

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
ELEMENTARY CATECHETICS:
Tracey Rennie

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

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Nancy A. Cardone

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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

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

October 5, 2008 . 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, October 5

Saturday, October 4

5:00 pm Carl Massaro - Niece

Sunday, October 5

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Eileen Ward - Friend

10:30 am James Masker - Brother-in-law

12:00 pm Fulvio Grion (1st Anniv.) - Family

Monday, October 6

7:30 am Arthur Goff - friend

11:30 am Arthur Margeotes - Friend

Tuesday, October 7

7:30 am Jerry Vinaccio - Friend

11:30 am Louis LeGoff - Family

Wednesday, October 8

7:30 am Deceased Members of the Klepacky Family

11:30 am Joseph E. Healy - Family

Thursday, October 9

7:30 am Antoinette Caruso - Friend

11:30 am Jerome T. Mulvaney - Friend

Friday, October 10

7:30 am Helen Rohan - Family

11:30 am John Geger (33rd Anniv.) - Wife

Saturday, October 11

8:30 am James O'Donell - Friends

Sunday, October 12

Saturday, October 11

5:00 pm Cassandra L. Costello - Family

Sunday, October 12

7:30 am Leo Angeles

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Gregory Patric Galemba - Son

12:00 pm Richard Roeloffs - Aunt

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Frank Korec, Eleanor McKeon,
Domenic Mattia, Alex Wessel, Kathy Morris,
Claire Mykowski, Nora Moyle, John Janiec

REST IN PEACE:

Katherine McAlvanah

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Bridget & Onufre Kochuk



**Twenty-seventh Sunday
in
Ordinary Time**

Ordinary Time in autumn continues toward the great day of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the readings today we continue to hear from the fifth discourse of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel account.

Lectionary

■ THE GOSPEL: We hear the parable of the vineyard owner. The owner goes away and puts his vineyard in the hands of his servants who at last kill the son of the vineyard owner, whom he sent to the servants on his behalf. Jesus follows the parable by assuring the chief priests and elders that the kingdom of God will be taken away from them, just as the vineyard was taken away from the servants of the owner.

■ FIRST READING: Isaiah presents the song of the vineyard. It is a scathing comment on the sinfulness of Israel.

■ PSALM 80: The psalmist sings of the vine that the Lord has planted and a plea for the Lord to tend to it.

■ SECOND READING: We continue to hear from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. Paul exhorts the people to dismiss all anxiety from their minds. He assures them that God will hear their prayers and encourages them to live as they have been taught.

**PRAYER FOR
RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**



Lord, help us to show respect for all life. Help us to have compassion for the elderly, for the unborn children and their mothers, for persons with disabilities, and for all those who are unable to protect themselves.

Remind us that all human beings are sacred to You and that You love each of us.

Give us the courage and the strength to protect those who cannot protect themselves and to support leaders who also value and respect all life.

Ever hopeful that our nation will be more caring towards those who cannot speak for themselves, left our light shine now to illuminate the darkness of ignorance and prejudice so that in the future we will be known as a nation which respects all life.

Amen

**Visit our website at
www.stachurchbloomfield.com**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE APPEAL

Resolutions

Each year, people throughout the world make *New Year's* resolutions. For many they are short lived, and quickly forgotten. At our Baptism and Confirmation, we made *New Life resolutions*. Our Baptismal promises are lifelong commitments to Jesus and the Church.

We recognize that all that we possess comes from God. We are God's stewards -- we have been empowered to manage the abundant gifts that we have received.

As "good stewards" it is our responsibility to give back a portion of the time, talent, and treasure we receive from our generous and loving God. Let us recommit ourselves to the Lord by taking the time to plan and make stewardship of time and talent part of our lifestyle and stewardship of treasure part of our budget.

"Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

Appeal Progress Announcement

Follow us letters from Father Charles will be mailed to all parishioners we have not had a response from regarding our Stewardship Appeal. Please respond as soon as you are able by placing your intention form in the collection basket.

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.

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. Additional resources for families, groups and individuals are available at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

The Right to Life and the Dignity of the Human Person

44. Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our society, human life is especially under direct attack from abortion. Other direct threats to the sanctity of human life include euthanasia, human cloning, and the destruction of human embryos for research.

45. Catholic teaching about the dignity of life calls us to oppose torture, unjust war, and the use of the death penalty; to prevent genocide and attacks against Noncombatants; to oppose racism; and to overcome poverty and suffering. Nations are called to protect the right to life by seeking effective ways to combat evil and terror without resorting to armed conflicts except as a last resort, always seeking first to resolve disputes by peaceful means. We revere the lives of children in the womb, the lives of persons dying in war and from starvation, and indeed the lives of all human beings as children of God. (sections # 44-45)

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

COLORADO SPRINGS BISHOP MICHAEL SHERIDAN

"The teachings of the Church on abortion are consistent and unambiguous, and it is very disturbing to hear someone who claims to be a Catholic distort these teachings and sow seeds of confusion among the faithful by attempting to relativize the right to life. "There can be no compromise on this issue. 'Formal cooperation in an abortion constitutes a grave offense. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life.' (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2272). 'Those who are excommunicated . . . and others who obstinately persist in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to Holy Communion.' (Code of Canon Law 915). "Those Catholics who take a public stance in opposition to this most fundamental moral teaching of the Church place themselves outside full communion with the Church, and they should not present themselves for the reception of Holy communion."

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO PRAYING THE ROSARY. THE ROSARY IS A SPECIAL MARIAN PRAYER CONSISTING OF 150 HAIL MARYS, DIVIDED INTO FIFTEEN DECADES. EACH DECADE IS PRECEDED BY AN OUR FATHER AND CONCLUDED WITH A GLORY BE TO THE FATHER ETC. EACH DECADE OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEDIATING ON A MYSTERY OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROSARY BEGAN SOMETIMES IN THE 12TH CENTURY WHEN THE REPETITION OF THE HAIL MARY WAS SAID IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIVE JOYS OF MARY: THE ANNUNCIATION, NATIVITY, RESURRECTION, ASCENSION, AND ASSUMPTION. THAT EVOLVED INTO WHAT WAS CALLED THE SEVEN DELIGHTS OF MARY. THIS LATER BECAME THE FIFTEEN JOYS OF MARY.

THE FRANCISCANS AND THE SERVITES BEGAN SPREADING DEVOTION TO THE SORROWS OF MARY. THIS OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE 13TH AND 14TH CENTURIES.

IN THE EARLY CENTURIES, THE WORD ROSARY MEANT A COLLECTION OF THOUGHTS OR LITTLE POEMS. THE NAME ROSARIES OF MARY WAS GIVEN TO A WHOLE SERIES OF STANZAS RHYMING WITH "AVE." AFTER EACH STANZA THE WORDS OF THE ANNUNCIATION WERE REPEATED.

IT WASN'T UNTIL THE 15TH CENTURY THAT THE ROSARY WHICH WE USE TODAY APPEARED. A DOMINICAN CALLED ALAIN OF ROCHE IS CREDITED WITH STRUCTURING THE ROSARY INTO THE THREE GROUPS OF MYSTERIES THAT WE KNOW TODAY.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 25: 6-10a

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22: 1-14 or 22: 1-10

DON'T FORGET!



Blessing of Animals

**St. Thomas'
Annual**



**Blessing of Pets Sunday, Oct. 5th at 2pm
in the 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!

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS



Confirmation dates to remember:

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

*We welcome into our Community of Faith
With our prayers and good wishes,
Our newly Baptized...*



Lena Maria Korenstein

Parents: Teresa G. (Santaniello) & Heath W. Korenstein

Julian Antonio De Leon

Parents: Francine (Klenner) & Carlos De Leon

Xavier Ruperto Lopez

Parents: Vivian (Ruperto) & Brian Lopez

Natalie Elizabeth Lopez

Parents: Gina (Aiello) & Joseph Lopez

Ana Maire O'Broin

and

Fiona Rose O'Broin

Parents: Josephine M. (Schuster) & Brian E. O'Broin

Kelly Samantha Perez

Parents: Carmen (Parra) & Cesar Perez

Andrew Chase Yachmetz

Parents: Mandy (Misiak) & Jeffrey Yachmetz

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earn 5% of your Shop Rite purchase.**

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Session Dates for Baptism 2008

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

In the St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

Oct 12 1:00pm

Nov 2 1:00pm

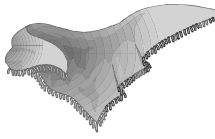
BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

November 16 1:30pm

December 7 1:30pm

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



An evening meeting will be held in the Parish Center Nov 5th from 7 to 9 PM. A Sunday meeting will be held Oct. 19th 1-3PM. Further schedule to follow in coming weeks. 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.**



**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.

STA Website viewed by the world

Have you visited our website yet? Our website has been viewed around the world. There have been over 2000 pages viewed from Spain, another 300 in Germany, and 150 in Japan. Web surfers from 70 other countries have also viewed our site.

Have any ideas for the website? Email your ideas to webmaster@stachurchbloomfield.com

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH CENTER FROM 7-9PM. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME TONIGHT SCHEDULE CHANGE 10/5 MOVIE NIGHT - BELLA

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- 10/17 FRIGHT FEST
- 10/19 BELLA DISCUSSION
- 10/24 CIRCLE OF FRIENDS KARAOKE
- 10/26 HALLOWEEN MEETING

50-IN-15 PEANUT BUTTER

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

Adult Enrichment

LECTURE SERIES ON ST. PAUL

Guest Lecturer: Dr. Chris Carr

Topic: The Mystical Body of Christ

Next Lecture: Oct. 14th, 7:30 p.m. in Parish Center

For more info call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x29.

Right to Life



For our president and all members of Congress: that a respect for the life of every citizen might be foremost in all their decisions;

We pray to the Lord

Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program

The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Mon-Fri, 9am to 8pm. Call the Parish Center 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 – Next Weekend

Blood pressure screenings will be held next weekend, Saturday, October 11th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, October 12th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ROSARY CONFRATERNITY SOCIETY

“Hail Mary full of grace...”

**Our meeting and installation
of new members will take place on
Mon., Oct. 6th at 7pm**

in St. Peter's room @ parish center.
Please come and join us as we pray the Rosary
and welcome our new members.
Contact Lorraine @ 973-893-1405.

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COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 26th following 9:00 a.m. Mass
Glen Ridge Country Club
555 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge, NJ

GUEST SPEAKER: FR. PHILIP SANDERS

Tickets - \$27.00

All parishioners are welcome
Reservations by October 19th

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: _____

► **Catholic High School Open Houses** ◀

Mt. St. Dominic Academy

3 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, NJ, (973) 226-0660 ex. 1122
www.msdacademy.org
2 Sundays, October 19th and 26th at 1:30 p.m.

Don Bosco Prep

492 N. Franklin Tpk., Ramsey, NJ (201) 327-2049
www.donboscoprep.com
Sunday, October 19th, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Paramus Catholic High School

425 Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ (201) 445-4466
www.paramuscatholic.org
Wednesday, October 15th, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

St. Mary High School

64 Chestnut St., Rutherford, NJ, (201) 933-5220
www.stmaryhs.org
October 14th, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Regis High School

All-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys.
55 East 34th St., NYC (212) 288-1100
Eric DiMichele, Admissions edimiche@regis-nyc.org
Monday, October 13th, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lacodaire Academy

Pre-K to 12
155 Lorraine Ave., Upper Montclair, NJ (973) 744-1156
www.lacodaire.net
October 16th, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

WE ARE ALL MISSIONARIES

Do you know the date of your Baptism? On that day you became a missionary, called by our Lord to share your faith with those around you and to be part of the Church's mission to the world.

Please be generous to the poor in the second collection on World Mission Sunday, October 18-19. Help the Catholic Church to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel."

VETERAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Hospice of New Jersey enables our Veteran patients & their loved ones to maximize their Quality of Life. Veteran Volunteers are needed to provide companionship, support and comfort to our Veteran Hospice patients. Free Hospice Volunteer Training is provided to Veterans to become Veteran Poppy volunteers. Please call Terry Hudak - Volunteer Manager at (973) 771-2687. **Thank you for your service to our great country!**

15th ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW AT BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL!!!

1040 Oradell Ave., Oradell, NJ (corner of Forest Ave.)
Sunday, October 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A QUALITY JURIED SHOW OF LOVELY ARTS AND CRAFTS.

Also baked goods, homemade lunch and snacks.
Adults \$2 -- Seniors \$1 -- under 16 FREE.

Eighth graders and their families interested in attending a Catholic high school in September 2009

COOPERATIVE ADMISSIONS EXAM

...for participating Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will be administered on **Friday, November 7, 2008.**

Application forms and handbooks for this test and a listing of all Catholic High Schools and their admission requirements are available from:

- MCS/CTB at their website, www.coopexam.org or email support@coopexam.org
 - Catholic Elementary Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark
 - Catholic High Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark
- Please call 1-888-921-2667 or visit www.coopexam.org.

SERRA INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 22

THE FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008

MASS: 9:30am at Our Lady of Sorrows Church
217 Prospect St., South Orange, NJ

CELEBRANT: Bishop Edgar da Cunha
BREAKFAST: Main Lounge, Student Center,
Seton Hall University

SPEAKER: U.S. Attorney Chris Christie

COST: \$20.00 per adult -- \$10 children under 12

Several St. Thomas parishioners are members of the West Essex Serra Club. Father Danik, an earlier priest at St. Thomas is our chaplain. Serrans promote, encourage, and foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For additional information, please call John Rennie at (973) 338-4615 or the parish center and leave your name and phone number.

**St. Thomas the Apostle
Mission Statement**

The Roman Catholic faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle recognizes God's call to be a sign of His Kingdom in the communities we serve. We respond to this call by:

- Leading people to a deeper relationship with Christ by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, renewal, education, the celebration of the Sacraments, and the worship of God in the sacred liturgy;
- Encouraging a commitment to justice and to service of those in need;
- Promoting good stewardship of our time, talent and treasure;
- Building a community of hospitality and support in the daily living out of Christian ideals by nourishing mutual respect and understanding within our Church, our families, our community, and other faith traditions.