

# 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 & 7:30pm

Holidays: 8:30am Only

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR  
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Tracey Rennie

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FOR PARISH MINISTRY:  
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Ms. Joan Ferraer

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MUSIC MINISTERS:  
Kimberley Mesiti

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& ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES:  
Robert P. Miller

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:  
Mr. Timothy Dennin

PASTORAL COUNCIL:  
Eileen Conte, Chairperson  
Jean Barbetta, Vice Chairperson  
Mark Pasquale, Secretary

FINANCE CHAIRMEN:  
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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 27, 2009 . 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, September 27**

**Saturday, September 26**

5:00 pm Bernard Lepore - Friend

**Sunday, September 27**

7:30 am Genevieve Muller - Son

9:00 am Barbara Ellmer (11th Anniv.) - Husband

10:30 am William Duthie - Friend

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

**Monday, September 28**

7:30 am Maria De Rogatis - Daughter

11:30 am John & Mary Waters - Family

**Tuesday, September 29**

7:30 am Borella Family - Children

11:30 am Philomena Miskovich - Sister

**Wednesday, September 30**

7:30 am Eleanor Common - Friend

11:30 am Ann & Joseph Imfeld - Family

**Thursday, October 1**

7:30 am Thomas P. Mahon, Jr. - Mom

11:30 am Baby Jake Chonka - Friend

**Friday, October 2**

7:30 am Henry E. Dwyer III - Friends

11:30 am Anna D. Wagner - Friend

**Saturday, October 3**

8:30 am Elizabeth Molnar - Family

**Sunday, October 4**

**Saturday, October 3**

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, October 4**

7:30 am Christian Helm (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) - Daughter

9:00 am Rosalie Fabricatore - Friend

10:30 am Edward L. Post, Jr. - Family

12:00 pm Genevieve "Dolly" Cece - Friend

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Jennifer Vandervoorte

Frank Korec, Paul Strickland, Franco & Fasone Families

**REST IN PEACE:**

Margaret R. Egan, Carmine DeCroce

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Paula Lee



**26th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

Today's readings call us to an examination of conscience. *Are our ears open to hear God's wisdom even when it speaks through people without the usual "credentials"? Or do we put limits on the Holy Spirit by closing our ears to those we don't consider to be "officials" teachers?* The readings today call us to openness.

**FIRST READING:** In the reading from Numbers, Moses cannot do everything by himself, so God helps him by bestowing his spirit on 70 elders among the people, giving them the gift of prophecy. Everything is going fine until Eldad and Medad, who were not among the 70 elders, begin to prophesy as well. Quickly, a young man runs to tell on them, and Joshua is indignant. "Moses, my lord, stop them!" (Numbers 11:28). But Moses' reply is what neither of them anticipates. "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" he exclaims. "Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!" (11:29). Moses does not cling to his prophetic office. Rather, he wishes it could be shared with everyone. The generosity of Moses reflects the generosity of God, who gives whomever he wishes—even to those two "prophets without portfolio," as I once heard them described in a homily.

**GOSPEL:** John makes the same mistake that Joshua and the young man did in the First Reading. Someone was driving out demons in the name of Jesus, but since the disciples didn't know who he was, they told him to stop. Jesus replies as Moses did. "Do not prevent him" (Mark 9:39). If this man is performing mighty deeds in Jesus' name, then God is with him, "for whoever is not against us is for us" (9:40).

The second part of the Gospel narrative takes us in a different direction. Even the smallest act of kindness performed in Christ's name will be rewarded. But to lead another person into sin is the worst possible thing we can do: Jesus says, quite simply, that it would be better to die. There follows the familiar but always shocking passage about separating ourselves from whatever causes us to sin—even if it is part of our own body. We must choose life, no matter what it costs us.

**SECOND READING:** The reading from the letter of James is one of the harshest condemnations of abuse of wealth in all the scriptures, saying that in the end, all earthly riches will rot away. The reading leads to an unexpected conclusion. James says, "you have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance" (James 5:6). To cling to wealth, to withhold wages, to treat workers unjustly is to condemn Christ all over again.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, from Noon to 7:30 PM followed immediately by the Life-Awareness Holy Hour. All are invited to spend some time with the holy sacrament.



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

## *From the Pastor's Desk...*

Dear Parishioners,

We are about to enter the traditional "flu-season." You are probably aware that there is a new strain of the flu called H1N1. It may prove to be similar to previous outbreaks, but also has the potential of being significantly more serious. Either way it is only reasonable to take simple, logical precautions especially when large numbers of persons are gathered in one place – like in church on a Sunday.

Our Archdiocese has recently sent us guidelines for this situation. They are printed below and urge every parishioner to follow them faithfully for the welfare of all.

### **OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP Archdiocese of Newark**

#### **H1N1 Guidelines for the Liturgy** *September, 2009*

An important element of containing germs and disease, both during and outside the liturgy, involves common sense. There is no need to severely limit liturgical practice due to the fear of contagions. Some things to keep in mind:

- Whether you are a priest, minister of the Mass or member of the assembly, wash hands before and after Mass. Make liberal use of hand sanitizers.
- If you are not feeling well, refrain from receiving the Blood of Christ and avoid physical contact with others.
- Persons who feel that they may be contagious can legitimately excuse themselves from the obligation to attend Mass.
- Priests who are ill and must celebrate Mass might consider a separate chalice for their own use.
- Parents should determine the level of participation in the liturgy of their children, especially if they are sick.
- Germs spread more easily in warm, moist environments. Even in winter Church buildings should be kept cool and dry. Public buildings and bathrooms should be cleaned regularly.
- Ultimately, each individual needs to determine their level of liturgical involvement in sensitive situations.
- The ill who are homebound long-term should consider calling the parish for Communion for the sick.

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*11 Exciting and Fun-Filled Days* • October 26 to November 5, 2009

**Parish Trip**



**For Details  
& Color Brochure**  
Call St. Thomas Church  
973-338-9190

**INCLUDES** • Round trip bus transportation • Round trip scheduled airline flights  
• First Class hotel accommodations • Porterage & Baggage handling at hotels • Breakfast daily  
• Dinners as indicated in the full itinerary • Professional drivers/guides • Orientation before departure

**HIGHLIGHTS** • Paris City Tour • Notre Dame - Arc de Triomphe- Eiffel Tower - Montmartre Artists - Sacré Coeur - River Boat Cruise on the Seine • Optional Tour of Palace of Versailles • Shrine of the Cure of Ars - Lyon the Gastronomical Capital of France • Lourdes - the Grotto of Massabielle - Visit Avignon - The Palace of the Popes - See Provence - Beauv-de-Provence - Optional Tour of Coast of Normandy • Beaune - Capital of the Burgundy Wine Region Aries - Walk in Vincent Van Gogh's Footsteps

**SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS**

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

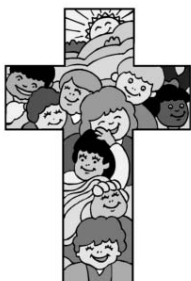


Training is required for adults working with youth at our parish. If you have not completed this training, there will be a presentation September 30th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the parish center.

**Religious Education**

***Prayer for Teachers of Children***

Lord, let me be just what they need.  
 If they need someone to trust –  
 let me be trustworthy.  
 If they need sympathy –  
 let me sympathize.  
 If they need love –  
 let me be love in full measure.



Let me not anger easily, Lord, but let me just be. When I stand before them, Lord, let me look strong and good and honest and loving. And let me be as strong and good and honest and loving as I look to them. Help me to counsel the anxious, crack the covering of the shy. Permit me to teach only the truth. Help me to inspire them so that learning will not cease at the classroom door. Let the lessons they learn make their lives fruitful and happy. And, Lord, let me bring them to You. Teach them through me to love You. Finally, permit me to learn the lessons they teach. Amen

**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**

**"THIS WEEK"**

**Monday – 9/28**

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter  
 Eucharistic Adoration – 12noon - 7:30pm in Church  
 Respect Life – 7:30pm in Church

**Thursday – 10/1**

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

**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 WEEK'S COLLECTION: \$18,466**  
**AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK: \$22,000**

**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.



**Feel Good About Yourself  
 Give Blood!**

**THIS SUNDAY, SEPT., 27th**  
 8AM - 2PM IN HERRON HALL

If you are 17 years of age, a minimum of 120 pounds and are in basic good health, YOU can donate blood. Did you know that the blood supply can vary depending on the time of the year? As donor qualifications continue to become stricter and as the donor population ages, our community is at risk of low blood supply. If you are eligible, your blood donations are needed.

***Fall Wedding Music Showcase...***

Is *rescheduled* for October 3rd, 2009  
 (originally Sept. 26th) at 6:00 p.m.  
 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in Church.



**CUB SCOUT TROOP 22** will be having its first Pack meeting Mon., Sept 28th at 7pm. The event will take place in Herron Hall in St. Thomas School. All boys from grades 1 through 4 are welcome to attend.

**MORNING OF REFLECTION  
 Women of Wisdom of our Parish**



Saturday, October 24, 2009  
 St. Thomas Parish Center  
 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Open to all Women of Wisdom  
 Lunch is included  
 Suggested Donation: \$6.00  
 THEME: A Listening Heart

Please bring your favorite tea/coffee mug.

**X** -----  
 Please return form with payment to parish center

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

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to: St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Questions? Call Sister Arleen at 973.338.9190 ex. 34

## 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:

10/16 FRIGHT FEST  
10/25 HALLOWEEN PARTY  
11/20-21 PAUL TATE WEEKEND  
50 IN 15 TUNA FISH

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT [tdennin@att.net](mailto:tdennin@att.net)

## WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE TEAM MEETING

**Sept. 28, 2009 at 7pm in the parish center**  
Looking forward to seeing everyone.



## Blessing of Animals

**St. Thomas' Annual Blessing of Pets**  
will be held **Sunday, Oct. 4<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!

## **Adult Education**

### **Men's Day**

A Men's Conference titled *Jesus the Man: The Call, The Crisis, and the Challenge of Living as Jesus Today* will be held on **Sat., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>** 9am-12:30pm. Presenters include Allan Wright speaking on *Living our Vocation as Priest, Prophet, and King* and Robert Miller who will speak on *The Image of Christ's Manhood*. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x29.

## **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** **2009 FALL OPEN HOUSES**

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

**64 Chestnut St., Rutherford, NJ 201-933-5220**

Open House for 6th, 7th & 8th graders and their families Tuesday, October 13th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please call 201.933.5220 with any questions.

### **Mount St. Dominic:**

**3 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, NJ 07006**

Open Houses for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and families, September 27th & October 25th at 1:30 p.m. Call 973.226.0660 ext. 22 with any questions.

### **Bergen Catholic High School:**

**1040 Oradell Ave., Oradell, NJ 07649**

All boys and their families are invited to attend an open house: Sunday, September 27th, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call 201-933-5220 with any questions.

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

**191 Rutherford Pl., N. Arlington, NJ**

Honored Blue Ribbon School of Excellence is hosting an Open House for 6th, 7th & 8th grade students on Sunday, September 27th at 1:00 p.m. Please call 201.998.8227 with any questions.

### **Oratory Preparatory School:**

**One Beverly Road, Summit, NJ 07901**

Students are invited to attend an Open House on Sunday, September 27th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. or Wednesday, October 21st from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please call 908-273-5771 ext. 11 with any questions.

### **DePaul Catholic High School:**

**973-694-3702 ext. 400/410**

Students are invited to attend open houses scheduled for Wed., Oct. 14th at 7 p.m. & Sun., Oct. 25th at 1 p.m.

## **THE COOPERATIVE ADMISSIONS EXAMINATION**

The COOP Exam for participating Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will be administered on Friday, November 6, 2009. Application forms and handbooks for this test and a list of all Catholic High Schools and their admission requirements are available from:

- MCS/CTB at their website [www.coopexam.org](http://www.coopexam.org)
- or e-mail [support@coopexam.org](mailto:support@coopexam.org)
- Catholic Elementary Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark
- Catholic High Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark

For questions or to obtain a registration form, please call 1-888-921-2667 or visit [www.coopexam.org](http://www.coopexam.org).

## **Mount Saint Dominic**

### **Sienna Scholarship Exam**

Sunday, December 6, 2009 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Sienna Scholarship offers:

- One Full Tuition, four year renewable scholarship
  - Two Half Tuition, four year renewable scholarship
- Scholarships awarded on basis of academic excellence.

### **Registration Deadline December 4, 2009**

Students must submit a \$45 registration fee, a completed Mt. St. Dominic Admission Application and have taken the COOP Exam. Call 973-226-0660 ex. 1122

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is organizing a group for men and women looking for employment. Our intention is to bring together those who have lost their jobs (or are afraid they will) for a little support, advice and networking. Anyone interested in joining or helping to form this group is asked to contact the parish center or send an email to [stewardship@stachurchbloomfield.com](mailto:stewardship@stachurchbloomfield.com) this week.

## **We pray for all troops defending our country overseas, especially:**

Edward Cerracchio and Andrew Cerracchio

**Bloomfield Residents**  
18 years of age and older\*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2009**  
**12 NOON TO 3:00 P.M.**

**Fire Station #3, East Passaic Ave.**  
(Across from St. Valentine's Church)

**COST: \$35.00**  
**FREE with Traditional Medicare**

**NO HMO's ACCEPTED**

(Aetna, Oxford, HMO Blue, United Healthcare, AARP)

\* Please call the Bloomfield Nursing Division for children under 18 years who are uninsured or underinsured at 973-680-4058.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word has begun during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome. Parents are welcome as well.



**SERRA / HOLY NAME**  
**MASS & COMMUNION BREAKFAST**  
**Sunday, November 1, 2009**

SERRA is an International Organization of Lay men and women whose mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the ministerial priesthood and vowed religious life.

All Parishioners are invited to join the Holy Name Society Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass here at St. Thomas Church followed by a Fabulous Breakfast with the Serra Group at Seton Hall University, Student Union Building at 11:00 a.m.

**Guest Speaker: Father Benedict Groeshel**

Other invited guest:  
Archdiocesan Bishops, Father John Gabriel, Director of Vocations.

Come celebrate your faith and commitment to the Holy Name of Jesus and share a meal with other fellow Catholics.

**Cost:** \$25 Adults / \$12 Children  
RSVP: John Rennie (973) 338-4615 or complete below and leave in Parish Center.

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SERRA / HOLY NAME COMMUNION BREAKFAST

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

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

# ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sacraments of Initiation?**

- If you are not Catholic and have thought about becoming Catholic...
- If you were baptized Catholic but have not received the Eucharist and/or Confirmation...
- If you know of someone in the above two groups...

**YOU ARE INVITED TO:**

Meet with others in similar circumstances to discuss your spiritual journey, to pray together, and to learn more about the Catholic Faith. The wonderful journey in RCIA begins on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and will continue each Sunday morning.

For more information, please contact Bob Miller, RCIA Coordinator at St. Thomas, 973-338-9190 x29 or complete the form below and return it to the Parish Center or drop it in the collection basket during Mass.

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**RCIA INTEREST FORM**

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

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Catholic but interested in becoming Catholic.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Catholic interested in receiving Eucharist and / or Confirmation.

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*Rosary Society News*  
**Annual**  
*Communion Breakfast*

All women of the parish are invited

**Sunday, October 4th**  
**Immediately following 9:00 a.m. Mass**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Dr. Ginger Grancagnolo, Ed., D. Min.**  
**www.drgingerinfo.com**

**FOREST HILL FIELD CLUB**  
9 Belleville Ave., Bloomfield

**\$30 per person**  
Reservations due by Friday, September 25th

QUESTIONS, CALL BERNADETTE LIPOMA @ 973-893-0114

**RESERVATION FORM - ATTN: ROSARY SOCIETY**  
**PLEASE RETURN TO PARISH CENTER BY 9/25/09**  
**CHECKS PAYABLE TO: STA ROSARY SOCIETY**

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

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

Please seat me with: \_\_\_\_\_