

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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## 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  
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Tracey Rennie

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FOR PARISH MINISTRY:  
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MUSIC MINISTERS:  
Kimberley Mesiti

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Robert P. Miller

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:  
Mr. Timothy Dennin

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Eileen Conte, Chairperson  
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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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October 31, 2010 . 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**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**

**Monday, November 1**

**7:30 am Deceased Members of the Ramirez, Magsino & Dimaculangan Families – Family**

**11:30 am Frank Mc Garry – Bequest**

**Tuesday, November 2**

**7:30 am For the Faithful Departed**

**11:30 am Elizabeth Donatiello – Family**

**Wednesday, November 3**

**7:30 am Theresa Candido – Grandson**

**11:30 am For the Faithful Departed**

**Thursday, November 4**

**7:30 am For the Faithful Departed**

**11:30 am Carol Blum – Friend**

**Friday, November 5**

**7:30 am Thomas P. Mahon, Jr. – Parents**

**11:30 am For the Faithful Departed**

**Saturday, November 6**

**8:30 am For the Faithful Departed**

**Sunday, November 7**

**Saturday, November 6**

**5:00 pm Josephine Battista (18th Anniv.) – Daughter**

**Sunday, November 7**

**7:30 am For the Faithful Departed**

**9:00 am Claudette Westerfield – Daughter**

**10:30 am Walter Krebs – Sister-in-law**

**12:00 pm Beatriz Londono – Family**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

John Babula, Lola Raimo, Ricardo David, Marian Palagano  
Lois Cunningham, Barbara Savage, Delainy Kurbyla-Cell

**REST IN PEACE:**

Luis Feliciano, Constance Stable

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Paul & Tom Brady

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The end of the liturgical year is quickly approaching. With the celebrations of All Saints and All Souls in the next few days, the Church is focusing our attention to thoughts of the end times as well as to the end of our lives.

**FIRST READING:** God's profound love for everything he has created finds its greatest expression in his patience with and admonishment of the sinner. God is patient and sustains us in being so that we might have the opportunity to repent and return to the embrace on his love. God admonishes us that we might see the error of our ways and learn to abstain from evil through a deepened trust in his love.

**RESPONSORIAL:** In Psalm 144 the Church proclaims the patience of God, who is slow to anger and abounds in love and mercy.

**SECOND READING:** As Paul prays that God will bring completion to the good he has inaugurated in the lives of the Thessalonians; he counsels them to patience as they await the Lord's return. The present period of building upon the foundation of God's kingdom ought to be their principal concern and ours as well.

**GOSPEL:** Zacchaeus so deeply desires to see Jesus, that he climbs a tree to get a glimpse of him. In so doing, Zacchaeus exposes himself to ridicule and to denouncement by the townsfolk as a sinner. Our desire to see the Lord, at times, be suppressed by our own fear of the honest exposure of our lives before God and others. Zacchaeus summons us beyond fear to a wholehearted seeking of the Lord.

**THIS WEEK**

**ALL SAINTS - MON., NOV. 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Although this is a holy day, it is not a day of obligation. Today the Church honors all the saints of heaven--God's holy ones--those known and unknown to us. This solemnity celebrates all who have been examples of faith throughout the ages, those whose lives mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ. As we heard in the Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany, it is in the lives of the saints that the Church proclaims the Passover of Christ. Today's solemnity honors all the saints, in particular those who are not individually recognized throughout the year.

**ALL SOULS - TUESDAY, NOV. 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

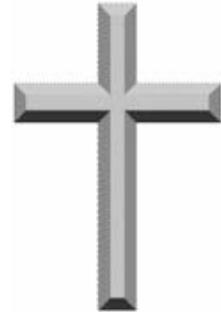
As we anticipate remembering our faithful departed during the month of November, remember that our prayers for the dead bind us to them in the communion of faith and life promised by Jesus to all who believe in Him.

All Souls day is a commemoration of all those who have fallen asleep in Christ marked with the sign of faith and who, we pray, may one day join the saints around the great banquet table of the Lamb. We pray for the dead; we pray for the forgiveness of all their sins; and we pray that God, in his great mercy, will take them to himself.



**"Time Change" Next Weekend Nov 7**  
Standard time resumes next Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks *back* one hour!

## *From the Pastor's desk...*



Dear Parishioners,

Fall is upon us and Thanksgiving Day will soon be here. As the seasons change around us it is good that we take some time as individuals and as a faith community to stop and notice what we have to be thankful for.

We offer our congratulations to **Brian Murphy** who recently celebrated with the Bishop his Candidacy as part of the final steps toward his ordination as a permanent deacon. We thank him for his willingness to take on years of study in preparation for ordination and for his involvement in the life of this parish and in his consistent care for the poor and needy.

We congratulate **Francesca Leite** who received the *Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Recognition Award*, which recognizes an outstanding high school youth for their service to family, community, school and parish. We thank her for her dedicated membership in the St. Thomas the Apostle Youth Group and for her service as a lector at Sunday mass. Fran also teaches in our CCD and Confirmation classes.

We congratulate **Sr. Arleen Crimmons**, our parish pastoral associate, who just celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Dominican Sister. Sr. Arleen focuses her many talents on guiding our Women's Cornerstone, helping our parishioners in times of bereavement, and coordinating our parish outreach to sick and homebound.

We thank **Nancy Cardone**, our parish Director of Music, for all of her efforts on our behalf, our recent Confirmation ceremonies and for giving of her special talents for many years here at St. Thomas. Nancy begins her final year here as she prepares for her retirement and move to another state.

We thank **Tim Dennin**, our parish Youth Minister and Confirmation Coordinator, for helping prepare over 100 of our young people for their recent Confirmation celebration and for his consistent care and concern for the spiritual welfare of our teenagers.

Saint Thomas the Apostle is blessed as a parish with countless men and women, like these, who give of their time and talents week after week in so many ministries, organizations and societies. It is good that we stop, notice, and thank God for how blessed we really are.

In the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Father Charles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Father Charles*

**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

**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*

Wed., Nov 3rd, @ 7:30pm, there will be a tour of the Church & an explanation of the stain glass windows within our parish church.

Fr. Tom Blind, assisted by 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*



**Thomas the Apostle School  
announces  
MOMMY & ME PLAYGROUP  
beginning on  
Tuesday, November 9th,  
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

- ☺ The playgroup will serve children from 2-4 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.
- ☺ If you have any questions or would like to sign-up for the program, please call the school office at **973-338-8505**.

**Please note:** If you already signed up for the playgroup, you do not have to call again. We look forward to seeing you on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Friends,

With heartfelt gratitude I appreciate all of you who came to celebrate my Jubilee at the noon Mass and reception on October 10, 2010. I am overwhelmed with the outpouring of your love, support and gifts. It is a humble experience. The day was perfect from beginning to end. I'm still on 'cloud nine'. I've been blessed these past 50 years to have so many faith-filled, good, caring and loving people in my life. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your loved ones.

*Sister Arleen*

**Religious Education News**

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



**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**

**"THIS WEEK"**

**Monday – 11/1**

September Club - 11:30am in St. Peter

**Tuesday – 11/2**

ELECTION DAY – **VOTE**

**Wednesday – 11/3**

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

**Tuesday – 11/4**

Job Seekers Meeting – 7:30pm in St. James

**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.

<b>Collection October 17</b>	<b>18,874</b>
<b>Collection October 24</b>	<b>18,238</b>



**New  
Church Boiler Fund**

**\* UPDATE \***

We are right on track to meet our goal of \$100,000 by the end of the year. So far we have collected \$90,927 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 Nov. 14th.** We thank you for your generosity and commitment to this emergent need.



## 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](mailto:tdennin@live.com)



### RIGHT TO LIFE

For all who suffer from the evils of slavery, human trafficking, and other abuses of human dignity: that they will know justice and freedom in this 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](mailto:workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com)

### Adult Education Events

#### 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 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. The topic, **Mary: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow**, will be presented by Maura Hearden, 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.

I would like to thank the St. Thomas Community, who came to visit, sent cards, and prayed for me during my recent illness. God Bless!

*Deacon Dennis J. Besida*



## 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

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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 to the Parish Center.

### 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.



**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.

**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.stchurchbloomfield.com/ministries/spiritualdirection/>

**Halloween Safety: We Care about our Children!**

**Treats:** Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has carefully examined them for evidence of tampering.

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**



**HOW HALLOWEEN CAN BE REDEEMED**

Halloween has grown into a major secular holiday in American culture. But for those who don't value devotion to the saints, the Eve has become "hollow" instead of "hallow."

The purpose behind it has been lost – like celebrating New Year's Eve without a New Year's Day. Take away the saints and our beliefs about the dignity and destiny of human beings, and the only thing left is pre-Christian superstition regarding the dead.

Among many Christians, there has been concern that things have gotten out of hand. After all, doesn't Halloween glorify evil? Is it right to send our children out as devils and vampires, or is it better to emphasize the saints, whose nearly forgotten feast day is the reason for Halloween? *Hallow* is the same word for "holy" that we find in the Lord's Prayer, and *e'en* is a contraction of "evening."

November 2 has been chosen to commemorate All Souls because it was an obvious companion date and extension of the Feast of All Saints. Both days are reminders that all of us, living and dead, are united in a living communion with Christ and one another.

In effect, Halloween because one vigil for two feasts celebrated by the Catholic Church. Now, violent movies with Halloween settings flood television and video stores; warped personalities copy malicious acts "for fun"; young people experiment with the occult because of publicity given to witches and warlocks.

It is precisely because Catholics do believe in the reality of evil that we promise to turn away from "Satan and all his works" in the baptismal rite. Here's a chance for parents (and godparents) to make good on that promise: Be vigilant about television and video games, don't give warped personalities the publicity they crave, choose carefully if and where your child will trick-or-treat.

The word *Halloween* itself is a shortened form of "All Hallows Eve," the day before All Saints Day. This holiday, properly understood and celebrated with all of its fun trappings can be a way for us to deepen our understanding of our faith. The key to this understanding is close at hand for Catholics in our love of the communion of saints.

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