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Eucharistic Liturgy
Saturday Eve: 5:00pm
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am & 12:15pm
(12 Noon during summer months)
Weekdays: 7:30, & 11:30am
Saturday Mornings: 8:30am Only
Holy Days: 7:30, 11:30am & 7:00pm
Holidays: 8:30am Only

Interpreted Mass
for the Deaf
Fourth Sunday of Each Month
12:15pm

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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Offering Social Service Assistance
1(800) CCS-7413
Fax: 596-3735

September 30, 2007 . 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, September 30
Saturday, September 29
5:00 pm Ihor Baczynskyj - Family

Sunday, September 30
7:30 am For the People of the Parish
9:00 am Leah Banzon - Sister
10:30 am Catherine Quigley - Friend
12:15 pm Robert Westerfield – Daughter

Monday, October 1
7:30 am Lukas Shang - Friend
11:30 am Rosalie Cradarotta - Family

Tuesday, October 2
7:30 am Anna De Jesso - Friend
11:30 am Santina Laricchia - Family

Wednesday, October 3
7:30 am Daniel O’Connell - Family
11:30 am Elizabeth Molnar - Family

Thursday, October 4
7:30 am Francisco Rodriguez - Friends
11:30 am George Abdow – Family

Friday, October 5
7:30 am Francisco Rodriguez - Friends
11:30 am Andrea Long – Family

Saturday, October 6
8:30 am Irene Hughes - Family

Sunday, October 7
Saturday, October 6
5:00 pm Cecilia Ofsak - Friend

Sunday, October 7
7:30 am Isabella Kovacs - Husband
9:00 am For the People of the Parish
10:30 am Jennie De Perri - Friend
12:15 pm Louis LeGoff - Family

PLAY FOR OUR SICK:
Paul Strickland,  John Janiec, Sr.,
Angie & Vincent Patente,  Angelo Melia,

REST IN PEACE:
Massimo Senatore,  Ida M. Fuccello,
James B. Floyd,  John Flaherty,  Margaret T. Marsden

CANDLE INTENTIONS:
Church:  Bridget Kochuk

Next Sunday’s Readings:
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

Pray For Vocations
Living out the call to holiness is not always easy. Even the most saintly Christians live with daily temptations to turn away from what is good and do evil. This does not change the fact that God desires to draw us all to Himself. We allow ourselves to be drawn closer to Him by properly discerning our vocations to love and serve God and each other. Some of us embrace the good by listening to the call to become priests, religious sisters or brothers or deacons. If you feel this might be the way God is drawing you to live out your vocation to holiness, then contact the Vocation Office at 973-497-4365 or e-mail kellybar@rcan.org.

“Life is the first good received from God and is fundamental to all others; to guarantee the right to life for all and in an equal manner for all is the duty upon which the future of humanity depends.”
Pope Benedict XVI to the Pontifical Academy of Life (February, 2007)

Columbus Day,
Monday, October 8th
One Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Parish Center and School will be closed!
MORNING OF REFLECTION
FOR THE SENIOR WOMEN OF OUR PARISH

THEME: It’s All About the JOURNEY

Saturday, October 27th, 2007
9 a.m. to 12 Noon
Followed by Lunch

Meeting will be in the Parish Center
$5.00 Donation
Checks payable to: St. Thomas Church

NAME: ______________________________________
ADDRESS: __________________________________
PHONE: _____________________________________

Right to Life Sunday
Next Sunday, October 7, 2007

Next Sunday is Right to Life Sunday throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. The Archbishop has asked us to pay special attention to Embryonic Stem Cell Research.

Many people think the Catholic Church opposes all stem cell research. The fact is, Catholics support a kind of stem cell research that WORKS using adult stem cells that are found naturally in our bodies. Adult (non-embryonic) stem cells have already helped thousands of patients with life threatening diseases and debilitating conditions. In contrast, embryonic stem cell research has yet to provide a single successful clinical treatment, after two decades of research. Embryonic stem cell research always involves the destruction of the human embryo, which is innocent human life. For this reason, the Catholic Bishops are opposed to the “New Jersey Stem Cell Research Bond Act.”

*** The people of New Jersey will go to the polls this November to cast ballots on the Stem Cell Research Bond Act. If it passes, taxpayers will pay for research that destroys live, human embryos and creates new ones through human cloning. Before you support “stem cell research,” be sure you know all the facts. A brief video entitled “The Science of Stem Cells: Finding Cures and Protecting Life”, a short documentary designed to answer your questions about stem cell research, will be shown in the parish center after all the Masses next Sunday, October 7th, 2007.

~ THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY ~

Please come and join us on Monday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Peter’s room, for our monthly meeting. All are welcome to attend. New members, please join us, where religious fulfillment and fellowship can be found. If interested, please call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190 for details.

Sunday, October 28th is our Communion Breakfast that begins with the 9:00 a.m. Mass and follows at the Glen Ridge Country Club. A breakfast, the installation of new members and a guest speaker is on the agenda. Details discussed at the October 1st meeting. God Bless!
Archdiocesan Pilgrimage

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Join us as we accompany Archbishop Myers on the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, on Saturday, 27 October 2007.

Parishioners from Sacred Heart, St. Cassian’s, St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Valentine’s are invited on this grace-filled day honoring our Blessed Mother. There are two options for making the pilgrimage:

Option 1 (One day trip):
The bus will leave St. Thomas the Apostle at 6:30 AM, returning at approximately 10 PM. The cost is $35 per person and includes round-trip transportation, Mass and Marian devotions at the Shrine, and a box lunch for the return trip. Plan to bring a bag lunch since the lunch-time dining facilities at the Shrine are very limited. For more information or to make reservations, please call the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center at (973) 338-9190. Sign-up early since space is limited.

Option 2 (Three day trip):
St. Valentine’s is offering a longer trip leaving on Friday morning, October 26, and returning on Sunday evening, October 28. The weekend will include Washington DC/Baltimore/Annapolis. The cost of trip is $355 per person, double occupancy, ($175 additional for single) and includes transportation, lodging and full buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Cathy King at (973) 429-7567 after 5PM.

October Dates to Remember:

Oct. 2 – Feast of the Holy Angels
Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, My Guardian Dear
to whom God's love commits me here.
Ever this day be at my side
to light and guard and rule and guide.

Oct. 4 – St. Francis of Assisi - Peace Prayer
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
when there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our prayers continue for those making shawls and those who receive them.

For October, Breast Cancer month, we are prayerfully doing pink shawls and hats for women experiencing breast cancer. In response to interest expressed in an evening meeting, our next meeting will be at the Parish Center on Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:30 p.m. We will have our usual Sunday afternoon meeting on October 21st at 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested in this Ministry is welcome.

If you have any questions please call Eileen (973) 661-9699, Debbie (973) 771-1952, or Bernadette (973) 893-0114. If you need a shawl please call Sister Arleen (973) 338-9190 ext. 34 or Alicia (973) 473-6633.

Feast of St. Francis
St. Thomas’ Annual Blessing of Pets will be held on

Next Sunday
October 7th

2pm in the side parking lot of the St. Thomas School.

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

Women’s Cornerstone
“Journey Together”

Just a reminder...
...for the women of St. Thomas parish to mark your calendars for our next cornerstone retreat scheduled for Friday evening, February 15th into Saturday, February 16th 2008.

Thank you,
~ Sister Arleen

Visit our website at www.stachurchbloomfield.com
Holy Name Society
Mass & Communion Breakfast
Saturday, October 6th at 8:30 a.m. Mass
All parishioners are invited to join us for Mass and a Special Continental Breakfast in the Parish Center afterwards.

Our speaker will be our own Deacon Tom Coyle
With an inspiration message: “God’s tremendous majesty and yet His closeness to us: Impact on our Personal Life and on the Church Today.”

Come to celebrate your faith and spend some quality time with other parishioners.
Cost: Free Will Offering
RSVP: John Rennie (973) 338-4615 or complete the form below and leave this ad in the Parish Center.

Name: ___________________________
Number Attending: __________________

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. 20. 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.

Concussions...
The signs and symptoms of a concussion can be subtle and may not appear until days of weeks after head injury. Be alert for the following symptoms of concussion:
- Headaches or neck pain that doesn’t go away
- Difficulty remembering, concentrating or making decisions
- Slowness in thinking, speaking, acting or reading
- Feeling tired all the time
- Mood or personality changes
- Change in sleep patterns
- Lightheadedness, dizziness or loss of balance
- Blurred vision

Coming Social Events
Save the Dates
- 13th Annual Christmas Concert and Reception Featuring The Garden Concert Band
  Saturday, December 15, 2007, 7:30 P.M.
  Cost- Free

- 12th Annual Snowball Showtime Featuring Bobby Byrne
  Saturday, January, 26, 2008, 7:00 P.M.
  Herron Hall
  Cost-$45 Per Person

- Holy Name Presents “Irish Night”
  Saturday, February 23, 2008, 7:00 P.M.
  Dinner and Multi Entertainment
  Herron Hall
  Cost- To be Advertised

For All Information and Ticket Sales
Contact Paul Alongi at 973-338-4665 or Parish Center at 973-338-9190

The Holy Name Society of St. Thomas the Apostle Invites All Parishioners and Friends to
“Italian Night”
Saturday, October 27th at 7PM
Herron Hall Located at St. Thomas School
Donation - $35

Food - Four Kinds of Italian Pasta with Meatballs, Sausage and Egg Plant Parm
Surprise Italian Desserts
Beer, Wine, Soda and Water Included.

Entertainment - Italian Medleys and Song Fest - Dancing to the Music of the Brotherhood - Also Surprise Guest Singer of Love Songs and Light Opera Selections.

Please Come as the Profit from This Event Will Subsidize the Annual Christmas Concert.

For reservations, contact
Paul Alongi 21 Leo Terrace, Bloomfield, N.J. 07003,
Phone 973-338-4665 or Parish Center 973-338-9190

Or Complete below and mail to Paul Alongi

Name__________________________________________________________
Address_____________________________________________________________________
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Make all checks to St. Thomas.

St. Thomas Jubilate Chimers Bell Choir
Grades 5 – 8
All St. Thomas the Apostle students, grades 5-8 (CCD and STA School) are invited to join our Bell Choir. Practices are held on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm in the parish center's St. Thomas room. First rehearsal is Tues., Oct. 9th. If interested, please call the music office at (973) 338-9190 x42 and leave student’s name and phone number. You will be contacted by Mrs. Anne Bellotti, our Bell Choir Director. If you are unable to call, please send student to first practice.
**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**

**Don Bosco Prep**
492 N. Franklin Tpk, Ramsey, NJ, (201) 327-8003  
www.donbosкопrep.com  
Sunday, September 30th, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Paramus Catholic High School**
425 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ (201) 446-4466 ext. 104  
Wednesday, October 17th, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Oratory Preparatory School**
One Beverly Rd., Summit, NJ, (908) 273-5771  
www.oratoryprep.org  -  Email: admissions@oratoryprep.org  
Sunday, September 30th, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Lacordaire Academy**
Upper Montclair, NJ  
www.lacordaire.net  
Tuesday, October 9th, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 13th, 7:30 p.m.

**Hudson Catholic Regional High School**  
(Boys’ School)  
790 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, NJ, (201) 332-3429  
www.hudsoncatholic.org  
Sunday, October 14th, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Bergen Catholic High School**
1040 Oradell Ave., Oradell, NJ (201) 261-1844  
www.bergencatholic.org  
Rescheduled Date: Thursday, October 4th at 7pm

**Mount St. Dominic Academy**
3 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, NJ (973) 226-0660 x-22  
www.msdacademy.org  
October 21st and 28th at 1:30 p.m.

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