnity concluding the Easter season.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 27 is a wonderful psalm of trust and faith in the promises of the Lord. Indeed, we will see God's goodness in the land of the living – God has promised it. In the same hope, the Second Reading from the first letter of St. Peter promises rejoicing at the revelation of Christ's glory. This is our faith; this is our hope.

GOSPEL: In the Gospel according to John, Jesus' prayer for the disciples is included – a beautiful prayer for unity, for strength, for courage, and for hope.

Session Dates for Baptism for 2008

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

In the St. James Room in the Parish Center

May 25	1:30pm
July 6	1:30pm
Sept 7	1:30pm
Oct 12	1:30pm

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS FOR 2008

May 18	1:45pm
June 8	12:15pm
June 29	1:45pm
July 20	1:45pm
Aug 10	1:45pm
Aug 31	1:45pm

RCIA NEWS

Please remember all of our RCIA candidates in your prayers who will be receiving First Eucharist and Confirmation on the Feast of Pentecost, May 11.



There will be a second collection next week, May 11th for the Sisters of Charity.



"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 5/5

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
Men's prayer and Bible Study – 7:30pm in St. Matthew

Wednesday - 5/7

Prayer Shawl Meeting – 7:30pm in St. Thomas

Thursday – 5/8

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 5/9

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in Church
Separated, Divorced & Widowed – 8:00pm in St. Thomas

Sunday – 5/11

Mother's Day
Pentecost Sunday

Rosarian News

Our last meeting for this season will be May 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Peter room whereby installation of the following new members will be held:

Bernadette Lipoma
Rosalie Mescall
Kim Perez
Mary Ellen DeCotiis

We wish everyone a happy Mother's Day with family and a safe and relaxing summer.



Moving? Please let us know.



Within the parish – to update new address
Out of parish – to discontinue mailings
Please call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190.

**St. Thomas the Apostle School
2008 Calendar Sweepstakes Winners!**

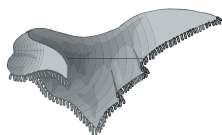
**This week's winners
will be announced
in next week's bulletin.**

CONGRATULATION TO ALL WINNERS!!!

REGISTRATION **Did you know**
FOR ST. THOMAS PARISH

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.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



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

Our next Sunday 1:30 p.m. meetings are scheduled for May 18th and June 15th. The next Wednesday evening meetings are scheduled for May 7th and June 4th. We will be working on winter accessories for the homeless. There will be a member offering instructions on knitting and crocheting hats. To partake in these instructions, you will need to bring the following items:

- One scan of worsted wool yarn
- An ‘I’ crochet hook or size 6, 7, or 8 knitting needles
- A set of four double pointed or a set of single pointed

Shawls and lap robes are available for those who need them. If you have any questions call Bernadette @ 973-893-0114 or Alicia @ 973-473-6633. If you need a shawl please call Sr. Arleen @ 973-338-9190 x-34.

Adult Enrichment

Fifth Annual Faith and Family Conference

Do you want to strengthen your marriage? The theme for this year’s conference is “Joy in Christian Marriage. Special guest speaker is Dr. Philip Mango. Dr. Mango is the President and Co-Founder of St. Michael’s Institute for the Psychological Sciences and is a professor at the John Paul II Institute. He has worked closely with Mother Teresa over a 12 year period on mental health projects for the poor. Conference is Saturday, May 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person or \$20 per couple. For more information call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x20. Please register by May 27.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

RETURN FORM TO PARISH CENTER

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

John Angotti in Concert 5/10

EMAIL TIM DENNIN WITH ANY QUESTIONS tdennin@att.net

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



We would like to visit our parishioners who are home-bound, in the hospital or other health care facility. Due to 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 phone number so we may return your call or you may leave the information at the Parish Desk on Sunday mornings.

**SELECT QUOTATIONS ON LIFE ISSUES FROM
HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XVI & THE U.S.
CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS**

On the Fundamental Right to Life
Pope Benedict XVI:

- God’s love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother’s womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1:26) in each one.ⁱ
- [L]ife is the first good received from God and is fundamental to all others; to guarantee the right to life for all and in an equal manner for all is the duty upon which the future of humanity depends.ⁱⁱ

ⁱ Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Participants at the 12th General Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life and Congress on “The Human Embryo in the Pre-Implantation Phase” (February 27, 2006),

ⁱⁱ Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Participants in the General Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life

St. Thomas the Apostle Youth Group

is proud to present

An Evening of Praise and Worship

May 10th, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in
St. Thomas the Apostle Church



JOHN ANGOTTI

Returns to
St. Thomas the Apostle

John will be present at a Liturgy Workshop,
A Saturday Night Concert, and will bring his
Music Ministry to all Masses on Sunday, May
11th, 2008.

He gave us a spectacular concert last year,
don't miss it this year!

Free will offering will be collected.

HOLY NAME
MAN OF THE YEAR DINNER
HONORING
2008 SELECTEE

RICHARD BEVERE

TUESDAY, MAY 20th, 2008
MASS AT ST. VALENTINE CHURCH 7:00 P.M.
DINNER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE
ESSEX MANOR

COST \$30 PER PERSON
FOR RESERVATION CALL PAUL ALONGI
AT 973-338-4665 OR SEND A CHECK TO
PAUL AT 21 LEO TERRACE BLOOMFIELD
OR LEAVE A CHECK AT THE HOLY NAME BOX
LOCATED AT THE PARISH CENTER.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HIGH SCHOOL

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair will host their 19th Annual Golf Tournament, Thursday, May 8, at Knoll West Golf Club in Parsippany. Entry fee of \$200 per person includes green fees, cart, gifts, lunch and buffet dinner with open bar and awards. Lunch at 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. shot gun.

Sponsorships are available. All proceeds benefit the students of Immaculate Conception High School. For additional information and applications, please call 973-744-7445 ext. 31.

HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

Saturday, May 10, Health & Wellness Fair at Immaculate Conception High School, 33 Cottage Place, Montclair from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Blood Pressure, diabetes, skin screenings. Food demos, the Magician of Nutrition, Dance Dance Revolution, DJ. Free and open to the public, prizes, raffles, giveaways. For information call 973-744-7445 ext. 31.

A Health Tip from the Wellness Ministry GET THAT DENTAL CHECK-UP NOW

Need another good reason to brush your teeth? Researchers at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Harvard School for Public Health have identified a link between periodontal (gum) disease and pancreatic cancer. After adjusting for age and other factors they found men with periodontal disease have a 63 percent higher risk of developing pancreatic cancer when compared to those with good oral health. (Michaud, 2007)

Prevention of periodontal disease is good oral hygiene. Brushing twice a day, flossing and going for regular dental cleaning; it will not only give you a brighter smile, but protect your over all health as well.

BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

1040 Oradell Ave, Oradell, NJ 07649

The following Summer Camp Programs will be held at Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, NJ

- The Crusader Basketball School: 3 Sessions - July 14-18, and July 21-25. For boys ages 8-15. For information: BC Basketball Office at (201) 634-2204
- 2008 Championship Football Camp: 2 sessions - July 28-31, and Aug 4-7. For boys grades 5-9. For information: BC Football Office (201) 634-4127.
- The Central Bergen Lacrosse Camp: 2 sessions - July 7-11, July 14-18. For boys ages 8-15. For information: BC Lacrosse Office (201) 634-4141
- Soccer's Edge: 1 session - June 23-27. For boys entering grades 6, 7 & 8. For info (201) 847-2500.
- Wrestling: Open mats - Monday & Wednesday evenings 7-8:30 p.m., April 2 - July 28. Ages 8 and up. For information: dbell@bergencatholic.org.

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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2008

Hosted by: **SACRED HEART CHURCH**
Sponsored by Multicultural Ministry
At the Sacred Heart School Auditorium
683 Bloomfield, Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003



With Dynamic Speakers:
Fr. Bill Halbing
Sis. Pauline Cinquini
Fr. Paul Lehman

May 9, 2008 - 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
May 10, 2008 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Topics Cover:

God's Love, Salvation, the New Life, Receiving,
Healing & Reconciliation, God's Gift, The Baptism in
the Holy Spirit, and Growth & Transformation.

Registration Fee: \$10.00 per person
Breakfast / Lunch / Snack will be served

For more information and registration, contact the
Sacred Heart Rectory at (973) 748-1800

Ministry of Spiritual Direction

Summer Directed Retreat By The Ocean **Thurs June 26 – Sun June 29 or** **Thurs July 3rd – Sun July 6**



The Upper Room Spiritual Center
West Bangs Ave, Neptune, NJ
Exit 100B off the Garden State Parkway
5 mins from the Beach

***"I have come that you may have life
and have it to the full!" (Jn.10:10)***

**Come and experience the healing power of
God's unconditional loving presence and the gift
it holds for restoring your sense of well-being.**

- **Home cooked meals**
- **Private rooms**
- **Air conditioned building**
- **Beach just 5 minutes away**
- **Peaceful surroundings,**
- **Private meetings with a spiritual director**
- **Those generous surprises from God.**

For information call: Anna Graziano – (973) 338 -9538
Offering -\$225 (Reservations limited)

CALLING ALL FIREFIGHTERS! MAY 4TH



St. Florian was an officer in the Roman army in the third century. He is said to have stopped a town from burning by throwing a single bucket of water on the blaze, and thus explains his association with fire fighters and those protect us from fire.

The Annual Archdiocesan St. Florian Mass in celebration of the Fire Service will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, May 4th at 3PM. All active and retired firefighters, professional and volunteer, their families and friends are invited to attend. Firefighters are asked to attend in uniform and to be seated in the Cathedral by 2:45 for the pipes and drums processional. More info at <http://www.rcan.org/stflorianmass>

SENIOR PROPERTY TAX FREEZE

Homeowners ages 65 and over may qualify for the Property Tax Reimbursement Program if their incomes do not exceed the following: for a single person, \$43,693 in 2006 and \$45,135 in 2007; for a married couple, \$53,576 in 2006 and \$55,344 in 2007. Upon application, property taxes are "frozen" in the base year, and the property tax increase in the ensuing years is refunded.

The deadline for application is June 2, 2008.
Applications are available at the Bloomfield Tax Assessor's Office at 973-680-4021.

Great Idea for Mother's Day

To honor your mother (living or deceased) this **Mother's Day**, Catholic Charities is offering a meaningful gift. For a minimum donation of \$5, the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network will send your mom or the person you designate a card noting your donation to help feed the hungry of the Archdiocese. Monies received will be used **ONLY** for the purchase of emergency food supplies for 75 pantries in Essex, Hudson, Union, and Bergen counties. Mail your donation to:

EFNN, Catholic Charities
37 Evergreen Pl, E Orange, NJ 07018
or call (973) 266-7941

Please Print:

My Name: _____

Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

Name to Enroll: _____ **Living**
Deceased

Telephone#: _____

Send to: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

Sign Card FROM: _____

Your mom will be so proud of you for recognizing her caring in such a meaningful way.