

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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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
Michael 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

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

November 8, 2009 . 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, November 8

Saturday, November 7
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 8

7:30 am Marguerite G. Revene (50th Anniversary) - Daughter
9:00 am For the Faithful Departed
10:30 am Edward L. Post, Jr. - Family
12:00 pm Beatriz Londono - Grandchildren

Monday, November 9

7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Santangelo - Family
11:30 am For the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 10

7:30 am For the Faithful Departed
11:30 am Josephine Battista - Daughter

Wednesday, November 11

7:30 am Catherine M. McAlvanah - Daughter
11:30 am Louis Occhetti - Friend

Thursday, November 12

7:30 am Deceased Members of McIntyre Family - Bequest
11:30 am John Francis Downey - Friends

Friday, November 13

7:30 am Maria DeRogatis - Daughter
11:30 am Dolores Losgar - Daughter

Saturday, November 14

8:30 am Louis Occhetti - Family

Sunday, November 15

Saturday, November 14
5:00 pm Lisa Purvis - Friend

Sunday, November 15

7:30 am For the People of the Parish
9:00 am Anna & Charles Sarno - Granddaughter
10:30 am Gail K. Pilsbury - Husband
12:00 pm Joseph Ciuba - Friend

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Jennifer Vandervoord, Frank Korec, Paul Strickland,
Franco & Fasone Families

REST IN PEACE :

Harry Shaw, Robert Lutz, Anne Miller

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Harold W. Wittig
Convent: Walter Krevs

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



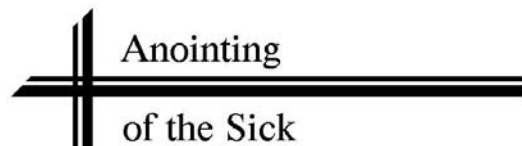
In today's readings, two generous widows give us an insight into how God views our giving. We are to give in the spirit of the Lord's Prayer, in which we ask not for tomorrow's bread, but for today's. These widows show us how to trust in God to provide for tomorrow.

THE FIRST READING In the passage from 1 Kings, Elijah begs a widow for a drink of water, and then for some bread. The prophet could go to the wealthy people in Zarephath, but he asks this poor widow for help instead. In spite of her great need, she gives Elijah what she has, and believes his seemingly impossible promise: that the God of Israel will make her handful of flour and her last little bit of oil last until the rain returns. Of the little she has, God makes enough.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 146 responds to the First Reading, recalling God's special care for the poor, especially "the fatherless and the widow" (146:9).

GOSPEL: The longer form includes a passage in which Jesus condemns the scribes, who "devour the houses of widows" (Mark 12:40) by exacting contributions from them and demand special treatment wherever they go. A "severe condemnation" awaits these unjust dealings (12:40). Both the longer form and the shorter form include the familiar story of the "widow's mite." Jesus watches the people putting money into the treasury. Rich people come by and put in huge sums; then a widow comes by and puts in two small coins, worth almost nothing. Jesus is probably the only one who even notices her gift. He tells his disciples that she had put in more than any of the others. This statement must have stunned them. God measures our giving not by how much we give, but by *how* we give. The others only gave what they could easily spare. She, like the widow who provided for Elijah, gave in faith—what she could not spare, "her whole livelihood" (12:44).

SECOND READING: The ongoing reading from the Hebrews continues to parallel Jesus, the high priest, and the priests of Jewish ritual. The writer describes the rituals of the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), when the high priest offers sacrifice to free the people of their sins. This sacrifice, offered in a manmade sanctuary, with "blood that is not his own" (Hebrews 9:25), must be repeated year after year. But the sacrifice of Christ, who entered into heaven itself with the offering of his own blood, supersedes all other sacrifices. This sacrifice is offered just once. Christ's Second Coming is not like his first: when he comes again, it will not be to take away sin, but to "bring salvation" (9:28).



**Saturday, November 14th, 2009
during the 12:00 noon Mass in Church.**

The names of those who have deceased from Nov. of 2008, to-date, 2009, will be listed on next week's bulletin cover, November 15th, 2009.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS



WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR SCHOOL?

There will be School Liturgy in Church during the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Our Thanksgiving Feast will be held on November 19, 2009.

Session Dates for Baptism 2009

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

December 6	1:00 p.m.
January 24, 2010	1:00 p.m.
March 28	1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

November 22	1:30 p.m.
December 13	1:30 p.m.
January 10, 2010	1:30 p.m.
January 31	1:30 p.m.

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



Erika Pearl Boniface

Parents: Shana (Ciociola) & Richard Boniface

Christian Gerald Ciciola

Parents: Catherine (Stewart) & Gerald Ciciola

Christopher Joseph Dominic Gentile

Parents: Jennifer (Egle) & Joseph Gentile

Bea Nicole Pasquale

Parents: Nicelle (Vitor) & Michael Pasquale

Samantha Shandley

Parents: Victoria (Costa) & William J. Shandley

Nicolas Matteo Sozio

Parents: Jayme (Trisuzzi) & Lorenzo Sozio

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Congratulations to our Special Needs Religious Education Program which just received an award from the New Jersey Coalition of Inclusive Ministries. Special thanks and credit go to our wonderful, patient, loving teachers – Diane O'Connell, MaryLou Gilchrist, and Janice Mandra, who have given so much of their time and talent to this program. Also, thanks to the parents who bring their children each week and who worked so hard to get the program started. We are blessed to have each of you in our parish.

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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: \$18,346
AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK: \$22,000

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 11/9

September Club - 11:30am in St Peter

Wednesday – 11/11

VETERAN'S DAY – Thank a Vet today!

Thursday – 11/12

SCC Thursday - 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 11/13

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



WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR 7P.M. ON MONDAYS: NOVEMBER 9, 2009 & NOVEMBER 16, 2009. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

MEN'S CORNERSTONE - MARCH 12 & 13, 2010

"The men who were there, familiar faces I have seen for many years, instantly became my close friends. An incredibly moving experience." – *Orly Trias*

St. Thomas Christmas Cards



St. Thomas
Altar (1)
5 1/2 (H)
8 1/2 (W)

Limited
Quantity!



St. Thomas
Manger (2)
8 1/2 (H)
5 1/2 (W)

Order
soon
while
supplies
last!



St. Thomas
Manger (3)
5 1/2 (H)
8 1/2 (W)

Last date
to pre-
order
11/25/09

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Christmas Card Selection	Quantity	Price	Total
St. Thomas Altar (1)		\$1.00	
St. Thomas Manger (2)		\$1.00	
St. Thomas Manger (3)		\$1.00	
Total Christmas Card Order			

Email Questions to:
ChristmasCards@stachurchbloomfield.com

Please make checks payable to:
"St. Thomas Home and School Assoc."

Please submit order form and payment at the Parish Center



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

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH CENTER FROM 7-9PM. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

11/8 NO MEETING - FALL RETREAT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

11/20-21 PAUL TATE WEEKEND
11/29 BOWLING DAY
11/29 THEOLOGY OF THE BODY WITH DAVID HAJDUK
50 IN 15 MAC - N - CHEESE

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

THE MUSIC MINISTRY AND
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YOUTH GROUP
ARE PROUD TO PRESENT:

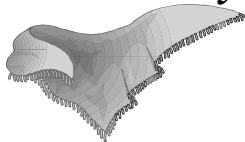
THE RETURN OF: PAUL TATE

COMPOSER OF:
JESUS, HOPE OF THE WORLD
WITH AN EVENING OF
PRAISE AND WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 22, 2009
7:00 P.M. IN CHURCH

PAUL WILL BE PRESENT AT ALL MASSES THE WEEKEND OF NOV. 21-22, 2009, AND WILL PRESENT A CONCERT SUNDAY EVENING.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



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

Our Sunday meeting - Nov. 15th will start at 11:30AM

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

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE!



If you are planning to donate a turkey for a family - **PLEASE** bring your turkey to the parish center - do not leave it in Church or at the doors of the Church. We cannot accept any other perishable foods.

Thank you for your generosity,
Sister Arleen

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.



The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES
For Tomorrow

Scholarships Are Available

- The Scholarship Fund provides partial tuition scholarships to students attending private and parochial schools in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union Counties.
- Scholarship awards are based upon need without regard to race, religion or ethnicity.
- Applications for the 2010-2011 school year are available at your school office or at www.sficnj.org.

Send your application to:

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children
P.O. Box 9500, 171 Clifton Ave. Newark, NJ 07104
Application deadline: January 15, 2010

What do you want for Christmas?



Young ladies in grades 4, 5, and 6 are invited to come and experience God in a deeper way through prayer, song, discussion, food, fun, and activities!

The young ladies will come to realize the gifts that surround them, not just at Christmas, but everyday of their lives. **What a great way to begin Advent!**

When: November 28, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Loyola House of Retreats,
161 James St., Morristown, NJ 07960

**Families are invited to attend
the concluding Mass at 2:30 p.m.**

Suggested offering \$20
to cover the cost of snacks, lunch, and materials.

To register, contact Loyola House of Retreats
973-539-0740 or email retreathouse@loyola.org
For more information on Loyola House of Retreats,
please visit our website at www.loyola.org

HOLIDAY BULLETIN SCHEDULE

**WITH THE HOLIDAYS APPROACHING
EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR OUR
HOLIDAY BULLETINS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**



**THANKSGIVING BULLETIN DUE:
TUES. NOV. 17 BY 10:30 AM**

**CHRISTMAS BULLETIN DUE:
FRI. DEC. 11 BY 10:30 AM**



**DECEMBER 27TH BULLETIN DUE:
TUES. DEC. 15 BY 10:30 AM**

**JANUARY 3RD BULLETIN DUE:
MON. DEC. 21 BY 10:30 AM**



**PLEASE BE SURE TO SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN
INFORMATION TO THE PARISH CENTER
BEFORE THE ABOVE DUE DATES.**

SEND VIA EMAIL TO:

jwgasparini@aol.com

**DROP OFF AT THE PARISH CENTER,
OR SEND VIA FAX TO 973-338-4224.**



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK**

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING

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

For more information, please call 201-246-7378

Ministry of Spiritual Direction Presents:

**Before the Holidays Begin
DAY RETREAT**

Saturday, November 14, 2009 ... 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Though the holidays bring many graces and blessings they often bring pressure, disappointment and anxiety for many of us. Come this day and prepare your heart and attitude for the holidays as well as for every day.

**Presentations - Prayer - Quiet Reflection
Group Spiritual Direction
Healing Prayer Service**

Coffee & Bagels, etc. * Anna - 973-338-9538

Please bag a lunch. * Offering \$20

Please register by Nov. 12th

www.stachurchbloomfield.com/ministries/spiritualdirection/

Monday, November 9, 2009



"Dear Lord Jesus Christ, those whom we honor today are examples of your words:

*"Greater love than this no one has:
that he lay down his life for his friends."*

They gave up their lives in the defense of freedom for their loved ones and their country.

Teach me to appreciate the virtue of patriotism--a true and Christian love of country. Let me love my country, not to follow it blindly but to make it the land of goodness that it should be. Let my patriotism be such that it will not exclude the other nations of the world, but include them in a powerful love of country that has room for all others too."

St. Joseph People's Prayer Book

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial. It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves under the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag." - **Father Dennis Edward O'Brian, USMC**