

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

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

October 24, 2010 . 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, October 25

7:30 am John & Philomena Malgieri – Daughter

11:30 am Rev. Edward Mc Grath – Bequest

Tuesday, October 26

7:30 am Angelina Russomanno – Aunt

11:30 am Phyllis Freed – Friend

Wednesday, October 27

7:30 am Daniel Lardieri – Wife

11:30 am Thomas P. Mahon, Jr. – Parents

Thursday, October 28

7:30 am Loretta & Dominic Santangelo – Family

11:30 am Judy Bud Sabatino – Uncle

Friday, October 29

7:30 am Victor Porcelli – Family

11:30 am Rose Mc Garry – Bequest

Saturday, October 30

8:30 am Deanna Devine – Family

Sunday, October 31

Saturday, October 30

5:00 pm Mario Lucciolo – Family

Sunday, October 31

7:30 am Marguerite G. Revene – Daughter

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Loretta Di Michele – Family

12:00 pm John & Marianna Lupich – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Lola Raimo, Ricardo David, Robert Colucci
Lois Cunningham, Barbara Savagew

REST IN PEACE:

Katherine Mc Shane, Florence Cardone

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: George Kuhn **Rectory:** Nicholas J. Pieroni

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



As the period of Ordinary Time moves toward its climax, we are four Sundays away from the end of the liturgical year. We hear the last passage from excerpts from the Pastoral Epistles today.

FIRST READING:

God's fervor is not won by the economic or social status of a petitioner, but by the virtuous person who humbly seeks God with his whole heart. This teaching shatters the equation of wealth with divine favor and challenges each of us to look beyond externals to the virtue that lives in the heart of a person and finds expression in petition directed to God, the source and fulfillment of our hope.

RESPONSORIAL:

In Psalm 33 the Church proclaims that the virtuous and the humble will know the fullness of God's blessing. In God's mercy he saves the brokenhearted.

SECOND READING:

Paul attests to the saving presence of God that has enabled him to pour out his life in the service of the Lord and so to receive a crown of glory. Even though he desires to know the support and companionship of fellow believers in times of trial, the absence of their support will not weaken his faith in the Lord who accompanies and sustains him in every trial.

GOSPEL:

Both the Pharisees and the tax collectors in Jesus' parable are portrayed as honest men of prayer. Each express to God the truth of his heart; yet only the heart of the tax collector is fertile ground for right relationship with God. For only his heart is formed with the hospitality that honors that God's virtue is expressed in mercy for those whose holiness will never approach his own.

**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

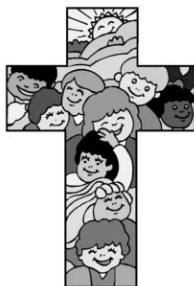
St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center
December 5 1:00 p.m.

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.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 10/25

September Club - 11:30am in St. Peter

Wednesday – 10/27

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

Friday – 10/29

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.

MARIAN CONFERENCE

St. Thomas the Apostle will hold a Conference on Saturday, December 4th from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. The topic, **Mary: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow**, will be presented by Maura Hearnden, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Theology at DeSales University. Subject matter includes Mary's role in Salvation History, her role in our prayer life, and Marian dogmas. For more information or to register call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x131. A suggested offering of \$15 payable at the door is appreciated.

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.

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.



Tour of St. Thomas the Apostle Church



*I rejoiced when I heard them say:
let us go to the house of the Lord
Psalm 122*

Wednesday, Nov 3rd, 2010 @ 7:30pm, there will be a tour of the Church & explanation of the stain glass windows w/in our parish church.

Fr. Tom blind, assisted by Mr. Tom Rossano, will conduct the tour and explain other treasures of our church building.

*How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord almighty God.
Psalm 84*



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



RIGHT TO LIFE

For all young parents and families, specially those struggling financially: that they will have hope and faith in God's goodness and be given the strength to persevere;

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

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

We are called to this Eucharistic celebration – along with Catholics in every parish, chapel, and church throughout the world – to recommit ourselves to the call we heard at Baptism, to share our faith, to be missionaries.

Let us pray at this Mass for all who long to hear the hope-filled, life-giving message of Jesus' love and salvation. Let us offer generous financial help to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in support of the service of priests, Religious and lay catechists in more than 1,150 local churches throughout Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

*On World Mission Sunday,
Through which the eye of the heart
widens to look upon the vastness of the mission,
may we all see ourselves as active participants in
the Church's task of proclaiming the Gospel.*

Pope Benedict XVI

Blast from the Past

In October of 1940 St. Thomas the Apostle Parish's convent was complete.

Also in October of 1939, the cornerstone was laid for the new Church (as opposed to the tent or the Church which is now the parish center) and the School building.

Check out our website for more fun facts at: www.stachurchbloomfield.com



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, at 11am.

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

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.

MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

**Before the Holidays Begin
DAY RETREAT**

**Saturday November 13, 2010
9:00am – 3:00pm**

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 to celebrate the holidays as well as every day.



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

“May the God of peace preserve you whole and entire body, mind & spirit.” (1Thess 5:23)

Coffee & bagels, etc Anna - (973) 338-9538
Please bag a Lunch Offering \$20
Please Register Helpful by Nov 11

<http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com/ministries/spiritualdirection/>

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.

Lacordaire Academy

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

St. Mary High School

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

ATTENTION LECTORS:

**Lectors should pick-up
books for the new liturgical year
in the sacristy.**

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