

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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

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

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.

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
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

May 10, 2009 . 5th Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

Sunday, May 10

Saturday, May 9

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 10

7:30 am All Mothers - Living and Deceased

9:00 am All Mothers - Living and Deceased

10:30 am All Mothers - Living and Deceased

12:00 pm All Mothers - Living and Deceased

Monday, May 11

7:30 am Thomas Hagey - Friend

11:30 am Carmella & Arthur Taylor - Family

Tuesday, May 12

7:30 am William Walsh, Sr. - Friend

11:30 am Edward L. Post, Jr. - Wife

Wednesday, May 13

7:30 am Juan Aggabao, Sr. and Jr. - Wife and Mother

11:30 am Nicholas Syracuse - Wife

Thursday, May 14

7:30 pm Nerina & Adelino Busatta - Friend

11:30 am John Nardone

Friday, May 15

7:30 am Ann Di Laura - Granddaughter

11:30 am Margaret Rice Pucci - Nephew

Saturday, May 16

8:30 am Anna Wagner - Friend

Sunday, May 17

Saturday, May 16

5:00 pm Ronald A. Casatelli - Wife

Sunday, May 17

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Anna & Joseph Stevens-Daughter & Family

10:30 am Roger Rubinetti & Lucretia Dally-Wife & Fam.

12:00 pm Rose & Joseph Stella - Son

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Harry & Marlene Shaw, Alex Wessell

Elsie Lipari, John Nardone,

REST IN PEACE:

Catherine Robertiello, Antonio Salvati, Sr. Ann O'Reilly

Sr. Alice Mary Polhemus, Sr. Mary Esther Dwyer

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

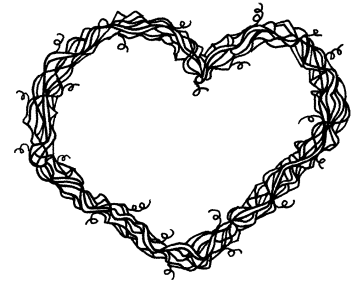
Church: In Thanksgiving - Special Intention

Rectory: Bridget Kochuk

Convent: Joyce Jones

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

***Fifth Sunday
of Easter***



During these latter weeks of the Easter season, our readings focus less on the accounts of the Resurrection, and more on our participation in the risen life of Jesus. Today's passage from the Gospel according to John--"I am the vine, you are the branches" (15:5)--challenges us to live in Jesus.

LECTIONARY

FIRST READING: We have a glimpse of how the early Church handled a difficult challenge. Saul of Tarsus, one of their persecutors, has become a believer. When he tries to join them, he meets with a very human reaction: fear and disbelief. But then Barnabas "took charge of him" (Acts 9:27), bringing him before the apostles and telling them of Saul's miraculous conversion. The apostles welcome him (at least until his preaching and debating nearly get him killed). They have great faith in the power of the Holy Spirit, who can turn enemies into friends. No wonder the Church is united and at peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22 anticipates a time when all peoples and nations will worship the Lord. It recalls the First Reading, in which Paul has already begun his mission of preaching the Good News to the Gentiles.

SECOND READING: We continue to read from the first letter of St. John. The reading reflects a salutary skepticism about talk: "let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth" (1 John 3:18). If we love God, we will keep his commandments--to believe in Jesus and "love one another just as he commanded us" (3:23). And if we keep his commandments, the Holy Spirit will dwell in us. It's that simple.

GOSPEL: The Gospel is drawn from the Last Supper discourses, which follow the accounts of the washing of the feet and the betrayal by Judas in the Gospel according to John. *What does it mean to "remain" in Jesus (John 15:4)?* The metaphor of the vine and branches are absolutely dependent on the vine: if they are cut away, they wither at once. But the vine needs the branches as well, for the branches can bear fruit. The imagery of today's Gospel speaks of a great intimacy. We are like branches on the vine, intimately connected with our source of life, sharing one existence.



**Memorial Day is Monday,
May 25, 2009**

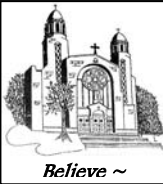
One Mass only at 8:30 a.m.

St. Thomas Parish Center will be closed.

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

**SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
PARISH SCHOOL**

50 BYRD AVENUE, BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003
Phone: 973.338.8505 Fax: 973.338.9565
email: staoffice@catholic.org
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When you enroll your child, we enroll your family.

**Full-Day or
Half-Day
Pre K 3 & 4**

**Open House
Sunday, May 17th
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**



**Openings in Grades
PK 3, PK 4, K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 7**

Full-Day Kindergarten Applications for **Grades 2 & 6** are being accepted for a waiting list.

Middle States Accredited

**St. Thomas the Apostle School
congratulates the following
students who were recently
inducted into
The National Junior Honor Society**



- Paolo Bacalzo*
- Joseph Calandra*
- Michael Callori*
- Francis Cianci*
- Andrew Conte*
- Nicholas Creer*
- Kevin Degnan*
- Katelyn Fatzler*
- Alyssa Goodsier*
- Victoria Hale*
- Tarajee Karriem*
- Robert Kyle*
- Jianna Luongo*
- Reginald Malaluan*
- James Martinez*
- Ricardo Pena*
- Amanda Reid*
- Joseph Weber*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. We are so happy that you have joined the rest of our parish family at the Lord's Table.



Reminder: Registration packages must be filled out each year – they have been mailed home already and are due back by May 31st. If you have NOT received a package please call the Religious Education Office at 973-338-7400.

Session Dates for Baptism

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

June 14	1:00 p.m.
August 16	1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

May 17	1:30 p.m.
June 7	1:30 p.m.
July 5	1:30 p.m.
July 19	1:30 p.m.
August 9	1:30 p.m.
August 30	1:30 p.m.



STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 5/11

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
Respect Life - 7:30pm in Church

Thursday – 5/14

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 5/15

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter

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 – May 16-17

Blood pressure screenings will be held next weekend, Saturday, May 16th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, May 17th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SPRING RETREAT JUNE 5,6, & 7

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YOUTH GROUP IS ONCE AGAIN PROUD TO PRESENT TO YOU FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW...

An Evening of Praise and Worship

Pentecost Sunday

May 31st, 2009, at all Masses and in concert at 7:00 p.m. in Church



JOHN ANGOTTI

Returns to St. Thomas the Apostle!

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



The main source of operating funds for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is our weekly offertory contribution. To assist us in being good stewards of God's gift of treasure, our contribution from last weekend is compared below to the amount we need this week to meet our budget. You may have noticed this amount will vary. This is because our budget varies by season, just as yours does.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$19,574
AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK: \$22,000

Cornerstone Women Wine and Cheese Gathering May 15th in Herron Hall

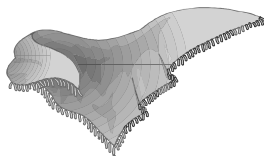


An invitation goes out to all who have taken part in the Women's Cornerstone retreats in the past,

- Cornerstone I "Windows of Hope"
- Cornerstone II "Imagine"
- Cornerstone III "Journey Together"
- Cornerstone IV "Be Still and know that I am your God"

For more information, please call Sr. Arleen at 973-338-9190 x.34.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our next meetings are scheduled for Wednesday evening June 3rd from 7 PM to 9 PM and Sunday afternoons, May 17th and July 19th from 1PM. to 3 PM. We wish to thank all of our members who have

continually supported us by prayerfully using their talent. Our project to make baby items suitable for children up to 2 years old is very successful. We now have some lovely laps and shawls. Keep them coming. If you wish to give someone a shawl, please contact the Ministry. All are welcome to work and pray with us. If you have any questions, call Bernadette at 973 893-0114, Sister Arleen at 973-338-9190, or Alicia at 973-473-6633.

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

PLANNED GIVING

Here are some other ways You can help St. Thomas the Apostle Church continue its mission of serving God's people. Give a gift of cash or check for general use or a specific purpose. Give a gift of stocks or bonds. There could be a significant tax advantage to you if there has been appreciation in their value and they are transferred to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

A bequest in your will assures that your possessions are distributed as you desire. When making a bequest, use the full legal name and address: Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Make Saint Thomas the Apostle Church partial or primary beneficiary of a life insurance policy that is no longer needed for family security. Ask the insurance company for the forms necessary to change the beneficiary or to transfer the ownership to Saint Thomas the Apostle Church.

BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS

Bloomfield Nursing Division is offering the following. Appointments required, please call 973-680-4058.

PAP SMEAR & MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING

TUES., MAY 19, 9:00 A.M.-12 NOON
FREE TO UNINSURED WOMEN AGE 40 AND OVER.

BONE DENSITY SCREENING

FOR WOMEN AND MEN
TUESDAYS, MAY 26, JUNE 30
10:00 A.M. - 12 NOON
BONE DENSITY - \$10 (\$8 FOR THOSE OVER AGE 55)

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 11 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
FEE: \$12.00 (UNDER 55 YEARS)
\$8.00 (OVER 55 YEARS)

BODY FAT/ BODY MASS INDEX SCREENING

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 10:00 A.M. - 12 NOON
Learn your body fat percentage & BMI score
NO CHARGE / NO REGISTRATION

DR. ROBERT MOE HOLY NAME MAN OF THE YEAR

On Tuesday, May 19th, The Essex-West Hudson Federation of Holy Name Societies will honor Dr. Bob Moe as St. Thomas the Apostle's 2009 Man of the Year. This honor is very deserving in view of what Bob Moe has meant to our Parish Community and our Holy Name Society for all these many years. His contributions are so extensive and cannot be enumerated in this message without giving Dr. Moe his proper due.

Anyone interested in coming to the Mass at St. Valentine Church at 7pm and dinner immediately following at the Essex Manor, please call Paul Alongi at 973-338-4665 or the Parish Center 973-338-9190. The cost of the dinner is \$35 per person. Please make all reservations before May 14, 2009. Make all checks out to St. Thomas.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Mount St. Dominic H.S.: Open Houses for 7th and 8th grade girls and families, May 6th at 6:30 p.m. Please call 973.226.0660 ext. 22 with any questions.

St. Mary H. S.: All 6th, 7th & 8th grade students and their families are invited to attend an open house: Sunday, May 17th, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Direct any questions to 201-933-5220.

Queen of Peace H.S.: Open Houses for 7th and 8th grade families, May 12th at 7 p.m. Please call 201.998.8227 or visit www.qphs.org.

Lacordaire Academy hosts Reunion for all Alumnae and Faculty at Upper Montclair Country Club

Lacordaire Academy invites all alumnae and current and former faculty to attend "Cocktails, Camaraderie and Catching Up", 6:00 PM, on Thursday, June 4 at the Upper Montclair Country Club. Admission is \$50 and includes an open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, pasta station and desserts. Reservations required. Special reduced rate available for Sisters and lay faculty. For more information, please visit Lacordaire.net or call 973-744-1156 x27.

Founded in 1920, Lacordaire Academy is an independent Catholic school sponsored by the Sisters of St. Dominic. Comprised of a coeducational Elementary and a young women's college preparatory Secondary, the Academy offers small classes, a challenging curriculum and enrichment programs in which students thrive academically, socially and spiritually.

Contact: Lisa Mollé Padilla,
Director of Institutional Advancement
Lacordaire Academy,
155 Lorraine Avenue, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043
973-744-1156x27, Fax: 973-783-9521
Email: LacoAcad@aol.com, Web: Lacordaire.net

**For a rootin', tootin' good time,
hightail it to...**

The Wild West Casino Night

**Saturday, May 16, 2009
6:00 p.m. to Midnight**

**Sacred Heart School Auditorium
683 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, NJ
\$60 per person (21 and older only)
Includes buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda,
games of chance and great prizes!
Western wear optional!**

**For tickets and information, call
Terry Lurker at 973-743-3230 or
Andrea Anuscavage at 973-429-9221 or
Don Wettengel at 973-748-5959**

