

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
ELEMENTARY CATECHETICS:
Tracey Rennie

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

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Ms. Joan Ferraer

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MUSIC MINISTRIES:
Nancy A. Cardone

ASSISTANT LITURGICAL
MUSIC MINISTERS:
Kimberley Mesiti

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

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:
Mr. Timothy Dennin

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Eileen Conte, Chairperson
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FINANCE CHAIRMEN:
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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 4, 2009 . 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, October 4

Saturday, October 3

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, October 4

7:30 am Christian Helm (15th Anniv.) - Daughter

9:00 am Rosalie Fabriccatore - Friend

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

12:00 pm Genevieve "Dolly" Cece - Friend

Monday, October 5

7:30 am Lutz, Dunn, Kascsak - Family

11:30 am Joseph Morici (20th Anniv.) - Wife

Tuesday, October 6

7:30 am Deceased Members McIntyre Family-Bequest

11:30 am Charles Occhetti - Friend

Wednesday, October 7

7:30 am Manuela Villanueva - Children

11:30 am Paul Brady - Friend

Thursday, October 8

7:30 am Isabella Kovacs - Family

11:30 am Deceased Members Klepacky Family-Bequest

Friday, October 9

7:30 am Esterina & Silvester Fusco - Mom & Dad

11:30 am Paul Brady - Friend

Saturday, October 10

8:30 am Joseph E. Healy - Family

Sunday, October 11

Saturday, October 10

5:00 pm Veronica Kievit - Husband

Sunday, October 11

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Vincent Lupo - Wife

10:30 am Ann & Frank Barclay - Family

12:00 pm Isabella Giordano - Mom

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Harry Shaw, Jennifer Vandervoorte, Brenda Boyle McDonnell

REST IN PEACE:

Sister Marita Mills

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Alice Ferraer

Rectory: Carmine DeCroce

Convent: Onufre Kochuk

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www.stachurchbloomfield.com**



**27th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Today's readings are challenging, with their teaching about marriage and divorce. They are full of beauty as well: we see Jesus' tender care for children; we hear in the letter to the Hebrews that our Savior is one of us.

FIRST READING: God could have remained alone, but instead chose to create a whole universe of incredible variety. Adam, made in God's image, cannot remain alone either. God creates the animals and brings them to Adam, who in an echo of God's own creativity gives each of them a name. But none of these can be his partner. He needs someone like himself – he needs someone else made in God's image and likeness. While Adam is asleep, God creates Eve. Adam does not witness her creation, but when he wakes he recognizes at once that she is part of him – "bone of my bones / and flesh of my flesh" (Genesis 2:23). This is the first marriage, and that flash of recognition is repeated again and again, as men and women leave their parents to "become one flesh" (2:24).

GOSPEL: We have often seen Jesus respond to the challenges of the scribes and Pharisees, who bring him some knotty point of the law in hopes of trapping him. Today, they bring him one of the knottiest: the contested issue of divorce. Moses permitted divorce, they say; what does Jesus say? Jesus, citing the Genesis story, says that divorce is a human invention: it was not part of God's plan from the beginning. When the disciples later ask him about this, Jesus goes even further: a marriage cannot be dissolved, he says; and even with a "bill of divorce" (Mark 10:4) in hand, the divorced person who marries, another commits adultery. The Christian community from earliest times has struggled with this teaching. It is not that Jesus does not understand the struggles married people go through. Jesus forbids divorce because in the way he understands marriage, it's simply impossible.

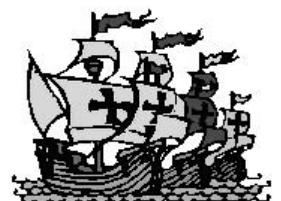
SECOND READING: We move into the letter to the Hebrews, which will last us until the end of the liturgical year. Today's short reading emphasizes that Jesus is one like us: "he who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin" (Hebrews 2:11). Jesus became human – "lower than the angels" (2:7) – so that we might be perfected. Having taken on our flesh, Jesus knows from experience (except through sin) all the sufferings we endure.

Columbus Day

Monday, October 12th

One Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Parish Center and School will be closed!



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

Parish Trip

\$2479

per person

/ Double Occupancy



**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 • Portorage & 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 - Beaux-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

What's New at STA School!



- Our logo! We're very excited about our new logo. We feel it captures the spirit of the STA School community.
- **Ciao!** Our Italian language program! We received a grant from the *Italian American Committee on Education* in New York City and are now able to have Italian classes for our primary grade students.

Session Dates for Baptism 2009

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

October 25	1:00 p.m.
December 6	1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

October 11	1:30 p.m.
November 1	1:30 p.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle Home and School Fall

Gala

November 7, 2009

6:30 PM @ Herron Hall

Nightingale's

Beefsteak Dinner

Entertainment by *Mike Roselli*

50/50, Raffles and Auction

Tickets Available 10/15

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



Ava Nicole Murawinski

Parents: Lisa (Guglielmino) & David L. Murawinski

Brooke Anne Barry

Parents: Deanna (Michael) & Kevin Barry

Madelyn Dolores Laino

Parents: Jennifer (Wurts) & John Laino

Sabrina Gabriella Lopez

Parents: Carmen (Fernandez) & Antonio Lopez

Liam Patrick O'Brien

Parents: Heather (Ridge) & Stephen O'Brien

Abigail Rose Garafalow

Parents: Leigh (Mozeliak) & Mark Garafalow

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

“THIS WEEK”

Monday – 10/5

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Thursday – 10/8

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 10/9

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter
Separated, Divorced, Widowed – 8:00pm in St. Thomas

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



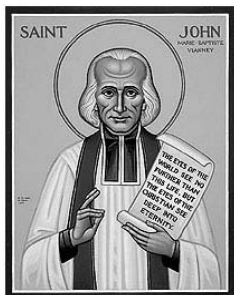
The main source of operating funds for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is our weekly offertory contribution. To assist us in being good stewards of God’s gift of treasure, our contribution from last weekend is compared below to the amount we need this week to meet our budget. You may have noticed this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

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION: \$19,571
AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK: \$22,000

Prayer For The Year For Priests

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests;
for Your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for Your priests laboring at home or abroad
in distant mission fields;
for Your tempted priests;
for Your lonely and desolate priests;
for Your young priests; for Your dying priests;
for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.
But above all, I recommend to You
the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me;
the priests who absolved me from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I assisted and
who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me;
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.
O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and
bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.

Amen.



**St. John Vianney,
pray for us;
obtain for us
many and holy priests.**

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

October 4th

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

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**Blessing of
Animals**

**St. Thomas’ Annual
Blessing of Pets
THIS Sunday,
Oct. 4th at 2pm**

in the STA School parking lot.

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

MORNING OF REFLECTION



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.

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Please return form with payment to parish center

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

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 PEANUT BUTTER

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

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. 10th** 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.

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: _____



Moving? Please let us know.

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

NEW THIS FALL – St. Thomas Parish Children's Choir – short commitment! Director, Elaina Frissell

One of our talented college music students, Elaina Frissell, has volunteered to work with our 4th-6th graders in a choir for 5 consecutive FRIDAY AFTERNOONS 4:00-4:45 pm in the school cafeteria music area. The choir will be leading music at the 5pm Mass on SATURDAY, NOV. 14th. Sign-up forms will be available for STA students and CCD students as well as this bulletin ad. This choir is open to grades 4, 5, and 6. Please do not sing-up your child if they cannot sing at the Nov. 14th Mass. Call Nancy Cardone in the Parish Center for more information at 973-338-9190.

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PARISH CENTER.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

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

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

Prayer to Respect Life...

Lord, help us to show respect for all life.
Help us to have compassion for the elderly,
for 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,,
let 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

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2009 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 7th and 8th grade girls and families,
October 25th at 1:30 p.m. Call 973.226.0660 ext. 22
with any questions.

Lacordaire Academy:

153 Lorraine Ave., Upper Montclair, NJ 07043

Open House: Tuesday, October 6th, 7:00 p.m.
Call 973-746-2660 with any questions.

Paramus Catholic High School:

425 Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ 07652

Paramus Catholic cordially invites 6th, 7th, and 8th
grade students and their parents to visit us during our
Open House on Wednesday, October 14th from 7:00
p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, please call
201-446-4466 ext. 104.

Oratory Preparatory School:

One Beverly Road, Summit, NJ 07901

Students are invited to attend an Open House on
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.

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 this week.

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 hand-
books 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
- or e-mail 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.

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.

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.



Jubilatz Chimærs Bell Choir

There are about 6 openings in the popular Bell Choir
which begins practice THIS TUES., OCT 6th and regular
rehearsals TUES. 3:45-4:30 pm. If interested, must be at
least 4th grade, please come to the St. Thomas room in
the parish center on October 6th at 3:45pm. Plan to stay
for the rehearsal. Students do not have to read music but
must be attentive.

FLU SHOTS

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH 10AM-1PM

&

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH 1PM-4PM

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