

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 & 7:00pm

Holidays: 8:30am Only

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR
ELEMENTARY CATECHETICS:
Tracey Rennie

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE
FOR PARISH MINISTRY:
Sister Arleen Crimmins, O.P.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:
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Nancy A. Cardone

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MUSIC MINISTERS:
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COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:
Mr. Timothy Dennin

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Vincent Lipoma, Vice Chairperson
Michele Sweetman, Secretary

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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

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1(800) CCS-7413
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August 31, 2008 . 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, August 31

Saturday, August 30

5:00 pm Virginia Mahon - Friend

Sunday, August 31

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Agnes McDonald - Friend

10:30 am Paolina Soccolich (1st anniversary) - Family

12:00 pm Alice Cerbone - Friend

Monday, September 1

LABOR DAY (one Mass)

8:30 am Ned Ganning - Mother

Tuesday, September 2

7:30 am Thomas P. Mahon, Jr. - Family

11:30 am Mary Roberts - Family

Wednesday, September 3

7:30 am Anthony Puccio - Friend

11:30 am Cristeta Pena - Friend

Thursday, September 4

7:30 am Leona Marino - Friends

11:30 am Joseph Paul Szajkowski - Sisters

Friday, September 5

7:30 am Anthony Simone - Friend

11:30 am Mary Freeman

Saturday, September 6

8:30 am Stanley Konopka - Friend

Sunday, September 7

Saturday, September 6

5:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Barbalaci - Nephew

Sunday, September 7

7:30 am Leonard Dean - Friend

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Giovanni Soccolich (2nd Anniv.) - Family

12:00 pm Daniel DeFilippo - Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Anthony Meola, Michael Kochka
Cathy Spagnuolo, Frank Korec, Clair Mykowski

REST IN PEACE:

Enrique H. Lopez

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Paula Lee

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



At the end of August and the beginning of September, the fall schedules of most parishes gear up again for another year. Organizations reconvene, ministry coordinators recruit and train new members, and parishes begin offering and sponsoring programs such as evenings of formation or faith development. Include these events and groups in the parish's Prayer of the Faithful and the parish bulletin.

Lectionary

■ **THE GOSPEL:** Today the Gospel begins to focus more specifically on Jerusalem and the coming Passion of Jesus. After Jesus' statement of purpose and prediction of his Passion, Peter responds with objections and reasons as to why this cannot be. Jesus affirms his mission – with Peter and with us.

■ **FIRST READING:** The prophet Jeremiah laments his lot and the response that his preaching has received from the people. However, his conviction of the mission that God has given him compels him to continue preaching.

■ **PSALM 63:** The psalmist sings of the servant's desire for God and his need to glorify God.

■ **SECOND READING:** In the letter to the Romans, St. Paul encourages his hearers to offer themselves as a sacrifice to God so they might be transformed and know the Lord's will for them.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13: 8-10

Matthew 18: 15-20

Labor Day is Monday, September 1, 2008

One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m.

Parish Center will be closed.



St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, was a carpenter by trade, and thus he has always been regarded as the patron of workers. This novena-a prayer to be said over nine days-is perfect for those times when we have an important project or assignment that we're having trouble completing.

Novena to St. Joseph the Worker

O God, the Creator of all things, you have laid the law of labor upon the human race. Grant, we beseech you, that by the example and protection of St. Joseph we may perform the work you command and attain to the reward that you promise. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States

The following is an excerpt from *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*. This document, issued by the bishops in November, 2007, suggests key issues for our prayerful reflection as we prepare to fulfill our responsibilities as voters in the national election this November 4. The full text of the document can be found at www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/FCStatement.pdf. Additional resources for families, groups and individuals are available at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

This is the first of a series of excerpts that we will share with you in this space on the weekends between now and Election Day.

From the Introduction

We are a nation founded on "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," but the right to life itself is not fully protected, especially for unborn children, the most vulnerable members of the American family. We are called to be peacemakers in a nation at war. We are a country pledged to pursue "liberty and justice for all," but we are too often divided across lines of race, ethnicity, and economic inequality. We are a nation of immigrants, struggling to address the challenges of many new immigrants in our midst. We are a society built on the strength of our families, called to defend marriage and offer moral and economic supports for family life. We are a powerful nation in a violent world, confronting terror and trying to build a safer, more just, more peaceful world. We are an affluent society where too many live in poverty and lack health care and other necessities of life. We are part of a global community facing urgent threats to the environment that must sustain us. These challenges are at the heart of public life and at the center of the pursuit of the common good. (section # 2)

Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. Employers contribute to the common good through the services or products they provide and by creating jobs that uphold the dignity and rights of workers—to productive work, to decent and just wages, to adequate benefits and security in their old age, to the choice of whether to organize and join unions, to the opportunity for legal status for immigrant workers, to private property, and to economic initiative. Workers also have responsibilities—to provide a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, to treat employers and co-workers with respect, and to carry out their work in ways that contribute to the common good. Workers, employers, and unions should not only advance their own interests, but also work together to advance economic justice and the well-being of all. (section # 52)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Presents

Sunny Sicily & Italy

\$2498

12 day vacation travel experience!

November 10 thru 21, 2008.



Mosaic of Christ Pantocrator
in the apse of Monreale
Cathedral Sicily



Basilica of Saint Peter
Vatican City Rome

Round Trip Airfare & Hotel Transfers
19 Meals Included with Special Welcome & Farewell Celebrations
Baggage Handling & Portage at First Class Hotels.

Tour includes visits to Palermo, Monreale, Segesta, Trapani, Marsala, Agrigento, Taormina, Syracuse & Catania, Messina, Calabria, Sorrento with an optional side trip to Capri. While in San Giovanni Rotondo we will also visit the tomb of Padre Pio and then continue on to Rome. While there we will visit the historic sites of Ancient Rome including the Colosseum, the Vatican with a special tour of St. Peter's including mass and a visit to the burial crypt of the popes, including the tomb of John Paul II. And subject to the Holy Father's schedule, a Papal Audience with Pope Benedict XVI.

**Anyone interested is invited to attend an information meeting on
Sat., Sept. 6th at 1 p.m. in the St. Peter room.**

Call the Parish Center 973-338-9190 Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
for a copy of the full Italy Color Brochure with all the details!

Parish Activities

"THIS WEEK"

Monday LABOR DAY – 9/1

Parish Center Closed – One Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday – 9/3 BACK TO SCHOOL!

Prayer Shawl Meeting – 7:00pm in St. Thomas

Thursday – 9/4

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 9/5

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter

Sacraments

Session Dates for Baptism 2008

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

In the St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

Sept 7 1:00pm

Oct 12 1:00pm

Nov 2 1:00pm

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

Aug 31 1:30pm

September 14 during 12:00pm Mass

October 4 during 5:00pm Mass

October 5 1:30pm

November 16 1:30pm

December 7 1:30pm

School, Religious Education, Catechetics



PRAYER FOR BEGINNING NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Father, we thank you for a chance to begin the 2008-2009 school year, and we ask that you bless the faculty, the students, and families. We pray that you will guide us in all ways, and that we will seek your will in everything that we do. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



**ST. THOMAS THE
APOSTLE SCHOOL**
www.stthomasprek.org

WELCOME BACK!!!

2008-2009 School Year – Classes begin as follows:

Grades 1-8

Wednesday, 9/3, 8:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, 9/4, 8:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Friday, 9/5, 8:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Monday, 9/8, 8:10 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Kindergarten

Friday, 9/5, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Orientation (Parent and Child)

Monday, 9/8, 8:10 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Pre K 3

Monday, 9/8, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Orientation (Parent and Child)

Wednesday, 9/10, Regular classes begin

Pre K 4

Tuesday, 9/9, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Orientation (Parent and Child)

Wednesday, 9/10, Regular classes begin

BeforeCare begins Wed., 9/3, at 7:00 a.m.

AfterCare begins Mon., 9/8

New Family Social, Wed., 9/10, at 7:30 p.m.

Opening School Liturgy, Mon., 9/15, at 11:30 a.m.

- **Openings are still available grades Pre-K – 7**
- **Pre-K, full-day, and/or half-day sessions.**
- **FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN**

**If you are interested, please call the
School Office at (973) 338-8505.**

Confirmation dates to remember:



Sept. 23 - Penance Service at 7pm

Sacrament of Confirmation (A thru L) Oct. 19th

Sacrament of Confirmation (M thru Z) Oct. 26th



On Sunday, Sept. 14th, during the 12noon Mass, several babies will be received into the Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to witness the celebration of the Baptism Sacrament.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Do you or another adult that you know need to receive the sacrament of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation? St. Thomas the Apostle Church offers classes for adults needing to receive these sacraments beginning the first Sunday in October and running through Pentecost. Call Bob Miller for more information at (973) 338-9190 x29.



Religious Education News

CCD classes will begin the week of September 22nd. Grades 5 through 8 will meet on Mondays and grades 1 through 4 will meet on Tuesdays from 3:40 – 5:00 each week. We need two teachers for Monday afternoons.

We will provide training and guidance – no experience necessary. Please consider sharing your faith with a child. Call Tracey or Maria in the Religious Education office at 973-338-7400.



STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

WELCOME BACK!!!

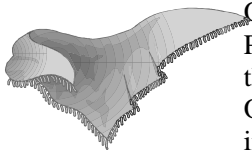
KICK-OFF MEETING SEPT. 7TH AT 7PM
MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT
IN THE PARISH CENTER FROM 7-9PM.
ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

9/17 TRUST NIGHT
9/20 PARISH PICNIC - WITH SQUARELASH
9/26 STEVE ANGRISANO CONCERT IN RIDGEFIELD PK.

EMAIL TIM DENNIN WITH ANY QUESTIONS tdennin@att.net

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our evening meetings will be held at the Parish Center on the first Wednesday of the month, from 7 to 9 PM on Sept. 3rd, Oct 1st and Nov 5th. The Sunday meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of the month, from 1-3PM on Sept. 21st and Oct. 19th. We have simple patterns for shawls, lap robes, scarves, hats and gloves. If you are interested in participating in our ministry, but do not know how to knit or crochet, there are members who are willing to help you get started. If you have any questions or you wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact the Ministry. Bernadette @ 973-893-0114 Sister Arleen @ 973-338-9190 or Alicia 973-473-6633
Let us continue to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them.



WELLNESS MINISTRY -- *Let's walk together*

Hippocrates said "Walking is man's best medicine." He must have been a smart guy! There's a wealth of research to prove that

walking is good for you and the results are impressive: major reductions in both diabetes and heart disease, decreases in high blood pressure, increases in bone density, and more all follow regular walking exercise. By combining walking with prayer you can come back from a walk feeling refreshed and joyful. *Come join us in our walk to Bethlehem. More to come!*

Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program

The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Call the Parish Center at 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.



*Feel good about yourself
Give blood*

*St. Thomas' Annual Blood Drive
Sunday, September 28, 2008
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Herron Hall*

Our blood banks are in need of all types of blood. Please consider this as your gift for life. Come to our blood drive and donate. We welcome our "regulars" and those of you who will be "first timer donors".

All donors must present signed or picture ID's and know their social security number.

Complimentary Cholesterol screening for all blood donors. For more information call the blood center of New Jersey at 973-676-4700. The following are some tips for a good donation experience.

BEFORE DONATING:

- Get a good night's sleep
- Have a good breakfast or lunch
- Drink extra water and fluids to replace the volume you will donate. Avoid tea, coffee, or other caffeinated beverages.
- Eat iron-rich foods - beans, red meat, fish, poultry, iron-fortified cereals, raisins, prunes, etc.
- Avoid fatty foods such as hamburgers, fries, or ice cream.

DURING DONATION:

- Relax
- Wear clothing with sleeves that can be raised above the elbow.
- Show the staff any "good veins" that have been used successfully in the past to draw blood.

AFTER DONATION:

- Take the time to enjoy a snack and a drink afterwards.
- Immediately after donating, re-hydrate by drinking plenty of fluids over the next 24-48 hours.
- Avoid strenuous physical activity or heavy lifting for about five hours.
- If you feel light-headed after donating, lie down, preferably with feet elevated, until the feeling passes.
- Enjoy the good feeling that comes with knowing that you may have saved as many as three lives.



Right to Life

For the inmate who sits alone awaiting his death: for the grace of faith, repentance and peace;

We pray to the Lord



**2nd Annual
St. Thomas Picnic Carnival**

Saturday, September 20th, 2008 2pm to 7pm
Rain Date- Sunday, Sept. 21st, 2008, same hours

GREAT DEALS!

ALL DAY RIDE TKTS FOR THOSE OVER AGE 8: \$20
BUY IN ADVANCE AT \$15

ALL DAY RIDE TKTS FOR AGES 7 & UNDER: \$10
BUY IN ADVANCE AT \$7

RIDES:

Section obstacle course, 22 ft dual lane slide, miniature golf, 3 in 1 sports center, moonwalk, and sea of balls.

GAMES:

Carnival tents for 8 carnival games with prizes - 1000 small and 1000 medium plush. Also sand art, the popular dunk tank and bingo under the tent.

FOOD:

From Vinnie's Pizza - Pizza, sandwiches (meatball & egg-plant parm, sausage & peppers) Pasta (penne vodka & ravioli), Soda & Water

From Philippine community - Hot dogs, burgers, etc.

From our entertainment company - ice cream, popcorn, snowball ice cones, cotton candy.

Also available - Zeppoles

We will have \$1 tkts for games & food (same color)

There will be different prices, example 2 tkts for pizza or 1 tkt for water etc. so buy multiple tkts.

ADVANCE SALE TICKETS FOR FOOD & GAMES

15 tickets for \$10

Picnic day face value example: 10 tkts for \$10

ADVANCE SALE TICKETS TO BE SOLD...

After Masses on Sat, Sept 6th and Sunday, Sept 7th
after 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon Masses.

OTHER: Large tent with tables for 100 people -eating and bingo. Tent for purchase of ride tkts, food and game tkts, 50/50 raffle cash purchase, Candy-cash, Beer-cash, Bingo-cash.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to work the games, some of the rides, the cash booth, bingo, raffles and soda & water.

CALL PAUL ALONGI 973-338-4665
OR PARISH CENTER 973-338-9190.

Filipino Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark invites you to the celebration of the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila



The 7th of the 9-day novena will be held at
St. Thomas the Apostle Church
on Sunday, September 7th at 2:00 PM

Final mass and novena to be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, Sun, Sept. 28th at 3:00 PM.

For further information please call
Orly Trias 973-338-4402



CUB SCOUTS - PACK 22 SIGN-UPS

All 1st - 5th grade boys are invited to our Pack meeting Sept. 25th, 2008. The meeting will be at Herron Hall in St. Thomas school at 7:00 p.m.



In today's readings, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL RETREAT



HOLY NAME SOCIETY RETREATANTS WILL BE ENJOYING THE SPIRITUALITY AND HOSPITALITY OF THE SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE FROM OCTOBER 24, TO OCTOBER 26, 2008.

ALL MEN OF ST. THOMAS PARISH ARE INVITED TO SPEND THIS WEEKEND WITH US. THE COST IS \$160 WHICH INCLUDES ROOM AND MEALS.

A \$25.00 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 12, 2008. ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT RICH BEVERE AT (973) 338-6444 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 01, 2008.

COURSES OFFERED by Christian Foundations for Ministry will begin the week of Sept. 15. Participants continuing courses will meet at the same parish and at the same time as last year.

For information & a brochure concerning courses, please e-mail stantovi@rcan.org or call 973-497-4350.