

# 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:  
Ms. Joan Ferraer

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL  
MUSIC MINISTRIES:  
Nancy A. Cardone

ASSISTANT LITURGICAL  
MUSIC MINISTERS:  
Paul DiBianca  
Kimberley Mesiti

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR FAMILY  
& ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES:  
Robert P. Miller

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:  
Mr. Timothy Dennin

PASTORAL COUNCIL:  
Tom Rossano, Chairperson  
Vincent Lipoma, Vice Chairperson  
Michele Sweetman, 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

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October 12, 2008 . 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, October 12**

**Saturday, October 11**

5:00 pm Cassandra L. Costello - Family

**Sunday, October 12**

7:30 am Leo Angeles - Wife

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Gregory Patric Galemba - Son

12:00 pm Richard Roeloffs - Aunt

**Monday, October 13**

One Mass only due to Columbus Day

8:30 am Isabel Kovacs - Husband

**Tuesday, October 14**

7:30 am Stanley Sefjack - Family

11:30 am John Petrus - Family

**Wednesday, October 15**

7:30 am Teresa Virtucio Celis - Daughter

11:30 am John & Mary Walters - Family

**Thursday, October 16**

7:30 am Joseph Paul Szajkowski - Family

11:30 am Charles Ofsak - Wife

**Friday, October 17**

7:30 am Jack Myers - Friends

11:30 am Susan Arms - Mother

**Saturday, October 18**

8:30 am Asuncion A. Flores - Children

**Sunday, October 19**

**Saturday, October 18**

5:00 pm Thomas Bieksha - Wife

**Sunday, October 19**

7:30 am Esterina & Silvester Fusco - Family

9:00 am Madeline Freeman - Daughter

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Michelina & Nicholas Fasone  
(55<sup>th</sup> Wed. Anniv.) - Son

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Paul Strickland, Frank Korec, Ester Caruso,  
Claire Mykowski, John Janiec  
Franco & Fasone Families

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Francois Maniere

**Convent:** Eileen Baer

*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*Let us be glad and rejoice  
in God's salvation.*

Is 25.9

At this point in the season of Ordinary Time, the message of the Gospel points to the end times. As summer ends in the northern hemisphere, the natural environment reflects this idea of "dying."

***Lectionary***

■ THE GOSPEL: We hear the parable of the king who gave a wedding banquet. Notice that there is the option of using either a long or short version. The parable is striking: a king prepares a lavish banquet, yet those who were invited do not bother to attend. In response, the king declares the invited unfit and opens the doors of the banquet hall to anyone who wishes to come.

■ FIRST READING: Isaiah includes the prophecy of God's holy mountain. This mountain - Zion - is an image of the heavenly Jerusalem. There the Lord will provide a rich feast with choice wines.

■ PSALM 23: The psalmist sings of the Lord as a shepherd who protects, provides for, and nourishes us.

■ SECOND READING: In the letter to the Philippians St. Paul asserts that God will take care of our needs. Through Christ we have the strength we need for any trial or challenge.

**Columbus Day**

Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

One Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Parish Center and School  
will be closed!



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[www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com)**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE APPEAL

### It Takes a Lifetime to Raise a Steward

Generations of faith filled Catholic people have passed on to us the most precious gift that we possess - the gift of faith. As this generation's "good stewards", we are obligated to pass on the gift of faith to our children.

Children primarily learn through the examples of their parents. Today, many parents are volunteering their time and talents to their churches and community groups and bringing their children along with them. More and more churches are encouraging children to return a portion of their allowances or other income by putting children's envelopes in the collection basket.

It is extremely important that children are taught about stewardship. God has blessed us in so many marvelous ways. Stewardship is a way of life, a way for us to thank God for the myriad of blessings we have received by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure allotted to us.

*"In all things you yourself must be an example of good behavior. Be sincere and serious in your teaching."* (Titus 2:7)

### Appeal Progress Announcement

Our Stewardship of Treasure Campaign is being very well received by the parishioners of this parish. As of Oct. 2, people have increased their weekly contribution by an average of \$8.43, representing a combined weekly increase of \$3,508.75. We have also had many parishioners requesting information regarding our Electronic Giving Program. Please use the special stewardship envelope to indicate your new level of giving and then, in succeeding weeks, return to your regular envelope packet.

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### Stewardship Prayer

S. Marie Schwan

*Lord God, You alone are the source of every good gift,  
of the vast array of the universe,  
and the mystery of each human life.  
We praise You and we thank You  
for Your great power and Your tender, faithful love.*

*Everything we are and everything we have is Your gift,  
and after having created us You have given us  
into the keeping of Your Son, Jesus Christ.*

*Fill our minds with His truth  
and our hearts with His love,  
that in His Spirit we may be bonded together  
into a community of faith,  
a parish family, a caring people.*

*In the Name and Spirit of Jesus,  
we commit ourselves to be good stewards  
of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent,  
our material gifts as an outward sign  
of the Treasure we hold in Jesus.*

*Amen.*

## A CALL TO POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES

*A series of excerpts that we will share with you on the weekends between now and Election Day.*

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](http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/FCStatement.pdf). Additional resources for families, groups and individuals are available at [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).

### Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

50. While the common good embraces all, those who are weak, vulnerable, and most in need deserve preferential concern. A basic moral test for our society is how we treat the most vulnerable in our midst. In a society marred by deepening disparities between rich and poor, Scripture gives us the story of the Last Judgment (see Mt 25:31-46) and reminds us that we will be judged by our response to the "least among us." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains:

Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a *preferential love* on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense, and liberation through numerous works of charity which remain indispensable always and everywhere.

51. Pope Benedict XVI has taught that "love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to [the Church] as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel" (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 22). This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized in our nation and beyond—unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, and victims of injustice and oppression. (sections # 50-51)

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### Cardinal Rigali Urges Respect for Human Life

*Respect Life Sunday, October 5, 2008*

WASHINGTON—In a statement to mark Respect Life Sunday, October 5, Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia urged Catholics "to help build a culture in which every human life *without exception* is respected and defended."

Cardinal Rigali cited encouraging trends that "most Americans favor banning all abortion or permitting it only in very rare cases," and that the U.S. abortion rate declined 26 percent between 1989 and 2004, with a 58 percent decline among girls under 18. He also addressed the threat posed by "FOCA," a federal "Freedom of Choice Act" which, he said, "if enacted, would obliterate virtually all the gains of the past 35 years and cause the abortion rate to skyrocket." "We cannot allow this to happen. We cannot tolerate an even greater loss of innocent human lives. We cannot subject more women and men to the post-abortion grief and suffering that our counselors and priests encounter daily in Project Rachel programs across America," Cardinal Rigali said. "In this Respect Life Month, let us rededicate ourselves to defending the basic rights of those who are weakest and most marginalized: the poor, the homeless, the innocent unborn, and the frail and elderly who need our respect and our assistance. In this and in so many ways we will truly build a culture of life.

## **Next Sunday's Readings:**

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6  
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b  
Matthew 22: 15-21

## **SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS**

### **USE SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS!!**

**Help St. Thomas the Apostle School  
earn 5% of your Shop Rite purchase.**



If you already do your grocery shopping at Shop Rite use Shop Rite gift cards instead of cash! When you purchase Shop Rite gifts cards **from a member of the STA Home & School**, St. Thomas the Apostle School will get 5% of the total amount you purchase at no cost to you! Simply contact Carol Sause at (973) 893-1302 to get your Shop Rite card today!



### **Confirmation dates to remember:**

Sacrament of Confirmation (A thru M) Oct. 19th  
Sacrament of Confirmation (M thru Z) Oct. 26th

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be  
celebrated in our church  
on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.  
with Archbishop Gerety.

Please remember our Confirmation  
Candidates in your prayers as they  
welcome the Holy Spirit into their lives.

## ***Session Dates for Baptism 2008***

### **CATECHESIS PREPARATION**

In the St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

Oct 12	1:00pm
Nov 2	1:00pm
Jan 25, 2009	1:00pm
March 29	1:00pm

### **BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS**

November 16	1:30pm
December 7	1:30pm
January 11, 2009	1:30pm
February 1	1:30pm
February 22	1:30pm

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



***Olivia Michele Bobrowski***

*Parents: Heather (Ashley) & Nicholas P. Bobrowski*

***Noah Maxwell Attas***

*Parents: Mary Ann (Roldan) & Mitchell Attas*

***Daniel Andrei Guidea***

*Parents: Jennifer (Schettino) & Andrei Guidea*

***Kylie Mackenzie Martin***

*Parents: Lori (Segrue) & Brian Martin*

***Adrianna Marie Sabatino &***

***Anthony Daniel Sabatino***

*Parents: Donna (Novak) & Anthony Sabatino*

***Laura Kate O'Sullivan***

*Parents: Katherine (Murray) & Brian O'Sullivan*

***John Edward Polak***

*Parents: Shana (Ostoyic) & Edward Jan Polak*

***Aubrey Catherine Trentacoste***

*Parents: Catherine (Peters) & Nicholas Trentacoste*

***Madeline Paige Romanik***

*Parents: Nicole (Orrigo) & Richard W. Romanik*

## **STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**

### **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.

### **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – THIS Weekend**

Blood pressure screenings will be held next weekend, Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

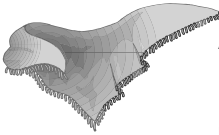


### **Right to Life**

For all who work to defend life: that God might reward them for their goodness;

***We pray to the Lord***

## The Prayer Shawl Ministry



An evening meeting will be held in the Parish Center Nov 5th from 7 to 9 PM. A Sunday meeting will be held Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 1-3PM. Further schedule to follow in coming weeks. We have simple patterns for shawls, lap robes, scarves, hats and gloves. If you are interested in participating but do not know how to knit or crochet, there are members willing to help you get started. If you have questions or wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact Bernadette 973-893-0114 Alicia 973-473-6633 or Sister Arleen 973-338-9190. **Let us continue to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them.**



## St. Thomas GRADES... 5 through 8 Jubilate Chimers Bell Choir

All St. Thomas the Apostle students, grades 5-8 (CCD and STA School) are invited to join our Bell Choir. If interested, please call Nancy Cardone in the music office at (973) 338-9190 x42 and leave the student's name and phone number. Those who leave a message will be contacted by Mrs. Anne Bellotti, our Bell Choir Director.

## "THIS WEEK"

**Monday – 10/13**  
**COLUMBUS DAY**  
 ONE HOLIDAY MASS ONLY AT 8:30 A.M.  
 SCHOOL AND PARISH CENTER CLOSED

**Tuesday – 10/14**  
 Adult Education – 7:00pm in St. Peter

**Thursday – 10/16**  
 SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

**Friday – 10/17**  
 SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter



St. Thomas the Apostle's Senior High Youth Group is proud to present an Evening of Song with special guest:

**Catholic Recording Artist**  
**KARA KLEIN**

November 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church  
 All are welcome. Kara Klein will also be performing at all Masses that weekend.

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH CENTER FROM 7-9PM. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME  
 10/12 MEETING - CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

10/17 FRIGHT FEST  
 10/19 BELLA DISCUSSION  
 10/24 CIRCLE OF FRIENDS KARAOKE  
 10/26 HALLOWEEN MEETING / RECOGNITION SUNDAY

**50-IN-15 ... MAC-N-CHEESE**

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT tdennin@att.net

## Adult Enrichment

### LECTURE SERIES ON ST. PAUL

Guest Lecturer: **Dr. Chris Carr**  
 Topic: **The Mystical Body of Christ**  
 Next Lecture: **Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. in Parish Center**

For more info call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x29.



## Pack 22 Cub scouts Pancake Breakfast



**WHEN:** October 26, 2008, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Herron Hall in St. Thomas School

## ROSARY CONFRATERNITY SOCIETY



### COMMUNION BREAKFAST

**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> following 9:00 a.m. Mass**  
 Glen Ridge Country Club  
 555 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge, NJ

**GUEST SPEAKER: FR. PHILIP SANDERS**

Tickets - \$27.00

*All parishioners are welcome*  
**Reservations by October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Please call Shirley Drexler 973-338-5938**  
**or Grace Maturri 973-338-8935**

Or complete and return this form to the parish center  
 Attn: SHIRLEY DREXLER or GRACE MATTURRI

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

► **Catholic High School Open Houses** ◀

**Mt. St. Dominic Academy**

3 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, NJ, (973) 226-0660 ex. 1122  
www.msdacademy.org  
2 Sundays, October 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

**Don Bosco Prep**

492 N. Franklin Tpk., Ramsey, NJ (201) 327-2049  
www.donboscoprep.com  
Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Paramus Catholic High School**

425 Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ (201) 445-4466  
www.paramuscatholic.org  
Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**St. Mary High School**

64 Chestnut St., Rutherford, NJ, (201) 933-5220  
www.stmaryhs.org  
October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Regis High School**

All-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys.  
55 East 34<sup>th</sup> St., NYC (212) 288-1100  
Eric DiMichele, Admissions edimiche@regis-nyc.org  
Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Lacordaire Academy** Pre-K to 12

155 Lorraine Ave., Upper Montclair, NJ (973) 744-1156  
www.lacordaire.net  
October 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Oratory Prep**

1 Beverly Rd., Summit, NJ (908) 273-1084  
www.oratoryprep.org  
Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Bergen Catholic High School**

1040 Oradell Ave., Oradell, NJ (201) 261-1844  
www.bergencatholic.org  
Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Queen of Peace High School**

191 Rutherford Ave., N. Arlington, NJ (201) 998-8227  
www.qphs.org  
October 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. - Timed Program

**WE ARE ALL MISSIONARIES**

Please be generous to the poor in the second collection on World Mission Sunday, October 18-19. Help the Catholic Church to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel."

**15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW AT**

**BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL!!!**

1040 Oradell Ave., Oradell, NJ (corner of Forest Ave.)

**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**A QUALITY JURIED SHOW  
OF LOVELY ARTS AND CRAFTS.**

Also baked goods, homemade lunch and snacks.  
Adults \$2 -- Seniors \$1 -- under 16 FREE.

Eighth graders and their families interested in attending a Catholic high school in September 2009

**COOPERATIVE ADMISSIONS EXAM**

...for participating Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will be administered on Friday, November 7, 2008.

Application forms and handbooks for this test and a listing of all Catholic High Schools and their admission requirements are available from:

- MCS/CTB at their website, [www.coopexam.org](http://www.coopexam.org) or email [support@coopexam.org](mailto:support@coopexam.org)
  - Catholic Elementary Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark
  - Catholic High Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark
- Please call 1-888-921-2667 or visit [www.coopexam.org](http://www.coopexam.org).

SERRA INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 22

THE FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNION

BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008**

MASS: 9:30am at Our Lady of Sorrows Church  
217 Prospect St., South Orange, NJ

CELEBRANT: Bishop Edgar da Cunha

BREAKFAST: Main Lounge, Student Center,  
Seton Hall University

SPEAKER: U.S. Attorney Chris Christie

COST: \$20.00 per adult -- \$10 children under 12

Several St. Thomas parishioners are members of the West Essex Serra Club. Father Danik, an earlier priest at St. Thomas is our chaplain. Serrans promote, encourage, and foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For additional information, please call John Rennie at (973) 338-4615 or the parish center and leave your name and phone number.

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

**Mission Statement**

The Roman Catholic faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle recognizes God's call to be a sign of His Kingdom in the communities we serve. We respond to this call by:

- Leading people to a deeper relationship with Christ by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, renewal, education, the celebration of the Sacraments, and the worship of God in the sacred liturgy;
- Encouraging a commitment to justice and to service of those in need;
- Promoting good stewardship of our time, talent and treasure;
- Building a community of hospitality and support in the daily living out of Christian ideals by nourishing mutual respect and understanding within our Church, our families, our community, and other faith traditions.