

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

Rectory/Parish Center: (973) 338-9190 . Fax: (973) 338-4224 . Religious Education: (973) 338-7400
School: (973) 338-8505 . Convent: (973) 338-9118
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Rev. Charles J. Miller, M. Div., Pastor

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Andrew N. Onyemaobi, M.Div., M.A. • Rev. Camilo E. Cruz, M. Div.
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 17, 2010 . 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, October 18

7:30 am Asuncion A. Flores – Children

11:30 am Pat & Phyllis Russillo – Children

Tuesday, October 19

7:30 am Silvester & Esterina Fusco – Family

11:30 am Marie Mairella – Friend

Wednesday, October 20

7:30 am Elizabeth Degli Effetti – Granddaughter

11:30 am Mae Lingle – Family

Thursday, October 21

7:30 am Alice M. Ferraer – Friend

11:30 am Deceased of Begley Family – Bequest

Friday, October 22

7:30 am Fred Roberts – Family

11:30 am James J. Davis – Wife

Saturday, October 23

8:30 am Robert Imfeld – Wife

Sunday, October 24

Saturday, October 23

5:00 pm Lee Marie Mongelli – Family

Sunday, October 24

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Tom Rossano - God's Blessings on the Occasion of his Birthday

10:30 am Ann McHugh – Family

12:00 pm Thomas Lorenzo – Daughters

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Robert Colucci

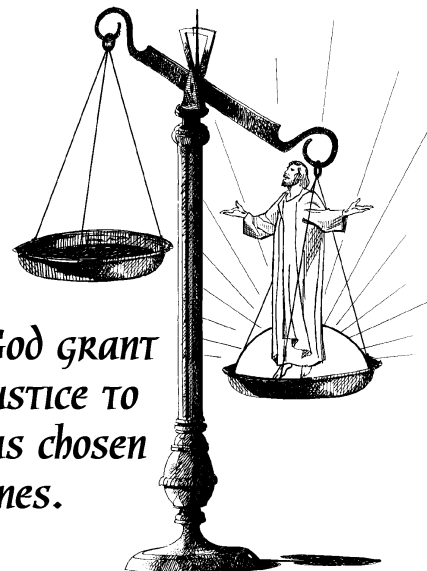
REST IN PEACE:

Florence Aromando

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Angelina Catalano

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*God GRANT
JUSTICE TO
his chosen
ones.*

Persevere; be persistent; pray constantly. Through liturgical prayer we both *share* faith and *shape* our faith. Like, Moses who was supported by Aaron and Hur, we pray in community supporting one another.

FIRST READING: With God's staff in his hands, Moses extends his arm in blessing over Israel's battles. Moses' arms raised in blessing signified reliance upon God to bring victory. Arms lowered in weariness, a sign of human self-reliance, brought defeat. As Moses relied on the support of fellow believers, so must we so that God's victory will be accomplished within and through us.

RESPONSORIAL: In proclaiming Psalm 20 the Church acknowledges the Lord as the source of her life and salvation. It is the Lord who guards us from evil.

SECOND READING: Paul exhorts believers to be formed more deeply into Christ through the scriptures handed on and taught within a living community of faith. Formation in the truth is essential, for it leads to salvation. While falsehood cannot be tolerated, it must be refuted with a patience and purpose that will promote conversion to the truth.

GOSPEL: The persistent clamor of a widow for justice moves a judge, who was indifferent to the demands of justice, to respond to her need. How much more so will the God of justice grant to those who hunger for justice the gifts of right relationship and a share in the goods of the earth for which they long. Let us clamor for justice as an expression of our faith.

**Visit our website at
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 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

Session Dates for Baptism 2010

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

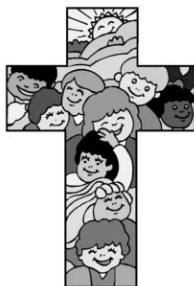
St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center
October 17 1:00 p.m.
December 5 1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

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

Religious Education News

Second Grade Parents:: First Penance Parent's Meeting 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.

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



Michael Anthony Berardi

Parents: Daniele (Restaino) & John D. Berardi

Amelia Rose Forgione

Parents: Kimberly (Bazylewicz) & Vincent A. Forgione

Juliana Rose Gibbons

Parents: Angela (Restaino) & Christopher Gibbons

James Anthony Kubarewicz

Parents: Christina (Graff) & Daniel Kubarewicz

Enzo Christopher La Badia

Parents: JacLyn (Scandariato) & Christopher LaBadia

Faith Annette Mellito

Parents: Krista (Cerniglia) & John Mellito

Zachary Evan Weight

Parents: Suzanne L. (Murphy) & Charles Eric Wright

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 10/18

September Club - 11:30am in St. Peter

Wednesday – 10/20

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

Thursday – 10/21

Job Seekers - 7:30pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 10/22

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

Adult Education Events

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: \$17,818
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

Saturday Oct. 30th from 9:30 a.m. to 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



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.

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 sick and dying and their loved ones: that when they are tempted to lose hope, the Blessed Mother will help restore their joy in the promise of eternal life;

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

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).

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

United with the Catholics of the world at the Table of the Lord, we recommit ourselves to our vocation, through baptism, to be missionaries. Our prayers and Eucharistic celebration next Sunday are directed in a special way toward our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are waiting to hear the joyous "Good News" of Jesus. Our offerings, through the Society for Propagation of the Faith, will support the work and witness of those who selflessly give up all for the sake of our Lord and His Gospel - the local priests, Religious, and lay catechists who daily provide loving service to the poor and suffering of the Developing World.



Support St. Thomas' Annual Christmas Concert



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

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

We have set it for Saturday, December 11, 2010, 7PM with reception following. To achieve this objective we need to have a Souvenir Program Journal that will raise the necessary funds. Please see the form below and make your contribution check to St. Thomas the Apostle.

Thank you,
PAUL ALONGI

Be a Sponsor for the St. Thomas the Apostle Annual Christmas Concert & Reception Saturday, December 11, 2010 – 7PM

Featuring the Garden State Concert Band
And guest narrator Father Charles Miller

How – Contribute to the Souvenir Program Journal

- Back Cover - \$400.00
- Inside Back Cover - \$200.00
- Gold Page - \$150.00
- Inside Front Cover - \$200.00
- Full Page - \$100.00
- Half Page - \$75.00
- Quarter Page - \$50.00
- Listing of Name Page - \$25.00

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I want to contribute _____ for _____ page
or \$25.00 for a name listing.

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

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.

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 (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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Seton Hall Preparatory School (boys)

120 Northfield Ave., W. Orange, NJ, (973) 325-6632
Sun., Oct. 31st, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 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
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.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY - NEWARK

Rutgers University - Newark will be running the Scarlet Basketball Clinic for boys and girls from ages 7-17 on Thurs., Nov. 4th & Fri., Nov. 5th. The clinic will run each day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The clinic is held on the two days that the NJ Public School system have off from school due to teacher conferences. The cost is \$65 for the two-day clinic.

For a brochure please call Joe Loughran at 973-353-1483 or email at loughran@rutgers.edu.

BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS

Bloomfield Nursing Division is offering the following. Appointments required, please call 973-680-4058.

PAP SMEAR & MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 9:00 A.M.-12 NOON
FREE TO UNINSURED WOMEN AGE 40 AND OVER.

STROKE SCREENING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 10:00 A.M. - 12 NOON
COST - \$30; (\$20 FOR THOSE OVER AGE 55)
Screening includes total cholesterol, blood pressure,
Blood glucose,
Carotid artery assessment performed by clinician

BLOOD CHEMISTRY & PSA*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
Blood Chemistry - \$25, PSA - \$35
Pre-registration & Pre-payment required
Fasting required

*Available to Bloomfield and Caldwell residents