

# 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.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:  
Ms. Joan Ferraer

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL  
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

PASTORAL COUNCIL:  
Eileen Conte, Chairperson  
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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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COMMUNITY  
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1(800) CCS-7413  
Fax: 596-3735

October 11, 2009 . 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**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

**Monday, October 12 COLUMBUS DAY**

8:30 am Marie Lataro - Family

**Tuesday, October 13**

7:30 am Genevieve Petruccione - Family

11:30 am Joseph & Louis Ferraro - Family

**Wednesday, October 14**

7:30 am Edna A. Carlos - Bequest

11:30 am John Patrus - Family

**Thursday, October 15**

7:30 am Cassandra L. Costello - Grandmother

11:30 am Bob & Ethel Brown - Family

**Friday, October 16**

7:30 am Joseph Szajkowski - Family

11:30 am Charles Ofsak - Family

**Saturday, October 17**

8:30 am Susan Arms - Mother

**Sunday, October 18**

**Saturday, October 17**

5:00 pm The Nesto/Franco Families - Family

**Sunday, October 18**

7:30 am Felicia Cuomo-Wooley - Aunt

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Asuncion A. Flores - Children

12:00 pm Paul Brady - Family Friend

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

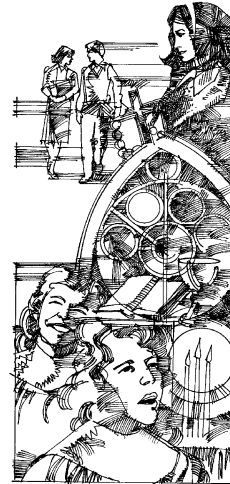
Harry Shaw, Brenda Boyle McDonnell,  
Franco/Fasone Families, Frank Korec, Paul Strickland

**REST IN PEACE:**

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Frances Foley  
**Rectory:** Angela Catalano  
**Convent:** Brickner Family

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



**28th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

A glance at the magazine rack shows us what we, as a culture, value most: good looks, good health, youth, power, money. Today's readings acknowledge the allure all these things have for us, but they urge us to seek the wisdom of God above everything else. Each of us is called to holiness: but not all of us are called in the same way. This is a day to become more aware of our own unique vocation.

**FIRST READING:** In the book of Wisdom—attributed to Solomon but actually written much later—we hear a wise man with a wise prayer. He asks God for prudence and wisdom. Wisdom is personified as a beautiful woman, more precious than gold or silver. The wise man prefers wisdom to everything else—power, money, health; he even prefers her to the light. In the end, seeking wisdom, the wise man finds “countless riches” (Wisdom 7:11): though not the kind of riches that can be weighed, like silver and gold.

**GOSPEL:** A man asks Jesus how he should live in order to inherit eternal life. Jesus gives him a simple answer: obey the commandments. The man could go away satisfied at this point; instead, he asks for more: he aspires to greater holiness. Jesus loves this holy desire, and he calls the man to give away what he has and “come, follow me”. But the man cannot respond. He goes away “sad” (10:21-22), unable to let go of what he owns.

This prompts Jesus to make his famous statement about the rich man, the camel, and the eye of the needle. No wonder the disciples are astonished: in their culture (and in ours) wealth was looked on as a sure sign of success, of God's favor. If a rich person can't enter the kingdom, they ask, who can? It is only with God's help that we can respond to the Gospel call, the call of radical self-abandonment to God's will.

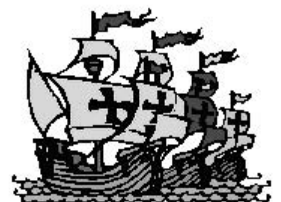
**SECOND READING:** The reading from Hebrews gives us another image of God's wisdom. Here God's word is compared to a two-edged sword, which can lay bare the “reflections and thoughts” (Hebrews 4:12) of every heart. God knows everything we think or do. Through God's word, we can begin to know ourselves.

**Columbus Day**

Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

One Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Parish Center and School  
will be closed!



**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**



Saint Thomas the Apostle School Spirit came alive this week as we celebrated Spirit Week at STA.

On Wednesday we joined in a beautiful celebration of Mass which nourished our *Spirits*.

On Friday we all walked the STA Spirit Walk, so that the students could participate directly in raising funds for their beloved school.

Many thanks to all the families and parishioners who prayed with us and/or sponsored our walkers!

**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**

***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.

**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**

**"THIS WEEK"**

**Monday – 10/12**

Columbus Day - Parish Center Closed

**Thursday – 10/15**

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

**Friday – 10/16**

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

**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: \$19,068**

**AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK: \$22,000**



**Saint Thomas the Apostle Rosary Society invites women of the parish to join us!**

The primary purpose of the Rosary Society is to praise and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by the recitation of the Rosary for the mutual spiritual benefit of all the members throughout the world.

- We gather eight Mondays throughout the year to pray the Rosary followed by a brief business meeting, refreshments, and fellowship.
- Our remaining meeting dates are **November 2nd, December 7th, February 1st, March 1st, April 5th, and May 3rd.** The Rosary begins at 7:00 p.m. in the church.
- The Rosary Society sponsors an Annual Communion Breakfast, the parish Giving Tree project, and the Fish Fry Dinner.

**Please feel free to join us at any meeting!**

If you have any questions or would like to join the Rosary Society, please call Rosalie Mescall at 973.893.8186.

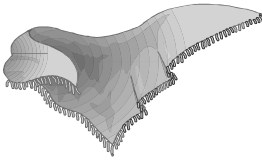
**Attention All Current Rosary Society Members!**  
If you did not receive our recent Communion Breakfast mailing, please call: Rosalie Mescall at 973-893-8186.



**WOMEN'S DAY**



A Women's Conference titled **Authentic Femininity: Raising the Cultural IQ to Feminine Genius** will be held on Saturday, November 7 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle. The presenter is Ann Hanincik, a graduate of the Pope John Paul II Institute and is the Administrator for Marriage Preparation Programs for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Ann's talks for the day are *Behold the Handmaid of the Lord: Authentic Femininity in a Culture of Imposters* and *Let it be Done to Me: The Vocation of Women in the World*. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x29.



**The Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
**NEXT MEETING**  
**OCT.18<sup>th</sup> at 1PM to 3PM**

All who are interested in our ministry, are welcome to our monthly gathering. We meet at the Parish Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. If you can not attend the meeting but wish to participate, please contact Alicia.

We have a nice supply of lap robes but are again in need of shawls. We continue our project of supplying hand made baby items to various places.(preemie and infant hats, booties, blankets) We also need children's hats and sweaters. Scarves for the homeless should be 7"x 60". If you have any questions or you wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact the Ministry. Bernadette @ 973-893-0114 Sister Arleen @ 973-338-9190 Alicia @ 973-473-6633

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



**The St. Thomas Annual Blood Drive was a huge success!**

The annual blood drive was a huge success. We had 48 wonderful people step up to donate their blood, four of which were first time donors! Thanks to all of you who gave this "gift for life." You have made a difference to those of us who depend on a transfusion in order to live a healthy life.

Please consider making your gift a frequent one and keep in mind our next annual blood drive in September of 2010. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, who helped to make this drive a success. Without your help we could not have done it. May God bless each of you.



**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 to not have to read music but must be attentive.

**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](mailto:tdennin@att.net)

**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

\*We need to hear from you by Tuesday morning, 10/20.

**Men's Cornerstone Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 14th @ 7:30pm**  
**St. Peter's Room in Parish Center**

*~ ~ September Club Travel ~ ~*

**Christmas is just around the corner!**

♀ ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME!!! ♀

**RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL IN N.Y.C.**



**Matinee November 18, 2009 @ 2pm**

**Price... \$70.00 per person**

Price includes transportation and ticket

No meals included in price.

For information, call Jean 973-777-2278

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**F.Y.I.**

Senator Lautenberg - (202) 224-3224  
Senator Menendez - (202) 224-4744  
Rep. Pascrell - (202) 225-5751

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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.

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**BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI MOTHER’S CLUB  
16TH ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW  
AT BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 FROM 10AM TO 5PM.**

A QUALITY JURIED SHOW OF LOVELY ARTS AND CRAFTS.  
ALSO BAKED GOODS, HOMEMADE LUNCH AND SNACKS.  
ADULTS \$2 - SENIORS \$1 - UNDER 16 FREE.  
1040 ORADELL AVE., ORADELL, NJ

**HOLLY BERRY CRAFT & GIFT SHOW  
Saturday, Nov. 7 @ 10-5 & Sunday, Nov. 8 @ 11-4**

The Woman’s Club of Upper Montclair, 200 Cooper Ave., Upper Montclair, NJ. A marvelous display of beautiful items and unusual gifts featuring more than 45 crafters and vendors. Introducing the 15th Montclair Holiday Ornament. Raffle of items donated by crafters. Refreshments at Berry Patch Café. Admission: \$2. For more information, call 973-744-9138.

**FLU SHOTS**

PROVIDED BY QUAKER STATE MEDICAL  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH 10AM-1PM &  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH 1PM-4PM

**TERRY DRUGS, INC.** 1049 BROAD ST., BLOOMFIELD, NJ  
\$25 FOR FLU SHOT  
\$45 FOR PNEUMONIA SHOT  
BRING MEDICARE CARD (MEDICARE MUST BE YOUR PRIMARY)

**PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COLDS AND FLU**

- ✓ **COVER COUGHS & SNEEZES**
  - Use tissues - not your hands - to cover coughs & sneezes
  - Throw tissues away and wash your hands immediately
  - If you don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve
- ✓ **KEEP SICK PEOPLE AWAY FROM HEALTHY PEOPLE**
  - Stay home if you are sick
  - Stay away from sick people
  - Avoid crowds during flu season
- ✓ **WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY**
  - Wet with warm water & add soap
  - Scrub for 20 seconds
  - Rinse well
  - Dry with a paper towel
  - Use paper towel to turn off faucet
  - Use paper towel to open bathroom door
  - Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- ✓ **CLEAN COMMONLY SHARED ITEMS**
  - Phones, toys, light switches, door knobs, faucets, toilet handles, remote controls, etc.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Houses: Tuesday, October 6th, 7:00 p.m.  
and November 5, 2009 7:00 p.m.  
Call 973-746-2660 with any questions.

### **Paramus Catholic High School:**

**425 Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ 07652**

6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and their parents are  
invited to our Open House on Wed., October 14th 7-9pm  
For 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.

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

**191 Rutherford Pl., North Arlington, NJ  
201-998-8227**

Twice honored Blue Ribbon School of Excellence is  
hosting an Open House for 6th, 7th, & 8th graders on  
Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

### **Immaculate Conception High School:**

**33 Cottage Place, Montclair, NJ  
973-744-7445**

Catholic Coeducational College Preparatory School of  
Essex County Open House: October 18, 2009 1-3:00 pm.

### **St. Mary of the Assumption High School:**

**237 South Broad St., Elizabeth, NJ**

**908-352-4350** Mr. Raymond Jean-Paul

6th, 7th, & 8th graders are invited to an Open House,  
Sunday, October 18th at 2pm. School tour will follow.

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 network-  
ing. 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.

## **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

## **THE COOPERATIVE ADMISSIONS EXAMINATION**

The COOP Exam for participating Catholic high schools in  
the Archdiocese of Newark will be administered on Friday,  
Nov. 6. Application forms & 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)
  - Send an e-mail to [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).

## **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 WEEK**

**SCREENINGS NO LONGER HELD SATURDAYS!**  
Screenings will be held next Sunday from 8am to 12Noon

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