

# 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  
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

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September 19, 2010 . 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, September 19**

**Saturday, September 18**

**5:00 pm Alfred Trotola – Wife**

**Sunday, September 19**

**7:30 am For the People of the Parish**

**9:00 am Vincent DeMaio – Family**

**10:30 am Frances Scardilli – Daughter**

**12:00 pm Richard Adrian Sause – Wife**

**Monday, September 20**

**7:30 am Sam Laricchia – Friends**

**11:30 am Geraldine Halpin – Friend**

**Tuesday, September 21**

**7:30 am Deceased Members of McIntyre Family – Bequest**

**11:30 am Ann Dilaura – Granddaughter**

**Wednesday, September 22**

**7:30 am Margaret Ciongoli – Friend**

**11:30 am Asuzena Flores – Family**

**Thursday, September 23**

**7:30 am Deceased Members of Klenk Family – Bqst**

**11:30 am Marie Mariella – Friend**

**Friday, September 24**

**7:30 am Mary Singer – Friend**

**11:30 am Sam Laricchia – Friend**

**Saturday, September 25**

**8:30 am William H. Schwindt, Jr. – Friend**

**Sunday, September 26**

**Saturday, September 25**

**5:00 pm Deceased Members of Begley Family – Bqst**

**Sunday, September 26**

**7:30 am Joseph & Jane Beard – Family**

**9:00 am For the People of the Parish**

**10:30 am Linda Gonnelli – Friend**

**12:00 pm De Filippo Family – Family**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Katherine Mc Shane, Barbara Savage,  
Lois Cunningham, Deacon Dennis Besida

**REST IN PEACE:**

Una Meskel Dugga, Jo Ann Mankie, Viola Sierchio,  
Enrico Cortese, Msgr. Louis Fimiani

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Elizabeth Jane Dennin

*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Today is Catechetical Sunday.

**FIRST READING:**

Amos' condemnation of the exploitation of the poor is so poignant, for it uncovers false religious piety and concrete acts of deception and degradation. Those who exploit the poor observe the Sabbath in its external practice, while plotting manipulation upon the Sabbath's end. These plots involve the manipulation of everyday market practices and purchasing the souls of the poor by placating them in their needs. May we repent and challenge others to repent of every form of exploitation of God's poor.

**RESPONSORIAL:**

In Psalm 113 the Church praises God, enthroned in splendor, for his care and deliverance of the poor. In singing this hymn the Church calls itself to imitate the compassion of God.

**SECOND READING:**

Paul proclaims God's desire to save all people and counsels prayer for all in authority so that all might live in peace and be free to encounter the living God. As we pray that political authority will rule by God's design, and so further his plan, we place our trust in his authority over us.

**GOSPEL:**

An employee's poor management of his master's wealth places him in a precarious situation. Faced with impending disaster, he seeks to secure a place of refuge by forgiving debts owed to his master. As sinners, we too find ourselves faced with an impending disaster. Do we dare imitate what we have heard in the parable by forgiving others the debt they owe to the Master?

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[www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com)**

**SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS**



***CURRENTLY ACCEPTING  
REGISTRATION FOR THE  
2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR***

**Please call the School Office at  
973-338-8505 to schedule a tour**

- Pre K3 through 7th grades
- Middle States Accredited
- Full-Day or Half-Day Pre K 3 & 4
- Full-Day or Half-Day Kindergarten
- BeforeCare & AfterCare programs
- Advanced Technology
- Jr. High Science / Synergistics Program
- Physical Education for all grades
- Spanish & Italian Classes
- Art & Music Classes
- Wide Variety of Extra-Curricular Activities



***St. Thomas the Apostle School***

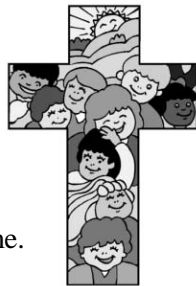
***MOMMY & ME PLAYGROUP***

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish School would like to offer a free, weekly *Mommy & Me Playgroup* this Fall.

- ☺ The playgroup will serve children from 2 to 4 years of age.
- ☺ The playgroup aims to promote new and lasting friendships for both children and their parents.
- ☺ Parents will be responsible for the supervision of their children at all times.
- ☺ Creation of this playgroup is dependent on the number of interested families.
- ☺ If you or a friend are interested in participating or if you have any questions, please call the school office at **973-338-8505**.

**Religious Education News**

CCD classes begin on Mon., Sept. 27 for grades 5-8 and Tues., Sept. 28 for grades 1-4. Children should report to Herron Hall, which is on the first floor of the school, by 3:40 p.m. Classroom assignments will be given out at that time. Dismissal is at 5:00 p.m. from the rear parking, lot as always. Please be considerate and park only in the lot *behind the church*, – **DO NOT CROSS THE CONES**– for the safety of the children.



If you've yet to register your child for CCD classes please call the Religious Education Office at 973-338-7400 to request a registration package. This program is only open to parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle so please make sure that you have filled out the necessary paperwork in the Parish Center and are receiving envelopes.

***Session Dates for Baptism 2010***

**CATECHESIS PREPARATION**

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

- October 17 1:00 p.m.
- December 5 1:00 p.m.

**BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS**

- September 19 1:30 p.m.
- October 3 1:30 p.m.
- October 31 1:30 p.m.
- November 21 1:30 p.m.

**Today is Catechist Sunday**

***A PRAYER FOR A TEACHER OF CHILDREN***

*Lord, let me be just what they need.  
If they need someone to trust - let me be trustworthy.  
If they need sympathy - let me sympathize.  
If they need love (and they do need love) let me love  
in full measure.*

*Let me not anger easily, Lord, but let me just be.  
Permit my justice to be tempered by your mercy.  
When I stand before them, Lord, let me look strong  
and good and honest and loving.  
And let me be as strong and good and honest and  
loving as I look to them.  
Help me to counsel the anxious, crack the covering  
of the shy.*

*Permit me to teach only the truth.  
Help me to inspire them so that learning will not  
cease at the classroom door.  
Let the lessons they learn make their lives fruitful  
and happy.*

*And, Lord, let me bring them to YOU.  
Teach them through me to love YOU.  
Finally, permit me to learn the lessons THEY teach.*

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume next Sunday, September 26, 2010 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass and will continue until next June.



**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**

**Adult Education Events**

**Understanding the Lord's Prayer:** St. Thomas the Apostle will sponsor a lecture by Dr. Gregory Glazov on the Lord's Prayer. Dr. Glazov is professor of biblical studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary. The Lecture will be held in the St. Peter room of the parish center from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

**Faith and Family Conference:** This year's family conference will be co-sponsored with St. Valentine Church. The speaker is Mike St. Pierre, president of Morris Catholic H.S. who will speak on "The Crisis and Challenge of Living as Jesus Today." The conference is October 2 at St. Valentine, from 9 a.m. to noon.

**Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke:** A four part lecture on the Gospel of Luke will be given on Thursdays in October beginning October 7. Morning sessions will be at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and evening sessions from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Lectures take place in the parish center.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

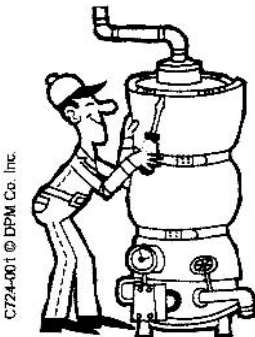


The main source of operating funds for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is our weekly offertory contribution. To assist us in being good stewards of God's gift of treasure, our contribution from last weekend is compared below to the amount we need this week to meet our budget. You may have noticed this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

**LAST WEEKEND COLLECTION: \$18,738**  
**AMOUNT BUDGETED: \$20,500**

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

Want to skip writing checks to St. Thomas each week? Sign up for our electronic giving program. Once a month your gift to the parish is automatically charged to your designated credit or debit card. It's convenient and secure. Call the parish center to request information.



New  
 Church Boiler Fund

\* UPDATE \*

We are still on track to meet our goal of \$100,000 by the end of the year. So far we have collected \$55,674 which accounts for one-time major tax deductible donations and monthly donations equal to or greater than my usual Sunday contribution. Please note this is a restricted fund solely for this purpose and therefore will not be assessed by the Archdiocese. **Our next collection will be next weekend Sept. 25th & 26th.** We thank you for your generosity and commitment to this emergent need.

**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. 120**. 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 – Sept. 19th**

Blood pressure screenings will be held on Sunday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.



**Saint Thomas the Apostle**

**Rosary Society is sponsoring its**

**Annual Communion Breakfast**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Larry Evans**  
**Paramus Catholic High School**

All women of the parish are invited to attend on

**Saturday, October 2nd**

immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

**Forest Hill Field Club**

9 Belleville Avenue, Bloomfield

**\$35 per person**

**RESERVATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH**

Questions, please contact:

Bernadette Lipoma - 973-893-0114

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**Rosary Society**  
**Communion Breakfast Reservation Form**  
 (Please return to Parish Center by 9/24  
**Attention: Rosary Society Breakfast)**

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

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

Please seat me with:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Please make checks payable to  
 STA Rosary Society.)

**KEAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**



Fr. Tom Blind is the Campus Minister at Kean University. Students are welcome to be involved in the spiritual and social activities on campus. If interested, contact Fr. Blind at 908-737-4835. Campus Ministry office is located at Downs Hall, Rm 130. Look forward to hearing from you!

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL RETREAT**

THE MEN'S RETREAT AT SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE, WHERE GOD AND SEA COME TOGETHER, IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 24-26.



THE THEME FOR THE 2010 WEEKEND RETREAT IS: THE YEAR OF ST. LUKE, GOD'S COMPANION.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SPENDING THIS MOST ENJOYABLE AND SPIRITUALLY SIGNIFICANT WEEKEND AT THE NEW JERSEY SHORE SHOULD CONTACT FRANK HELMSTETTER AT 973-338-5872.



**Have You Received all Your Sacraments?  
Join the RCIA Program**

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or needs to receive the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation, St. Thomas the Apostle will begin its RCIA classes on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**AFTER RCIA...**

Continue your formation and education. Call Bob Miller at (973) 338-9190 x 131, to learn about educational opportunities in the parish and in the diocese.

**2010 Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to  
The Basilica of the National Shrine  
of the Immaculate Conception  
in Washington, D.C.  
Under the leadership of  
Archbishop John J. Myers**



Come with St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and join the 2010 Archdiocesan Pilgrimage

**ONE DAY BUS TRIP.  
Bus Cost: \$40 per person  
Saturday, October 23, 2010**

We will join with St. Valentine Church, our New Energies Partner, in sponsoring this day of prayer and devotion to Our Lady.

Buses will depart from Bloomfield at 5:30 a.m. Pilgrims may bring snacks and drinks for the trip down. The return trip will include a stop for dinner with pilgrims responsible for their meal.

**Register now!**

Make check payable to: St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Put in an envelope marked "Pilgrimage" and place it in the collection basket at Mass or drop off at parish center.



**SERRA HOLY NAME  
COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

**WHERE:**  
SETON HALL STUDENT CTR  
**WHEN:**  
LATE OCT. / EARLY NOV. 2010

JOIN US AT OUR FABULOUS BREAKFAST WITH A PROMINENT GUEST SPEAKER WHO WILL BE REVEALED AT A LATER DATE. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW. ALL ARE INVITED. PLEASE CALL JOHN RENNIE WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT 973-338-4615

**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:**

**9/19 TRUST NIGHT**

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT  
tdennin@live.com

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT**

HELP OUT AT THE PARISH PICNIC  
VOLUNTEERS SHOULD ARRIVE AT 1 PM IN VASSAR FIELD

**CONFIRMATION DATES:**

CANDIDATES A - K      OCTOBER 17TH  
CANDIDATES L - Z      OCTOBER 24TH

PICNIC WEEKEND  
FOOD DRIVE  
HELP US CRAM THE VAN

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YOUTH GROUP WILL BE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD PRODUCTS AT THE PICNIC AND AFTER ALL MASSES SEPTEMBER 18TH AND 19TH ALL FOOD WILL BE DELIVERED SUNDAY AFTERNOON TO THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY IN NEWARK, NJ



*Feel good about yourself Give blood*

*St. Thomas' Annual Blood Drive  
Sunday, September 26, 2010  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Herron Hall*

Our blood banks are in need of all types of blood. Please consider this as your gift for life. Come to our blood drive and donate. We welcome our "regulars" and those of you who will be "first timer donors".

All donors must present signed or picture ID's and know their social security number.

Complimentary Cholesterol screening for all blood donors. For more information call the blood center of New Jersey at 973-676-4700. The following are some tips for a good donation experience.

**BEFORE DONATING:**

- Get a good night's sleep. Have a good breakfast or lunch. Eat iron-rich foods - beans, red meat, fish, poultry, iron-fortified cereals, raisins, prunes, etc. Drink extra water and fluids to replace the volume you will donate. Avoid tea, coffee, or other caffeinated beverages. Avoid fatty foods such as hamburgers, fries, or ice cream.

**DURING DONATION:**

- Relax. Wear clothing with sleeves that can be raised above the elbow. Show the staff any "good veins" that have been used successfully in the past to draw blood.

**AFTER DONATION:**

- Take the time to enjoy a snack and a drink afterwards. Immediately after donating, re-hydrate by drinking plenty of fluids over the next 24-48 hours. Avoid strenuous physical activity or heavy lifting for about five hours. If you feel light-headed after donating, lie down, preferably with feet elevated, until the feeling passes. Enjoy the good feeling that comes with knowing that you may have saved as many as three lives!

**BONUS:** \$15 gas card will be given to all donors!

**JOB SEEKERS GROUP**

Don't let your job search get you down. St. Thomas's Work Ministry offers a free, comfortable place to find support, ideas, and inspiration.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:30 in the Parish Center. Keep checking the bulletin for our programs geared to help in your job search. All are welcome to join us if you are looking for a job or need a person to fill a position. For more info, send an e-mail to workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com

**Rev. Alan F. Gugliermo of**

**Immaculate Conception Church - Secaucus, NJ**  
1219 Paterson Plank Rd. - invites all STA ministries to a Seminar on Sensitivity & Protocol September 21st, 2010 at 7pm in the church cafeteria.