

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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## PERMANENT DEACONS:

Deacon Albert H. Tizzano • Deacon Dennis J. Besida • Deacon Thomas J. Coyle

## 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 & 7:00pm

Holidays: 8:30am Only

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR  
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Tracey Rennie

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

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:  
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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  
Vincent Lipoma, Vice Chairperson  
Michele Sweetman, Secretary

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

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

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September 21, 2008 . 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, September 21**

**Saturday, September 20**

5:00 pm Ann DiLaura - Granddaughter

**Sunday, September 21**

7:30 am James & Janet Fearon (45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.)

9:00 am Mamie & Louis DeCicco - Family

10:30 am Frank Veloce - Family

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

**Monday, September 22**

7:30 am Jerry Mulvaney - Friend

11:30 am John H. Flaherty - Friend

**Tuesday, September 23**

7:30 am Deceased Members of Klenk Family - Bequest

11:30 am Jerome T. Mulvaney - Friend

**Wednesday, September 24**

7:30 am Barbara Ellmer (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) - Husband

11:30 am Mary Singer - Friend

**Thursday, September 25**

7:30 am Jerome Mulvaney - Friend

11:30 am John & Mary Walters - Children & Family

**Friday, September 26**

7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Dante N. Albanese - Children

11:30 am Jacqueline Sefjack - Family

**Saturday, September 27**

8:30 am Genevive Muller - Son

**Sunday, September 28**

**Saturday, September 27**

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, September 28**

7:30 am Maria DeRogatis - Daughter

9:00 am Edwin May - Friend

10:30 am Alfred Trotola - Wife

12:00 pm Luciano Bosso (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) - Family

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Paul Strickland, Frank Korec, Eleanor McKeon  
Cathy McAlvanah, Domenic Mattia, Alex Wessel  
John Kearney, Franco & Fasone Families

**REST IN PEACE:**

Judy Sabatino, John Downey, Jr., Henry E. Dwyer

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** John & Mary Walters



**Twenty-fifth Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time**

Matthew takes us into the last of the five discourses and narratives at the center of the Gospel. The life of discipleship, which leads unwaveringly to the cross, is Jesus' focus.

**Lectionary**

■ THE GOSPEL: Jesus tells the parable of the workers and the vineyard. Throughout the day the foreman hires workers. All of them, even those hired late in the day, receive a full day's wage. Such is the kingdom of God, says Jesus.

■ FIRST READING: In Isaiah, the Lord asserts that his thoughts are not ours. His view of life is not ours. These are powerful words to help prepare us for the message of today's Gospel account.

■ PSALM 145: The psalmist proclaims that the Lord is kind and merciful, and in the response we affirm that the Lord is near to all who call out to him.

■ SECOND READING: We begin to hear from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. He writes to them with the firmest conviction that whatever his life holds in the near future - life or death - he knows that he remains in Christ Jesus. He is willing to die at this point, because it will unite him with his savior. However, he is willing to stay and continue the mission if it is God's will.

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2; 1-11 or 2: 1-5

Matthew 21: 28-32



**PLEASE NOTE**

**our Sunday afternoon Mass has been  
PERMANENTLY CHANGED  
to 12:00 Noon and the Saturday afternoon  
Mass begins at 5:00 p.m. sharp.**

**Visit our website at  
[www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com)**

## **A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States**

*A series of excerpts that we will share with you on the weekends between now and Election Day.*

The following is an excerpt from *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*. This document, issued by the bishops in November, 2007, suggests key issues for our prayerful reflection as we prepare to fulfill our responsibilities as voters in the national election this November 4. The full text of the document can be found at [www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/FCStatement.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/FCStatement.pdf). Additional resources for families, groups and individuals are available at [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).

### **CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION**

46. The human person is not only sacred but also social. Full human development takes place in relationship with others. The family—based on marriage between a man and a woman—is the first and fundamental unit of society and is a sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children. It should be defended and strengthened, not redefined or undermined by permitting same-sex unions or other distortions of marriage. Respect for the family should be reflected in every policy and program. It is important to uphold parents' rights and responsibilities to care for their children, including the right to choose their children's education.

47. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects the common good and the capacity of individuals to develop their full potential. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate actively in shaping society and to promote the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

48. The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions, yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, and advance the common good.

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### **American Bishops Respond to US Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's Misrepresentation of Catholic Teaching on Abortion**

**DENVER ARCHBISHOP CHARLES J. CHAPUT**

Archbishop Chaput's statement said, among other things, that "ardent, practicing Catholics will quickly learn from the historical record that from apostolic times, the Christian tradition overwhelmingly held that abortion was grievously evil. In the absence of modern medical knowledge, some of the Early Fathers held that abortion was homicide; others that it was tantamount to homicide; and various scholars theorized about when and how the unborn child might be animated or 'ensouled.' But none diminished the unique evil of abortion as an attack on life itself, and the early Church closely associated abortion with infanticide. In short, from the beginning, the believing Christian community held that abortion was always, gravely wrong."

## *Stewardship Prayer*

*S. Marie Schwan*

*Lord God,  
You alone are the source of every good gift,*



*of the vast array of the universe,  
and the mystery of each human life.  
We praise You and we thank You  
for Your great power  
and Your tender, faithful love.*

*Everything we are and everything we have  
is Your gift,*



*and after having created us  
You have given us  
into the keeping of Your Son, Jesus Christ.*

*Fill our minds with His truth  
and our hearts with His love,  
that in His Spirit we may be bonded together  
into a community of faith,*



*a parish family, a caring people.*

*In the Name and Spirit of Jesus,  
we commit ourselves to be good stewards  
of the gifts entrusted to us,*



*to share our time, our talent,  
our material gifts as an outward sign  
of the Treasure we hold in Jesus.*

*Amen.*

**SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS**



**USE SHOPRITE  
GIFT CARDS!!**



**Help St. Thomas the Apostle School  
earn 5% of your Shoprite purchase.**

If you already do your grocery shopping at Shoprite use Shoprite gift cards instead of cash.

When you purchase Shoprite gifts cards from a member of the Home & School, St. Thomas the Apostle School will get 5% of the total amount you purchase at no cost to you!

The Home & School will have a booth at the Parish Picnic where you may purchase your gift cards.

**PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL.**

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**  
Prayer / Blessing



Lord our God,  
You sent us your Son Jesus  
To teach us by word and example  
that true wisdom comes from you alone.

Send Your Spirit upon students, their teachers  
and their catechists and fill them with Your wisdom.  
Grant that during this academic year  
they may devote themselves to their studies  
and share what they have learned from others.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Religious Education News**

CCD classes will begin the week of Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. Grades 5-8 will meet on Mondays and grades 1-4 will meet on Tuesdays from 3:40 – 5:00 each week. We need two teachers for Monday afternoons. We will provide training and guidance – no experience necessary. Please consider sharing your faith with a child. Call Tracey or Maria in the Religious Education office at 973-338-7400.



**Confirmation dates  
to remember:**

**Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Penance Service at 7pm**

Sacrament of Confirmation (A thru M) Oct. 19th  
Sacrament of Confirmation (M thru Z) Oct. 26th

**Adult Enrichment  
LECTURE SERIES ON ST. PAUL**

**Guest Lecturer: Dr. Chris Carr**  
**Topic: The Mystical Body of Christ**  
**Next Lecture: Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. in Parish Center**

For more information  
call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x29.

**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**

**“THIS WEEK”**

**Monday – 9/22**

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter  
Women’s Cornerstone - 7:30pm in Parish Center  
Respect Life - 7:30pm in Church  
Men’s prayer and Bible Study – 7:30pm in St. Matthew

**Thursday – 9/18**

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

**Friday – 9/19**

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter  
Separated Divorced Widowed - 8:00pm in St. Thomas

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 9/22**

There will be Eucharistic Adoration this Monday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, from Noon to 7:30 PM followed immediately by the Life-Awareness Holy Hour.



**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.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING THIS WEEKEND**

Blood pressure screenings this weekend, Saturday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**BULLETINS ARE STORED ONLINE**

If you seek a link to a web page in the bulletin, you can open the bulletin online. Click the link and your computer will open a web browser to that website.

***Women’s Cornerstone***

**Be Still...**

The Women’s  
Cornerstone Retreat  
Team will be meeting on  
Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
at 7:30 p.m.



**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

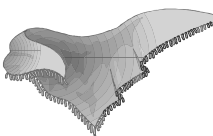
MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH CENTER FROM 7-9PM. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

9/21 COMMUNITY NIGHT  
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

9/23 CONFIRMATION PENANCE 7PM  
9/26 STEVE ANGRISANO CONCERT IN RIDGEFIELD PARK.  
50-IN-15 TUNA FISH

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT tdennin@att.net

***The Prayer Shawl Ministry***



Evening meetings will be held in the Parish Center Oct 1st and Nov 5th from 7 to 9 PM. Sunday meetings will be held Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> and Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 1-3PM. We have simple patterns for

shawls, lap robes, scarves, hats and gloves. If you are interested in participating but do not know how to knit or crochet, there are members willing to help you get started. If you have questions or wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact Bernadette 973-893-0114 Alicia 973-473-6633 or Sister Arleen 973-338-9190.

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

**Blessing of Animals**



**St. Thomas' Annual Blessing of Pets will be held Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the side parking lot of the School.**

Bring your winged, four legged, belly crawling, and finned pets to receive this special blessing. We look forward to seeing you there!



Feel good about yourself ...Give blood

St. Thomas' Annual Blood Drive  
Next Sunday, September 28, 2008  
8 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 of you who will be "first timer donors".

Complimentary Cholesterol screening for all blood donors. **Also, \$15 BP gas card for all donors compliments of the Blood Center.** For more info call the blood center of New Jersey at 973-676-4700.



**Right to Life**

For all medical researchers and ethicists: that the lives of all human beings, including those conceived as embryos might be valued and safeguarded in their research;

***We pray to the Lord***

There will be a...

*Morning of Remembrance*

**Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon**



St. Valentine's Parish is joining St. Thomas to provide a Morning of Remembrance on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon at St. Valentines Parish. This Morning of Remembrance will be for all those who have experienced loss in their lives.

If you have any question, please call Sr. Arleen at 973-338-9190 ext. 34.



**CUB SCOUTS - PACK 22 SIGN-UPS**

All 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys are invited to our Pack meeting Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The meeting will be at Herron Hall in St. Thomas school at 7:00 p.m.

**ROSARY CONFRATERNITY SOCIETY**

*"Hail Mary full of grace..."*

*Ladies of the parish,  
you are invited to become a rosarian!  
Our induction ceremony will be on Monday,  
October 6<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.  
in the St. Peter room of the parish center. Please contact Mary Lou Klenner before Oct. 4 at 973-338-1882 and leave your name and phone number.*

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**COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> following 9:00 a.m. Mass**  
Glen Ridge Country Club  
555 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge, NJ  
Tickets - \$27.00  
*All parishioners are welcome*  
Reservations by October 19<sup>th</sup>

Please call Shirley Drexler 973-338-5938 or Grace Maturri 973-338-8953

Or complete and return this form to the parish center  
Attn: SHIRLEY DREXLER or GRACE MATTURRI

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Ministry of Spiritual Direction

St. Thomas Parish Center



### Retreat in Everyday Life

#### The Nineteenth Annotated Retreat The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

In these "Spiritual Exercises" the retreatant prays with the life, passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ using designated scriptures journaling. Retreatant meets with a spiritual director each week to process their prayer.

**Retreat extends from October to May.** It is important to call as soon as possible for preparation & instruction.

For further information call Anna (973) 338-9538



## St. Thomas Jubilatz Chinzrs Bell Choir

### GRADES 5 – 8

All St. Thomas the Apostle students, grades 5-8 (CCD and STA School) are invited to join our Bell Choir. If interested, please call Nancy Cardone in the music office at (973) 338-9190 x42 and leave the student's name and phone number. Those who leave a message will be contacted by Mrs. Anne Bellotti, our Bell Choir Director.

## MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

ST THOMAS PARISH CENTER

**DAY RETREAT -- SAT., OCT. 4 9AM – 3PM**

HEALTH & WHOLENESS HEALING: BODY, MIND, SPIRIT

### **SICK & TIRED OF BEING SICK & TIRED?**

Coffee & bagels, etc. Please bag a Lunch.

Presentations include prayer, quiet reflection, group sharing, healing prayer service. Anna - (973) 338-9538

Registration Helpful by Oct 2

## God, Creator of the Seasons

*The greens of summer are shifting  
into autumnal hues, Lord God,  
as the earth prepares for winter sleep.*

*And what a production*

*You have planned -  
bright yellows, burnt oranges,  
shocking scarlets, russet browns -  
a veritable feast for the eyes.*

*Thank you for this lasting reminder  
of the great gift of life  
with which you have imbued your world.*

*The earth is shouting its praise.*

*Let us join in!*

*Peter Mead*

## ► Catholic High School Open Houses ◀

### **Bergen Catholic High School**

1040 Oradell Avenue, Oradell, NJ, (201) 261-1844

[www.bergencatholic.org](http://www.bergencatholic.org)

Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

### **Queen of Peace High School**

191 Rutherford Ave., N. Arlington, NJ (201) 998-8227

[www.qphs.org](http://www.qphs.org)

**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 p.m.** Timed Program

### **Oratory Preparatory School**

One Beverly Rd., Summit, NJ, (908) 273-5771

[www.oratoryprep.org](http://www.oratoryprep.org)

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### **Paramus Catholic High School**

425 Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ (201) 445-4466

[www.paramuscatholic.org](http://www.paramuscatholic.org)

**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### **St. Mary High School**

64 Chestnut St., Rutherford, NJ, (201) 933-5220

[www.stmaryhs.org](http://www.stmaryhs.org)

**September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## THE BLOOMFIELD DEPT. OF HEALTH & HUMAN SVCS.

ANNOUNCES THAT A REPRESENTATIVE FROM NJ FAMILYCARE WILL BE IN THE NURSING DIVISION FROM 9:30AM-11:30AM WEDNESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER DURING CHILD HEALTH CLINIC.

THEY WILL BE TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR UNINSURED BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS WITH CHILDREN.

Bloomfield Nursing Division - 973-680-4058

## **FLU SHOTS**

The Nursing Division of Bloomfield will be administering Flu Shots to Bloomfield residents at the following locations:

- **Civic Center - 84 Broad St., Bloomfield**  
**Thurs., Sept. 25, 1-3pm**
- **Fire Station #3 - E. Passaic Ave.** (across from St. Valentine's Church) **Thurs., Oct. 9, 11am-1pm**
- **Fire Headquarters** (Franklin & Montgomery Sts.)  
**Sat., Oct. 18, 11am-2pm**

### **NO APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY**

Cost is \$35.00

Free with traditional Medicare card.  
Medicare HMO/PPO (Aetna, Oxford, Horizon) Not Accepted

**Call the Nursing Division at (973) 680-4058  
with any questions.**