

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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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:
Sister Arleen Crimmins, O.P.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:
Ms. Joan Ferraer

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MUSIC MINISTRIES:
Nancy A. Cardone

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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
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

CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
SERVICES
OFFERING SOCIAL
SERVICE ASSISTANCE
1(800) CCS-7413
Fax: 596-3735

October 25, 2009 . 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, October 25

Saturday, October 24

5:00 pm Anthony Nicosia - Friends

Sunday, October 25

7:30 am Rev. Edward Mc Grath - Bequest

9:00 am Thomas De Lorenzo - Daughters

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Nicholas & Michele Fasone - Son

Monday, October 26

7:30 am Catherine M. Mc Alvanah - Friend

11:30 am Charles Occhetti - Friend

Tuesday, October 27

7:30 am Ann & Peter Mc Hugh - Family

11:30 am Robert Olson - Family

Wednesday, October 28

7:30 am Esterina & Silvester Fusco - Family

11:30 am Charles Occhetti - Friend

Thursday, October 29

7:30 am Rose Mc Garry - Bequest

11:30 am Victor Porcelli - Family

Friday, October 30

7:30 am Daniel Lardieri - Wife

11:30 am Mario Lucciola - Family

Saturday, October 31

8:30 am Loretta Di Michele - Family

Sunday, November 1

Saturday, October 31

5:00 pm Louis Occhetti - Friend

Sunday, November 1

7:30 am Frank Mc Garry - Bequest

9:00 am Claudette Westerfield - Daughter

10:30 am Salvatore Calandra - Wife

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Harry Shaw, Jennifer Vandervoord,
Franco/Fasone Families, Frank Korec, Paul Strickland

REST IN PEACE :

Nicholas Cucolo, Helen M. Mc Cracken

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Alice Ferraer



***30th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time***

We've faced some tough scriptures during the past few weeks, but today's readings are full of consolation. Today we can sing with the psalmist: "The Lord has done great things for us;/ we are filled with joy" (refrain).

FIRST READING: Even the prophet of gloom and lamentation, Jeremiah, burst into joyful praise today. God will gather all his people, scattered to the "ends of the world" (Jeremiah 31:8). Everyone will return, not just the strong and fit, but the most vulnerable—the blind, the lame, mothers, and pregnant women. God will guide them safely and console them for the sufferings they have endured. God is not a judge, but a "father" (31:9), caring tenderly for his people as a father cares for his firstborn child.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 126 beautifully contrasts sorrow and joy. After long exile, the captives are freed from bondage and return to Jerusalem with happiness so great that it seems like a dream. Rejoicing will come after the sorrow as surely as the harvest comes after the sowing.

GOSPEL: Most of the people Jesus heals in the Gospel narratives are unnamed. Only a few—Mary of Magdala, for example, and blind Bartimaeus in today's Gospel—do we know by name. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is passing with a large crowd, and he calls to him with a loud voice; "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" (Mark 10:47). As scripture commentators have often pointed out, Bartimaeus, though blind, sees something that others do not: Jesus is the "son of David," the promised Messiah (ibid). The crowd as usual is unsympathetic. They wish Bartimaeus would shut up. But Bartimaeus persists and Jesus summons him. He eagerly comes forward—Mark vividly describes how he throws his cloak aside, springs up, and hurries to Jesus. He is ready for this encounter, and he knows what he wants: "Master, I want to see!" (10:51). When his sight is restored, Bartimaeus begins to follow Jesus. In a sense, this blind man could already see.

SECOND READING: In the letter to the Hebrews, Jesus is portrayed as the "high priest" (Hebrews 5:1). The Jewish readers of this letter would have been aware that Jesus was not a member of the priestly clan. The writer demonstrates that high priests are "called by God" (5:4), like Aaron, or like the mysterious Melchizedek, who brought gifts of bread and wine to Abraham. Jesus is a true high priest, chosen by God, "according to the order of Melchizedek" (5:6).

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

NEXT SUNDAY: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Joy to the World

ST. THOMAS CHRISTMAS CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. WATCH OUT FOR FUTURE DETAILS.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS



It was an exciting week here at St. Thomas the Apostle School. Teachers and Students showed off their hard work to the Parents during Parent- Teacher conferences.

STA Beefsteak Dinner

November 7, 2009

At STA Herron Hall

Doors open @ 6:30 pm

Ticket Price: \$35

Includes Beefsteak Dinner, Soda, Beer, Coffee and Dessert

**** Advance Reservations Only****

Reservations forms are available at the door & at the Parish center

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



Samantha Ann Cantalupo

Parents: Susanne (Lo Monte) & Michael Cantalupo

Angelina Blake Costomiris

Parents: Diane (Polic) & Robert B. Costomiris

Jillian Paige Denton

Parents: Danielle (Carotenuto) & Paul L. Denton

Gabriella Rose Lopez-Diaz

Parents: Christine (Baczynskij) & Fernando Lopez-Diaz

Reminder for all parents of children preparing for First Penance and First Communion, there will be an important meeting on Monday, October 26th and Wednesday, October 28th 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 3rd.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

“THIS WEEK”

Monday – 10/26

September Club - 11:30am in St Peter
Eucharistic Adoration - 12:00noon-7:30pm in Church
Respect Life - 7:30pm in Church

Thursday – 10/29

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 10/30

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: \$16,630
AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK: \$22,000

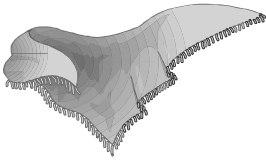


WOMEN'S DAY



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



All who are interested in our ministry, are welcome to our monthly gathering. We meet at the Parish Center on the 3rd

Sunday of the month. If you cannot attend the meeting but wish to participate, please contact Alicia.

We 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



Jubilatz Chimærs Bell Choir

There are 3 openings remaining in the Bell Choir
Rehearsals are Tuesdays 3:45pm - 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!

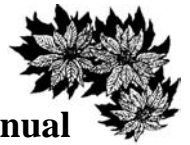
Featuring Director, Elaina Frissell

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 AFTER-NOONS 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.

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PARISH CENTER.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____



Support St. Thomas' Annual Christmas Concert

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

For the last 15 years, our church has been blessed with having an outstanding traditional concert. All have enjoyed the fine music of the Garden State Concert Band and their guest vocalists.

Last year, many parishioners generously contributed to the Souvenir Program Journal. The overall contributions resulted in another concert.

This year, the concert is set for Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. To achieve this objective, we need to have a Souvenir Program Journal that will again raise the necessary funds. Please see the form below and make your contribution check out to St. Thomas the Apostle.



Thank you,
Paul Alongi

**Be a sponsor for the St. Thomas the Apostle
Annual Christmas Concert and Reception
Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Featuring the Garden State Concert Band
With Father Charles Miller as narrator**

Contribute to the Souvenir Program Journal

Back Cover -	\$400.00
Inside Back Cover	\$200.00
Inside Front Cover	\$200.00
Gold Page	\$150.00
Full Page	\$100.00
Half Page	\$75
Quarter Page	\$50.00
Listing of Name Page	\$25.00

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

I want to contribute _____ for _____ page
or \$25 for a name listing.



Make all returns with copy to
Paul Alongi, 21 Leo Terrace, Bloomfield, NJ 07003
973-338-4665 or to the St. Thomas Parish Center

**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.



SERRA / HOLY NAME COMMUNION BREAKFAST

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ATTENDING: _____

BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS

BLOOD CHEMISTRY - PSA - BLOOD TYPE

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

BONE DENSITY SCREENING
For Women and Men

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 from 10am to 12pm

Tuesday, November 10th from 10am to 12pm

Tuesday December 15th from 10am to 12pm

Bone Density Screening - \$10

For those over age 55 - \$8

COLORECTAL SCREENING KITS AVAIL - \$5

Pre-registration and pre-payment required.

Fasting required.

Call Bloomfield Nursing Division 973-680-4058

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

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.



**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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Eucharistic Adoration this Monday, October 26th, from Noon to 7:30 PM followed immediately by the Life-Awareness Holy Hour. All are invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament.



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 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: November 5, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Call 973-746-2660 with any questions.

Bergen Catholic High School:

1040 Oradell Ave., Oradell, NJ 07649 - 201-634-4151

BCHS, founded and staffed by the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, invites all boys and their parents to an Open House on Thursday, Oct. 29th 7pm - 9pm.

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.

Queen of Peace High School:

191 Rutherford Pl., N. Arlington, NJ - 201-998-8227

twice honored Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, is hosting an Open House for 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students on Monday, Nov. 2nd at 7pm.

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

HOLIDAY CRAFT BOUTIQUE & BAKE SALE...

Nutley's Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Women's Auxiliary will be running their annual Craft Boutique in the Church Hall on Saturday, November 28, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 29, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The handicraft ladies have been busy all year preparing for this boutique. There will be crocheted and knitted crafts, stocking stuffers and decorative holiday items. There will also be Tricky Tray chances to take and as an added feature - a Bake Sale! The bake sale consists of homemade cakes, pies, bread and cookies. All proceeds go to the benefit of our church.

**Men's Cornerstone meeting Wed, Oct. 28th
at 7:30 p.m. in St. Peter's room.**

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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING

**Saturday, November 21, 2009 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
499 Belgrove Dr., Kearny, NJ**

**For directions and to register, please call
201-246-7378**

**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

~ ~ 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