

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

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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

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

Masses for the Week

Sunday, November 9

Saturday, November 8

5:00 pm Marie Finnegan - Friends

Sunday, November 9

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Anna Stevens - Daughter & Family

10:30 am Josephine Battista - Daughter

12:00 pm For the Faithful Departed

Monday, November 10

7:30 am Isabella Giordano - Friend

11:30 am For the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 11

7:30 am Helen Genova - Friend

11:30 am Walter Krebs - Brother-in-law

Wednesday, November 12

7:30 am Manuela G. Villanueva - Friend

11:30 am Ida M. Succello - Friend

Thursday, November 13

7:30 am Maria DeRogatis - Daughter

11:30 am Gary Dillon - Mother

Friday, November 14

7:30 am David Ostoyic - Sister

11:30 am George Kuhn - Friend

Saturday, November 15

8:30 am Gail Pilsbury - Husband

Sunday, November 16

Saturday, November 15

5:00 pm Rose Russo - Friend

Sunday, November 16

7:30 am Marguerite R. Winans - Family

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Rodger Ryan - Friend

12:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Niemi - Friends

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Marian Palagano, Joanna Vignola, Jane Mirenda Finch
Paul Strickland, Frank Korec, John McCue

REST IN PEACE:

Rev. Eugene J. Kasper, Fred Bufanio, Hector Ducusin

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Victorino Bontogon

Rectory: Frank Patti

Convent: Walter Krebs

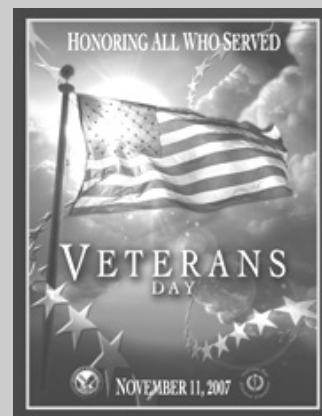
The Feast of the

***Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica
in Rome***



The dedication of a church is a solemnity in the place where it is celebrated, as is the anniversary. The dedication or anniversary of the cathedral church is a feast day for the whole diocese. Today we celebrate the universal feast of the anniversary of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica -- the cathedral church of Rome and thus for the whole Church.

Although the original basilica was dedicated to our Savior, Basilica Salvatoris, today the Lateran Basilica is dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. Its name pays tribute to the Lateranus family who donated the land upon which it sits, one of Rome's seven hills. It was the first Roman church to be erected after Constantine legalized Christianity in 313 AD.



**VETERANS DAY
November 11, 2008**

*"Greater love than this
no one has:
that he lay down his life
for his friends."*

John 15:13

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, those whom we honor today are examples of your words.

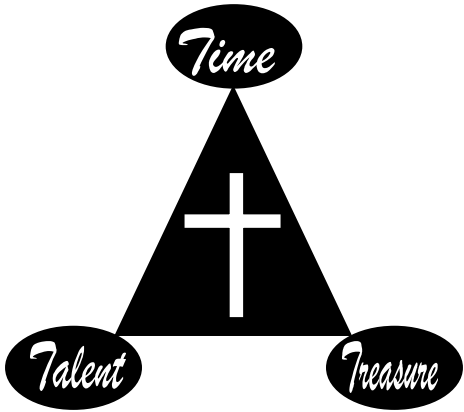
They gave up their lives in the defense of freedom for their loved ones and their country.

Teach me to appreciate the virtue of patriotism -- a true and Christian love of country. Let me love my country, not to follow it blindly but to make it the land of goodness that it should be. Let my patriotism be such that it will not exclude the other nations of the world, but include them in a powerful love of country that has room for all others too."

St. Joseph People's Prayer Book

Visit our website at www.stachurchbloomfield.com

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE APPEAL



Our parish-wide STEWARDSHIP APPEAL is nearly completed. Father Charles and those who have accepted the responsibility for meeting parish expenses thank you.

To date, **565** families have increased their offertory contribution representing an outstanding combined weekly increase of **\$4,574**. At present, the average weekly increase is **\$8.10**. We continue to furnish requests regarding our Electronic Giving program. Many parishioners have already signed up. Please call the parish office if you would like some materials sent to you regarding this option.

We wish to thank everyone who participated and a special thanks to those who would like to increase but are unable to do so. If there is some way your parish can help you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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, here is what we contributed last weekend compared to what we need to meet our budget:

Last's week collection: \$21,920.37
Amount Needed: \$20,000

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Everyone is invited downstairs to the parish center for coffee and snacks after the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses next Sunday. Take a few minutes to chat with your fellow parishioners over a nice cup of coffee. The Prayer Shawl Ministry, whose ministry is such a wonderful service, will be our hosts.

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 Bail-Out Package for Your Soul

Afraid there are no bright spots next year? Here's one. Men's Cornerstone. A chance to take a break and hang out for a while with a great bunch of ordinary men you see from time to time in church. In just 26 hours, you'll get to know more about them, about God and about yourself. It's a bail-out package for your soul – and it won't cost \$700 billion -- even though it's worth much more.

Say yes, when someone invites you to the unique Cornerstone retreat. March 27 and 28. Or if you can't wait, contact:

- John Barbeta (973) 338-5086
jbarbeta2@verizon.net
- Pat DeCotiis (973) 896-5739
pdecotiis@att.com
- William J. Padilla (973) 338-9414
wiji777@aol.com



Men's Cornerstone. A gathering of ordinary men for an extraordinary retreat.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

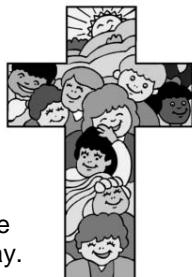
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Matthew 25: 14-30 or 25: 14-15, 19-21

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

Religious Education News

Anyone interested in finding out more info on the Special Needs Religious Education program please contact the Religious Education Office at 973-338-7400.



Our Special Needs children have been preparing for their First Communion and are getting closer each week to their special day. These children and their families are an important part of our parish family and we ask that you keep them in your prayers throughout the year. Also, we ask that you be patient when you see them in mass because they are working on staying still for a long time and sometimes it's very hard to do. Thanks for your patience and prayers!

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS



Right to Life

For the Church throughout the world, that God might teach us how to defend and protect the weak, the poor, and the sick;

We pray to the Lord

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 – NEXT WEEK

Blood pressure screenings will be held next weekend, Saturday, Nov. 15th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, Nov. 16th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Adult Enrichment

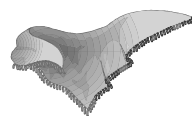
LECTURE SERIES ON ST. PAUL

Guest Lecturer: Allan Wright

Topic: The Gospel According to St. Paul; His Preaching and Passion

November 11th, 7:30 p.m. in Parish Center

For more info call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x29.



Come join us in a special celebration of the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, Nov. 16th, our handmade items will be blessed at the 9AM Mass. We will also be hosting "Hospitality Sunday" in the Parish Center and hope all of our parishioners will feel welcome to join us. 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 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*

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 11/10

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
Respect Life Holy Hour – 7:30pm in Church
Men's prayer and Bible Study – 7:30pm in St. Matthew

Tuesday - 11/11

VETERANS DAY!

THANK A VET TODAY!

St. Paul Lecture Series – 7:30pm in St. Peter

Thursday - 11/13

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday - 11/14

SCC Friday - 7:00pm in St. Peter
Separated, Divorced, Widowed – 8:00pm in St. Thomas

Second collection next week,
November 16th for
Black & Indian Catholic Relief



Morning of Reflection

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2008
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Herron Hall

Open to all women of the parish

Donation: \$6 - Lunch included.

Theme: We are Pilgrim Women

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Make checks payable to:
St. Thomas the Apostle Church,
60 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield, NJ

Please call Sister Arleen with any questions at
973-338-9190.



St. Thomas the Apostle's
Senior High Youth Group and
Respect Life Committee
are proud to present

Catholic Recording Artist **KARA KLEIN**

During the weekend of November 15th & 16th, 2008,
Kara will be present at the following events:

Saturday evening, at 7:00 p.m. Kara will be hosted by
the Youth Group at a teens-only pizza party in the St.
Peter room in the parish center. Kara will speak about
Christian purity.

Sunday Masses Kara will sing at all Masses. She will
be available between Masses to meet parishioners
during our monthly hospitality in the parish center
hosted by the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Sunday Evening, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Youth
Group and Respect Life Committee will host a special
Respect Life Holy Hour in the Church. All parishioners
are encouraged to participate in this special hour of
prayer for the protection of the dignity of life.

Sunday Evening, 7:00 p.m. Following the Holy Hour,
Kara Klein will be featured in an evening of song in the
Church. A free-will offering will be taken benefiting
the STA Youth Group.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note that there will be **NO**
Eucharistic Adoration this month.
The Respect Life Holy Hour will
take place on Nov. 16th at 5:30 p.m.
with special guest Kara Klein.



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH CENTER
FROM 7-9PM. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

**11/9 TEACHING MASS WITH FR. TOM BLIND
ALL ARE WELCOME**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

11/15 KARA KLEIN PIZZA NIGHT
11/16 KARA KLEIN EVENING OF SONG
11/22 COFFEE HOUSE
11/23 A NIGHT WITH BISHOP DACUHNA

50-IN-15 ... SPAGHETTI SAUCE

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

MEN'S CORNERSTONE - MARCH 27 & 28

"My wife said Cornerstone made me a new man.
She hasn't asked for the old one back."

-- *George Hayes*



Support St. Thomas' Annual Christmas Concert



Be a Sponsor for the St. Thomas the Apostle Annual Christmas Concert & Reception Saturday, December 13, 2008 – 7PM

Featuring the **Garden State Concert Band**
And guest narrator **Father Charles Miller**

How – Contribute to the Souvenir Program Journal

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- Inside Back Cover - \$200.00
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Paul Alongi, 21 Leo Terrace, Bloomfield, NJ 07003,
973-338-4665 or Parish Center 973-338-9190.

**Are you a Writer . . . Editor . . . Proof Reader . . .
Web Developer? *We need you!***

THE VOICE, the St. Thomas the Apostle Newsletter, is published several times a year and we are looking to expand our ministry.

We are also looking for people to help update the website, keep it current and brainstorm ideas to advertise our parish.

You can be part of our committee, which meets a few times a year or you can choose to simply donate your particular talent as needed.

Please drop us a line in the Communication/Newsletter mailbox in the Parish Center or email us at thevoice@stachurchbloomfield.com.

You can visit us online by following the Newsletter link on our website.

Ministry of Spiritual Direction

FORGIVENESS

A Necessary Part of Life

*"...how often must I forgive my
brother or sister?
till seven times?
and Jesus answered
not seven times but
seventy times seven."
Matthew 18: 21-22*



Presenter: Anna Graziano

Sat., Nov. 15 9am – 3pm in the Parish Center

**Register by Nov 12th Light Continental breakfast
Bag a Lunch Anna – (973) 338-9538 Offering - \$20**

~ ~ September Club Travel ~ ~

**Join us for a Playhouse Christmas
at the
Hunterdon Hills Playhouse**



November 21, 2008

Price... \$70.00

Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. & returns at 4:30 p.m.

For reservations
call Diana Del Vecchia 973-338-8545

BLUE MASS

Archbishop Myers will celebrate the annual Blue Mass in honor of Law Enforcement at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica on Friday, Nov. 14th, at 10a.m. (all are asked to be in place by 9:30am for the Presentation of Colors and the National Anthem). Both active and retired law enforcement personnel and their families are invited to the Mass.



THANKSGIVING OUTREACH!

Are you planning to donate a turkey or a ham for a family less fortunate than yours this Thanksgiving? If so, we need to have the donations **on or before**

Sunday, Nov. 23rd at the Parish Center. Defrosting and deliveries need to take place **before** Thanksgiving Day, which is Thursday, Nov. 27th.

Thank you for your concern and compassion for others.

Thank you, Sister Arleen

IRA Charitable Rollover – Extended for 2008 & 2009

If you are 70 ½ and want to make a gift to St. Thomas, then take advantage of the recent extension of the IRA Charitable Rollover and donate your IRA assets while avoiding income tax on the IRA withdrawal. Please speak to your plan administrator to arrange this type of gift. If you need more information, please call the Office of Gift Planning at (973)497-4048 or email at demesaan@rcan.org.

“Easy, fun and reverent ways to celebrate the coming Advent season, and how doing so reinforces home as the domestic church.

With

Meredith Gould

**first in our
Guest Speaker Series**

AUTHOR OF
*THE CATHOLIC HOME:
CELEBRATIONS AND TRADITIONS
FOR HOLIDAYS, FEAST DAYS,
AND EVERY DAY*

AND COLUMNIST FOR
FAITH AND FAMILY
AS WELL AS *FAMILY MAGAZINE*



THURSDAY, NOV. 20, 2008

HERRON HALL, ST. THOMAS SCHOOL

Home & School Meeting 7:30-8:00pm

Q&A afterwards from 8:00-8:45pm

Book signing (books available for purchase)

***** Free Admission *****

Refreshments available for purchase

Presented by Home & School Assoc. for more info contact
Alicia Schatteman 973-743-3436 or
aschatteman@comcast.net