

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Thomas F. Blind, M. Div., In Residence

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

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

October 10, 2010 . 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, October 10

Saturday, October 9

5:00 pm Joseph Dandi – Wife

Sunday, October 10

7:30 am Irene Garner – Family

9:00 am Vincent Lupo – Family

10:30 am Paul Brady – Family

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, October 11

8:30 am Judy Bud Sabatino – Husband

Tuesday, October 12

7:30 am Genevieve Petruccione – Family

11:30 am Mike Sefjack – Brother

Wednesday, October 13

7:30 am Arthur Udasin – Friend

11:30 am Michael Sefjack – Brother

Thursday, October 14

7:30 am John Petrus – Family

11:30 am Susan Arms – Mother

Friday, October 15

7:30 am Cassandra Costello – Grandmother

11:30 am Mike Sefjack – Brother

Saturday, October 16

8:30 am Joseph Szajkowski – Niece

Sunday, October 17

Saturday, October 16

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, October 17

7:30 am Alberto Rodriguez – Friend

9:00 am Angelina Catalano – Husband

10:30 am Vincent DeMaio – Family

12:00 pm Charles Offsak – Wife

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Lynette McLeod, Halle Barrett, Lois Cunningham,
Katherine McShane, Barbara Savage, Robert Colucci

REST IN PEACE:

Eleanor McKeon, Sylvia Churchill,
Marianne Russell, Rosemary De Vito

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Lataro Family

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



*28th Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Many are called, but few
are chosen.

Mt 22:14

An attitude of gratitude! That's what both Naaman and the Samaritan expressed after being cured of leprosy. Is that how we approach God for the gifts bestowed upon us, or do we only turn to God in times of need?

During the time of Jesus, those afflicted with leprosy were outcasts. Jesus always reached beyond the usual boundaries with his healing love. Who are the outcasts in our society today, and how do we respond to their afflictions?

FIRST READING: Naaman's healing following his seven-fold immersion in the Jordan leads him to gratitude toward Elisha and God. Elisha's refusal of Naaman's gift led Naaman to express gratitude to God in an interesting manner; he asked for two cartloads of earth from the land of Israel. The request for earth is an act of gratitude, for it implies a pledge to worship the Lord God of Israel.

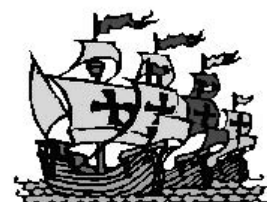
RESPONSORIAL: In Psalm 97 the Church rejoices in the various ways God manifests his salvation to all peoples. In this proclamation the Church challenges herself to become a more convincing sign of salvation.

SECOND READING: Paul's chains bind him in prison, while the fidelity of God binds us to the Lord. Paul willingly bears imprisonment for the manner in which it bears fruit in the life of God's chosen ones. Jesus willingly bore the cross for the way it bears fruit for us in eternal life. We too, bear burdens in hope, so that others will know fuller, more abundant life.

GOSPEL: As Jesus travels along the border between Galilee and Samaria, a border between two faiths, he heals ten lepers, only one of whom, the Samaritan, returns in gratitude. The Samaritan's gratitude is an expression of a faith that yearns for healing from the Lord while recognizing that healing to be not a rightful possession, but a gift.

Columbus Day

Monday, October 11th
One Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Parish Center and School
will be closed!



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 WILL BE COLLECTING
BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION AND LABELS FOR EDUCATION.
PLEASE DROP OFF THEM OFF IN THE "BOXTOPS" BOX
LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**



***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 through 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 Parishioners:

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 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!

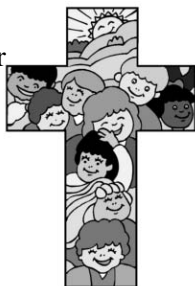
Please be sure to register your card to benefit **St. Thomas the Apostle School** using ID # **08625**.

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

Religious Education News

Second Grade Parents: Please mark your calendar for our mandatory First Penance Parent's Meeting. Meetings will be held Monday, October 25th and Wednesday, October 27th – you may attend whichever meeting date fits your schedule best. The meeting will begin at 7:00 and meet in Herron Hall which is on the first floor of the school building. Please make every effort to attend this meeting – if you will not be able to attend please call the Office of Religious Education at 338-7400 to make other arrangements.



REMINDER TO ALL CCD PARENTS:
There is NO CCD on Tuesday, November 2nd for Election Day.

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 31 1:30 p.m.
November 21 1:30 p.m.
December 12 1:30 p.m.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 10/11

Columbus Day - Parish Center Closed

Wednesday – 10/13

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

Friday – 10/15

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

Adult Education Events

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 from 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Faith and Family Conference scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 2nd with St. Valentine parish has been postponed. A new date will be determined soon.

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.

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.

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: \$16,763
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.



Women's Morning of Reflection

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

St. Peter Room in the St. Thomas Parish Center

OPEN TO ALL WOMEN

Cost - \$6.00 Lunch Included

Theme: *God, You know me... and you search me*

Please bring a photo of yourself.

It does not have to be a recent one.

DETACH HERE AND RETURN WITH DONATION

NAME _____

PHONE: _____

Make checks payable to St. Thomas the Apostle Church
Send to: 60 Byrd Ave, Bloomfield, NJ
or drop it in the collection basket or at the parish center.

If you have any questions,
call Sister Arleen at 973-338-9190 x-133

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

CONFIRMATION DATES:

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



RIGHT TO LIFE

For the poor: that through the generous love of their brothers and sisters in Christ, their material and spiritual needs will be met;

We pray to the Lord



The St. Thomas Annual Blood Drive was a huge success!

We had 52 wonderful people step up to donate blood, four of which were first time donors! Thanks to all who gave this "gift for life." You have made a difference to those of us who depend on a transfusion in order to live a healthy life.

Please consider making your gift a frequent one and keep in mind our next annual blood drive in September of 2011. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, who helped to make this drive a success. Without your help we could not have done it. May God bless each of you.



Rosary Society

PRAY THE ROSARY

The Rosary is recited daily at 11:10 a.m. (prior to 11:30 a.m. Mass). Please join us and pray to Mary, the Queen of Peace, for peace in our families, our Church and in the world.

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

St. Thomas Work Ministry invites you to attend:

Thursday, October 21: Business Opportunity Presented by fellow St. Thomas Parishioner: Maria Pilar B. Monje. We're excited to present a remarkable business opportunity marketing the services people need and use every day, as well as a breakthrough technology that ensures you never miss a moment... no matter where you are. A business that is recession-proof, and income that is willable.

ALSO...

"Don't Just Think Outside the Box – Think Out of This World" presented by Abby Kohut, known on the web as Absolutely Abby.

When: Saturday, October 23rd, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Where: St. Thomas the Apostle, Byrd St., Bloomfield.

Abby's articles on AbsolutelyAbby.com and her bi-weekly Career Wake Up Calls inspire job seekers to stay motivated as they continue their search for their ideal job. Learn how to see the light when there doesn't appear to be any, how to uncover the hidden job market, and how to turn misfortune into opportunity. Learn to differentiate yourself in order to win the race to the finish line. When life brings you lemons, make strawberry lemonade (because everyone else is making lemonade).

Battle of the Ages

Free caregiver support series helps families overcome resistance of seniors who need help

The series addresses senior resistance to care and features a variety of topics such as, the signs of aging, long distance Caregiving and communicating with aging parents. Join Andrea Sussman, MSW and executive Director of Home Instead Senior Care of Morris and Passaic Counties as she shares valuable solutions to help you in your Caregiving endeavors. The family caregiver workshop series will be held the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm (October 13, November 10 and December 8). at the Sunrise Senior Living – 184 Berdan Avenue in Wayne. Light refreshments will be served.

To register for one or all of these valuable workshops call 973-200-0855.

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.



**JUNIPERO SERRA
ANNUAL
COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

The St. Thomas Holy Name Society will join Serra Inter-national District 22 for a vocation communion breakfast on **Sunday, Nov. 14** at Seton Hall Student Center Chancellor's Suite (after mass)

SPEAKER: Father Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, CFR
Former Vocation Director of Newark Archdiocese
MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Father John Gabriel
Current Vocation Director of Newark Archdiocese

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THIS FABULOUS MEAL FEATURING INTERESTING TALKS CENTERED ON SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

Mass is optional: Either at St. Thomas with Holy Name members (to be announced later) or Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 217 Prospect Ave., S. Orange, NJ at 11:00 a.m.

Cost is \$25.00 per adult or \$15.00 for Students
Children under 12 years of age \$12.00

Please call John Rennie at 973-338-4615 for reservations.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Paramus Catholic High School

425 Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ, (201) 445-4466
Wed., Oct. 13th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

St. Mary of the Assumption High School

237 S. Broad St., Elizabeth, NJ, (908) 352-4350
Sun., Oct. 10th, 2:00 p.m.

Mount St. Dominic Academy

3 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, NJ (973) 226-0660
Sun. Oct. 17th, 1:30 p.m.

Lacordaire Academy

155 Lorraine Ave., Upper Montclair, NJ (973) 744-1156
Tue., Oct. 14th, & Wed., Nov. 3rd, 7-8:30 p.m.

Queen of Peace High School

191 Rutherford Ave., N. Arlington, NJ (201) 998-8227
Sun., Oct. 17th, 11 a.m.

St. Mary High School

64 Chestnut St., Rutherford, NJ (201) 933-5220
Tue., Oct. 19th, Tue., Nov. 30th, Wed., May 18th, 7-9 p.m.

The 111th Annual Feast of St. Gerard

will be held at **St. Lucy Church**
118 7th Ave., Newark, NJ from
Thursday, October 14 through Sunday October 17

The novena begins on **Thursday, October 7**
and ends on **Friday, October 15.**
Novena starts at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America,



a traveling exhibit
sponsored by
the Leadership
Council of Women

Religious (LCWR), is coming to the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, Statue of Liberty National Monument until January 22, 2011. This creative and compelling exhibit illustrates the enormous impact the lives of these remarkable women have had and continue to have on both our church and our nation's history. Visit www.womenandspirit.org for more information.

On the weekend of the 25th, at our closing Celebration, Jenna Cianci, our first grade teacher and long time parishioner here at St. Thomas, was recognized as a "Partner in Mission" of the Sisters of Charity. Jenna was nominated by the Sisters for her outstanding Charity among God's people and her love and reverence for the earth. We are so very proud of Jenna.

As we come to the end of our year of Celebration (150 years), we the Sisters of Charity wish to express our love and deep appreciation to all of our friends and supporters here at St. Thomas. Your love and support throughout the years have enabled all of us, especially those of us who live here at St. Thomas, to continue to serve. Together we Sisters who live here at St. Thomas have a collective amount of 389 years in religious life. God Bless all of you for all you do and may God continue to reward you for your generous spirit.

- Sister Maria Michael 65 years**
- Sister Georgette 61 years**
- Sister Cecilia 59 years**
- Sister Mary Jane 57 years**
- Sister Claire 53 years**
- Sister Joan 49 years and**
- Sister Elizabeth 45 years.**

BINGO at St. Mary's in Nutley

Bring a friend and join us for some fun at BINGO at St. Mary's Church (17 Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley - in church basement) every Tuesday evening. The evening begins with the Early Bird Special at 7:15 p.m. and Game 1 7:30 p.m. Food is also available.

MEN - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The next Men's Cornerstone Retreat Team Meeting is Wednesday October 13 at 7:30PM in the parish center. If you are not receiving email reminders and would like them or you are receiving them and wish to stop, please email tom.rossano@gmail.com so we can update our contact list.