

# 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

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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

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September 26, 2010 . 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**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**

**Monday, September 27**

**7:30 am Dr. William Ramucci – Friend**

**11:30 am Genevive Muller – Son**

**Tuesday, September 28**

**7:30 am Maria De Rogatis – Daughter**

**11:30 am Mary & John Walters – Daughter**

**Wednesday, September 29**

**7:30 am Frances Rose Ferraro – Friend**

**11:30 am James Durkin – Friend**

**Thursday, September 30**

**7:30 am Bernice Manfredi – Friend**

**11:30 am Theodore Z. Levandoski – Friends**

**Friday, October 1**

**7:30 am Angelina Catalano**

**11:30 am Dolores Wurts – Family**

**Saturday, October 2**

**8:30 am Daniel O’Connell – Wife**

**Sunday, October 3**

**Saturday, October 2**

**5:00 pm Stanley Sefjack – Son**

**Sunday, October 3**

**7:30 am Joseph Morici – Family**

**9:00 am Barbara Ellmer – Husband**

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

**12:00 pm Elizabeth Molnar – Family**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Deacon Dennis Besida, Victoria Burnett

**REST IN PEACE:**

Christina Errante

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Rose Appenzeller

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

*26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Today’s readings invite us to focus individually and communally on our recognition and service to the poor. Who is the Lazarus at our own door?

**FIRST READING:** Amos prophesies against those who are consumed and captivated by their own wealth and so neglect the needs of their brothers. Prosperity can blind us by covering over and falsely satiating our deeper needs for universal solidarity with our sisters and brothers and peace with God.

**RESPONSORIAL:** In Psalm 146 the Church sings of that faith which lives in acts of justice for the poor. As the Lord God sustains us in our poverty, so we are called to sustain the poor.

**SECOND READING:** Paul exhorts his listeners to a life of faithful witness modeled on the witness of Jesus before Pilate. As Jesus bore witness to the truth, so believers, who professed their faith in the assembly of the Church, are called to do so before the world. Our faith, while deeply personal, is not a private matter. We are called to witness to it in word and deed.

**GOSPEL:** Although Jesus spoke frequently and passionately of God’s mercy, he speaks in today’s parable of a day when the choices we make in life will be irrevocably sealed. The rich man’s neglect and lack of awareness, even of Lazarus’ presence, results in his eternal separation from God and his people. May our eyes be open to the needs of our sisters and brothers, and may our hearts be generous in acts of loving kindness.

**NEXT WEEK!**



**Blessing of Animals**

**St. Thomas’ Annual**



**Blessing of Pets next Sunday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm in the STA School parking lot.**

Bring your winged, four legged, belly crawling, and finned pets to receive this special blessing.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**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

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word  
**RESUMES THIS SUNDAY**  
DURING THE 10:30 A.M. MASS  
and will continue until next June.



***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**

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

***Religious Education News***

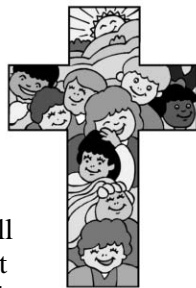
**CCD CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK**

Mon., Sept. 27 grades 5-8 and  
Tues., Sept. 28 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.



***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 ages 2-4.
- ☺ 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**.



Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishoners:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 8, 2010 through March 25, 2011, **St. Thomas the Apostle School** will have the opportunity to earn cash through Stop&Shop A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:

Log on to [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) to register online

**OR**

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop&Shop using your Stop&Shop Card earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Stop&Shop website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at stopandshop.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support!

Please be sure to register your card to benefit **St. Thomas the Apostle School** using ID # **08625**.

**Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean a world of difference to our STA children.**

Sincerely,  
St. Thomas the Apostle Home & School

**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**

**“THIS WEEK”**

**Monday – 9/27**

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

**Wednesday – 9/29**

SCC Wednesday/Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

**Adult Education Events**

**COMING THIS WEEK....**

**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: \$18,104**  
**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.

**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.



**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 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH**

Questions, please contact:

Bernadette Lipoma - 973-893-0114

**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.)



**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.**

**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.

**THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**INVITES The Men of our Parish**  
**To join in celebration of the Mass**  
**SUNDAY, October 3rd at 9 a.m.**

**Reception to follow at the Parish Center**  
**with a guest speaker**

The Holy Name Society is a traditional and dedicated religious ministry of our church and has been since the inception of our parish. Most churches have an active Holy Name Society and are honored by the good works of this group of Catholic men anointed by the LORD.

Please join us. For further information, contact Pres. Paul Alongi, 973-338-4665.

**HOLY NAME PLEDGE**

Blessed be God.  
 Blessed be His Holy Name.  
 Blessed be Jesus Christ true God and true man.  
 Blessed be the Name of Jesus.  
 I believe O Jesus-that Thou art the Christ-the Son of the Living God.  
 I proclaim my love-fro the Vicar of Christ on Earth.  
 I believe all the sacred truths which the Holy Catholic Church believes and teaches.  
 I promise to give good example-by the regular practice-of my faith, in honor of His Divine Name.  
 I pledge myself against perjury blasphemy - profanity - and obscene speech.  
 I pledge my loyalty-to the flag of my country-and to the God-given principles-of freedom, justice and happiness for which it stands.  
 I pledge my support-to all lawful authority-both civil and religious.  
 I dedicate my manhood (myself)-to the honor of the Sacred Name of Jesus Christ-and beg that He will keep me faithful-to these pledges until Death.

**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  
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT [tdennin@live.com](mailto:tdennin@live.com)

**CONFIRMATION REMINDER**

EVENING OF RECONCILIATION,  
SEPTEMBER 28TH AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH.

**CONFIRMATION DATES:**

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

*Ministry of Spiritual Direction  
St. Thomas the Apostle Church*

**The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius**



**Retreat in Everyday Life  
The Nineteenth Annotated Retreat**

In these "Spiritual Exercises" the retreatant prays with the life, passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ using designated scriptures journaling. Retreatant meets with a spiritual director each week to process their prayer. **It is important to call as soon as possible** to keep with the liturgical cycle

For further information call Anna (973) 338-9538



Feel good about yourself  
Give blood -- **THIS WEEKEND!!!**

St. Thomas' Annual Blood Drive  
This 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. If you are 17 years of age, a minimum of 120 pounds, and in basic good health, YOU can donate blood.

Did YOU know that the blood supply can vary depending on the time of year? As donor qualifications continue to become stricter and as the donor population ages, our community is a risk of a low blood supply. If YOU are eligible, YOUR blood donations are needed. The actual donation takes about 5-10 minutes. The entire donation process, from registration to post-donation refreshments, takes about one hour. 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".

*Complimentary Cholesterol screening  
for all blood donors.*

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

*For more information please  
call the blood center of New Jersey at 973-676-4700.*



**RIGHT TO LIFE**

For couples seeking to adopt a child:  
That God will answer their prayers  
and bless their desire to parent;

*We pray to the Lord*

**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](mailto:workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com)

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**

- Paramus Catholic High School** 425 Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ, (201) 445-4466 Wed., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Oratory Preparatory School** One Beverly Rd., Summit, NJ, (908) 273-5771 Sun., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- St. Mary of the Assumption High School** 237 S. Broad St., Elizabeth, NJ, (908) 352-4350 Sun., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.
- Mount St. Dominic Academy** 3 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, NJ (973) 226-0660 Sun., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m.
- Lacordaire Academy** 155 Lorraine Ave., Upper Montclair, NJ (973) 744-1156 Tue., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, & Wed., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7-8:30 p.m.
- Queen of Peace H. S.I** 191 Rutherford Ave., N. Arlington, NJ (201) 998-8227 Sun., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m. & Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m.