

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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## PERMANENT DEACONS:

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## 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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Mark Pasquale, 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

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October 18, 2009 . 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**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**

**Monday, October 19**

**7:30 am Mary List - Friend**

**11:30 am Richard Roeloffs - Aunt**

**Tuesday, October 20**

**7:30 am Catherine McAlvanah - Friend**

**11:30 am Maddalena Falzon - Sister**

**Wednesday, October 21**

**7:30 am Fred Roberts - Family**

**11:30 am Deceased Members of Begley Family-Bequest**

**Thursday, October 22**

**7:30 am Angelo Melia - Cousin**

**11:30 am James J. Davis - Wife**

**Friday, October 23**

**7:30 am William R. Brugget - Family**

**11:30 am Robert Imfeld - Family**

**Saturday, October 24**

**8:30 am Anna Masi - Cousin**

**Sunday, October 25**

**Saturday, October 24**

**5:00 pm Anthony Nicosia - Friends**

**Sunday, October 25**

**7:30 am Rev. Edward McGrath - Bequest**

**9:00 am Thomas DeLorenzo - Daughters**

**10:30 am For the People of the Parish**

**12:00 pm Nicholas & Michele Fasone - Son**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

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

**REST IN PEACE :**

Jean V. Strube, Geraldine Guarino,  
Sr. Margaret Maureen Hoffman

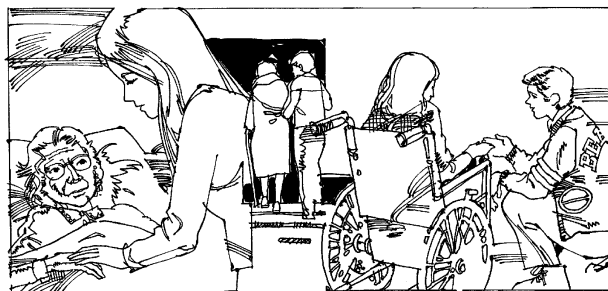
**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Angelina Catalano

**Rectory:** Phyllis Freed

**Convent:** Alice Ferraer

***29th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time***



The common thread of today's readings is suffering: the suffering Christ endured, the suffering which those who follow him can expect to share.

**FIRST READING:** The First Reading is drawn from the fourth of the suffering servant songs in Isaiah. We read from these songs on both Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Because he accepts it freely, the servant's suffering will give life to others and to himself. For Isaiah's readers, this passage would have recalled the image of the scapegoat in Leviticus, when Aaron bound the sins of the people to the goat, which was then sent into the wilderness, freeing the people from the burden of sin.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 33 praises God who will deliver his people from death. God, the merciful giver, is to be trusted.

**SECOND READING:** The short passage from Hebrews relates closely to the First Reading: Jesus is one with God, but he is not therefore remote from us, different from us. Rather, he can "sympathize" with our weaknesses" (Hebrews 4:15), for he has undergone every test to which life can subject us. It is precisely because Jesus is one of us—because he knows the weight of our sins—that we can pray to him with utter confidence.

**GOSPEL:** James and John ask Jesus for a special favor—they want the best seats in the kingdom; basically, they want to be second (and third) in command. Jesus is gentle with them. They still do not know what his kind of kingship is. But the brothers confidently assert that they can "drink the cup" (Mark 10:38). Jesus grants them one request only: to suffer with him. Within the Christian community, leadership must look quite different from how it looks in the world, where those who have power "lord it" over others (10:42). If you wish to lead, you must serve; and if you wish to be best, you must become a slave.

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

**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**

Reminder for all parents of children preparing for First Penance and First Communion, there will be an important meeting on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Herron Hall in STA School.



Parents may attend *either* meeting – whichever works better for their schedule. Penance books and important dates and information will be distributed. It is mandatory that someone from each family attends one of these meetings.

Also, please note that because of Election Day, there will be NO CCD on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**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**

**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**

**“THIS WEEK”**

**Monday – 10/19**

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

**Thursday – 10/22**

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

**Friday – 10/23**

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

**Pack 22 Cub scouts Pancake Breakfast**



Cub Scout Troop 22 will be selling tickets for their annual Pancake Breakfast after all Masses this weekend, October 17 & 18, 2009. The Pancake Breakfast will be held on October 25, 2009.

**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: \$17,420**  
**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.**

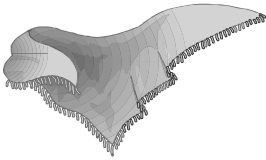
**Attention All Current Rosary Society Members!**  
 If you did not receive our recent Communion Breakfast mailing, please call:  
**Rosalie Mescall at 973-893-8186.**



**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  
MEETING THIS SUNDAY  
OCT. 18<sup>th</sup> from 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 or Alicia 973-473-6633.

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



**Jubilate  
Chimærs  
Bell Choir**

**There are 3 openings remaining in the Bell Choir**  
Rehearsals are Tuesdays 3:45-4:30pm. If interested, must be at least 4th grade, please come to the St. Thomas room in the parish center on October 6th at 3:45 pm. Plan to stay for the rehearsal. Students to not have to read music but must be attentive.

**NEW THIS FALL**

**St. Thomas Parish Children's Choir  
short commitment!**

**Featuring 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 beginning October 16th 4-4:45pm 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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RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PARISH CENTER.

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

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

**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:

10/25 HALLOWEEN PARTY  
11/20-21 PAUL TATE WEEKEND

50 IN 15 TOMATO SAUCE

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, October 20.**

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

**Westminster Arts Center of  
Bloomfield College**

Corner of Franklin & Fremont Streets in Bloomfield

**Showing October 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.**

**October 22, 23, & 24 at 8:00 p.m.**



Special Group Rate - \$20 per person  
Call Marian at 973-338-6212

**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)

**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 THIS SUNDAY**

**SCREENINGS NO LONGER HELD SATURDAYS!**

Blood pressure screenings will be held this Sunday from 8am to 12Noon in the parish center.

**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.

**BLOOD CHEMISTRY - PSA - BLOOD TYPE**

BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS

Testing will take place Thursday, October 29, 2009  
for two hours only, beginning 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

**Blood Chemistry - \$25**

**PSA - \$35**

**Blood Type - \$15**

Pre-registration and pre-payment required.

Fasting required.

Call Bloomfield Nursing Division 973-680-4058

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

### **Seton Hall Prep:**

**129 Northfield Ave., West Orange, NJ**

Open House for 7th & 8th grade boys and their families on Sunday, October 25th from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

For info, please call Matt Cannizzo at 973.325.6632.

### **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 House: November 5, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Call 973-746-2660 with any questions.

### **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 an open house scheduled for October 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

## **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).

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.

**The Ministry for the Separated, Divorced, and Widowed will be meeting again on the second Friday each month at 8pm.**

## *Archdiocese of Newark*

## *NEWS*

### **Stewardship Office – Come to Stewardship Day!**

When we practice Stewardship, we grow spiritually and our faith is deepened. We are all stewards – managers of the many gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our challenge is to make good use of those gifts. Come learn more about Stewardship and how it can be a part of your daily life.

Saturday, October 24 from 9-12 noon at Seton Hall University – Jubilee Hall. Registration is FREE and continental breakfast will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

October is Respect Life Month and Chris Bell, executive director and co-founder of Good Counsel homes for unwed mothers will be the keynote speaker. Attend workshops on faith & stewardship (English & Spanish). Register on-line at [www.rcan.org/stewardship](http://www.rcan.org/stewardship) or contact Lynn Gully at [gullylyn@rcan.org](mailto:gullylyn@rcan.org) or Lynn call at 973-497-4589.

### **CALL YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS...**

Senator Lautenberg - (202) 224-3224

Senator Menendez - (202) 224-4744

Rep. Pascrell - (202) 225-5751

...and tell them health care reform should:

1. Include health care coverage for all people from conception until natural death, and continue the federal ban on funding for abortions;
2. Include access for all with a special concern for the poor;
3. Pursue the common good and preserve pluralism, including freedom of conscience; and
4. Restrain costs and apply costs equitably among payers

### **Fast Facts about Catholic Health Care**

624 Catholic Hospitals

499 Catholic Long-Term Care Nursing Facilities

164 Home Health Agencies

41 Hospice Organizations

### **Bergen Catholic High School's Crusader Gala**

Friday, October 23, 2009, Bergen Catholic will celebrate its 2nd annual "Crusader Gala," at Rockleigh Country Club in Rockleigh, NJ, beginning at 6:30 pm. Dinner and entertainment-\$110 per person. A super cash raffle is being held in conjunction with the event. Two winners will be drawn that evening. Raffle-\$50 a chance or a 5-ticket book for \$200. To attend or purchase raffle tickets, please contact Marge Millus at 201-634-4142 or [mmillus@bergencatholic.org](mailto:mmillus@bergencatholic.org).