

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
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Tracey Rennie

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

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MUSIC MINISTERS:
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Kimberley Mesiti

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& ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES:
Robert P. Miller

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:
Mr. Timothy Dennin

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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

April 26, 2009 . 3rd Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

Sunday, April 26

Saturday, April 25

5:00 pm Raffaella Candido - Son

Sunday, April 26

7:30 am John & Mary Gordon - Family

9:00 am Patrick G. Russillo - Friend

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Liz & Uncle Attles - Family

Monday, April 27

7:30 am Jennie & Eddie Bonanno - Family

11:30 am Fred Winters & Catherine Winters - Bequest

Tuesday, April 28

7:30 am Fred Winters & Catherine Winters - Bequest

11:30 am Frances Accardo (7th Anniv.) - Daughter

Wednesday, April 29

7:30 am Filomena (Peggy) Capawanna - Friend

11:30 am Edward L. Post, Jr. (1st Anniv.) - Friend

Thursday, April 30

7:30 pm Fred Winters & Catherine Winters - Bequest

11:30 am Paul De Rogatis - Daughter

Friday, May 1

7:30 am Elizabeth Doyle - Aunt

11:30 am Fred Winters & Catherine Winters - Bequest

Saturday, May 2

8:30 am Glenn J. Stickles - Friend

Sunday, May 3

Saturday, May 2

5:00 pm Kevin Younkens - Uncle

Sunday, May 3

7:30 am Paul De Rogatis - Daughter

9:00 am Alex De Rogatis - Family

10:30 am Josephine Battista - Daughter

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Harry & Marlene Shaw, Franco & Fasone Families,
Cosmo Cocchini, Mildren Catona, Paul Strickland,
Michael Giuliano, Frank Korec

REST IN PEACE:

Tina De Lena, Walter Kelly, David Addas

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Frank Rennie

Rectory: Jennifer Delannoy



***Third Sunday
of Easter***

Today we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. As today's readings indicate, celebrating Easter doesn't mean Good Friday is forgotten. All our readings today refer to the Passion of Christ and our need for forgiveness.

LECTIONARY

FIRST READING: Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles is drawn from Peter's address to the people after the healing of a crippled beggar at the temple. In Christ's name, the man was healed, and now Peter explains who Jesus is: the Messiah, chosen by God, but handed over and crucified by those he came to save. Peter does not condemn the people, for he knows they "acted out of ignorance" (Acts 3:17). Rather, he calls them to "repent," to "be converted," and to be forgiven (3:19).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Responsorial Psalm 4 is a song of trust in God. The person who is faithful can sleep without fear, conscious of God's protection.

SECOND READING: The reading from the first letter of John, like the First Reading, begins with an awareness of sin. Jesus, the one who was handed over, "is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins but only but for those of the whole world" (1 John 2:2). In Jesus Christ, there is the possibility of a new beginning, freedom from the burden of our past sins, the same freedom to which Peter called the people. John emphasizes over and over that faith must be acted upon. If we know Christ, we will keep his commandments, and "the love of God is truly perfected in" us (2:5).

GOSPEL: Just as Jesus opened the minds of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, helping them to understand that Christ had to suffer, so when he appears to the disciples, he shows them his wounds, and then "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Luke 24:45). He also shares a meal with them - an emblem of the Eucharist. This reading, like the Emmaus story, to which it forms a sequel, reminds us that we need to be fed from both tables in the liturgy. Without the word of God, received in the Liturgy of the Word, our sharing in the Paschal Mystery is incomplete. We, too, need our minds "opened...to understand the Scriptures" (ibid.) if we are to participate in the life of the risen Christ.

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

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. We are so happy that you have joined the rest of our parish family at the Lord's Table. We continue to pray for the children who will be making their First Communion next weekend.

A special invitation to all parishioners: On Saturday, May 2nd at the 8:30 am mass our special needs religious education class will be receiving First Communion. Please join us on this truly special day for these children and their families. They have all been working so hard to prepare for this wonderful gift and we would love to share it with our fellow parishioners.

All First Communicants are invited to attend the May Crowning at the 5:00 mass on May 9th. Children should wear their First Communion outfits, arrive by 4:45 and sit in the section reserved for them and their families.

Reminder that CCD ends on May 4th and May 5th. Registration packages must be filled out each year – they have been mailed home already and are due back by May 31st. If you have NOT received a package please call the Religious Education Office at 338-7400.

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICES CONTINUE

Every child making First Holy Communion MUST attend practice. All practices for children receiving First Communion are from 3:45-5:00PM in the church as scheduled below:



COMMUNION DATE & TIME		PRACTICE DATE
May 2	8:30 Mass	April 28
May 2	5:00 Mass	April 27
May 3	9:00 Mass	April 27
May 3	10:30 Mass	April 29
May 3	12:00 Mass	April 30

All Banners due on the day of your child's practice

**St. Thomas the Apostle School
2009 Calendar Sweepstakes Winners!**

APRIL

20	\$100	Anthony & Sabrina Farrugia
21	\$75	Jim Coughlin
22	\$200	Anna Saez
23	\$50	Celine Taylor
24	\$75	Noreen & Edward Laplaski
25	\$100	Tim Kelly
26	\$75	C. M. Collins

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



**Matthew James Briones and
Jaden Peter Briones**

Parents: Michelle (Consul) & Pedro Briones

Conor Donald Ennis

Parents: Tracey (Vespoli) & Donald Ennis

Maxwell Jack Lisa

Parents: Michele (Schnorrbusch) & James M. Lisa

Kayla Victori Netzke

Parents: Xenia (Calderon) & Gregory Netzke

**Ava James Troia and
Lia Rae Troia**

Parents: Stacey (Cerniglia) & Andrew Troia

Ryan Francis Coon

Parents: Kathleen (Reichmann) & Christopher Coon

Jeanna Arabella Dantes-Enriquez

Parents: Arleen (Dantes) & John Enriquez

Chloe Angelica Mollica

Parents: Diana (Callahan) & Kevin Mollica

Sawyer James Sanborn

Parents: Shayna (Butler) & Daniel Sanborn

***Session Dates for Baptism
2009***

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

May 3	1:00 p.m.
June 14	1:00 p.m.
August 16	1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

May 17	1:30 p.m.
June 7	1:30 p.m.
July 5	1:30 p.m.
July 19	1:30 p.m.
August 9	1:30 p.m.
August 30	1:30 p.m.



STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 4/20

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Thursday – 4/23

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 4/24

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

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.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$17,963
AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK: \$22,000

If you donate through our Electronic Giving Program: Please note that if you are considering making a special gift to St. Thomas for Easter, the automatic withdrawal on that weekend will only be for your regular weekly amount. Anything you wish to contribute over and above that will have to be made by cash or check in an Easter envelope. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Sixth Annual Faith and Family Conference



St. Thomas the Apostle will hold its sixth annual Faith and Family Conference on **Saturday, May 2, in the Parish Center from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

This year's theme is:

The Mission of Marriage: Heaven on Earth.

Our guest speaker will be Mr. Bill Donaghy. Bill has done missionary work in Haiti, El Salvador, and the Dominican Republic, as well as parish and young adult ministry in the United States. He has a Masters in Systematic Theology and teaches at Malvern Prep in Philadelphia and is an adjunct professor at Immaculata University. **To register by April 30th, call Bob Miller at 973-338-9190 x-29.**

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

4/26 SENIOR NIGHT II

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

5/ 3 SENIOR NIGHT III

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YOUTH GROUP IS ONCE AGAIN PROUD TO PRESENT TO YOU FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW...

An Evening of Praise and Worship

Pentecost Sunday

**May 31st, 2009, at all Masses
and in concert at 7:00 p.m. in Church**



JOHN ANGOTTI

Returns to St. Thomas the Apostle!

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

Cornerstone Women Wine and Cheese Gathering



An invitation goes out to all who have taken part in the Women's Cornerstone retreats in the past,

- Cornerstone I "Windows of Hope"
- Cornerstone II "Imagine"
- Cornerstone III "Journey Together"
- Cornerstone IV "Be Still and know that I am your God"

We are having a wine and cheese gathering Friday evening, May 15th in Herron Hall at St. Thomas the Apostle School. More information will follow.

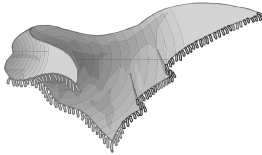


Right to Life

For those who prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage: that they might embrace their role as sharers in God's creative love;

We pray to the Lord

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our next meetings are scheduled for Wednesday evenings May 6th and June 3rd from 7 PM to 9 PM and Sunday afternoon, May 17th and July 19th from 1PM. to 3 PM We wish to thank all of our mem-

bers who have continually supported us by prayerfully using their talent. Our project to make baby items suitable for children up to 2 years old is very successful. We now have some lovely laps and shawls. Keep them coming. If you wish to give someone a shawl, please contact the Ministry. All are welcome to work and pray with us. If you have any questions, call Bernadette at 973 893-0114, Sister Arleen at 973-338-9190, or Alicia at 973-473-6633.

Let us continue to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them



Moving?

Please let us know.

- Within the parish – to update new address
- Out of parish – to discontinue mailings

Please call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190.

DR. ROBERT MOE

HOLY NAME MAN OF THE YEAR

On Tuesday, May 19th, The Essex-West Hudson Federation of Holy Name Societies will honor Dr. Bob Moe as St. Thomas the Apostle's 2009 Man of the Year. This honor is very deserving in view of what Bob Moe has meant to our Parish Community and our Holy Name Society for all these many years. His contributions are so extensive and cannot be enumerated in this message without giving Dr. Moe his proper due.

Anyone interested in coming to the Mass at St. Valentine's at 7pm and the dinner immediately following at the Essex Manor, please contact Paul Alongi at 973-338-4665 or the Parish Center 973-338-9190. The cost of the dinner is \$35 per person. Please make all reservations before May 14, 2009. Make all checks out to St. Thomas.

Did you know

REGISTRATION FOR ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

If you are presently not on our mailing list, receiving envelopes and the various parish mailings, the chances are that you are not a registered member of our parish. You are not automatically a registered member because you were married here or even if you were brought up here and lived in the parish with your parents or went to school here. Membership is by formal registration only. Just call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190 and let us know that you wish to register and the registration form will be mailed to you. Thank you.

Archdiocese of Newark Anniversary Masses

It is an annual tradition to honor the couples in the Archdiocese who are celebrating five, twenty-five, fifty or more years of marriage. These liturgies are celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

- May 31 50 Anniv. (Essex & Union Counties)
- June 7 50 Anniv. (Bergen & Hudson Counties)
- June 14 25th and 5th Anniversaries (All 4 Counties)

All Masses will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m.
To register, call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration this month but there will be Respect Life Holy Hour April 27th at 7:30 p.m. in Church. All are invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament.



The Rosary Confraternity



A reminder that our last monthly meeting will take place on Monday, May 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Peter room in the Parish Center. Please join us to pray the Rosary. All are welcome.

Honeybee



One little-known symbol of Easter is the honeybee. The bee emerging from the hive represents Christ coming out of the tomb. And the bee produces the wax from which the paschal candle lit at the Easter Vigil is made. At one time, there was even a reference to the bee in the great Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet:

*The flame is fed by the melting wax,
which the mother bee brought forth
to make this precious candle.*

BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS

Bloomfield Nursing Division is offering the following.
Appointments required, please call 973-680-4058.

PAP SMEAR & MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING

TUES., MAY 19, 9:00 A.M.-12 NOON
FREE TO UNINSURED WOMEN AGE 40 AND OVER.

BONE DENSITY SCREENING

FOR WOMEN AND MEN
TUESDAYS, APRIL 28, MAY 26, JUNE 30
10:00 A.M. - 12 NOON
BONE DENSITY - \$10 (\$8 FOR THOSE OVER AGE 55)

SKIN CANCER SCREENING

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 12 NOON - 2:00 P.M.
Free confidential skin cancer exam
for those without a dermatologist.

BODY FAT/ BODY MASS INDEX SCREENING

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 10:00 A.M. - 12 NOON
Learn your body fat percentage & BMI score
NO CHARGE / NO REGISTRATION



Rutgers University - Newark will be running its 8th annual **Summer Basketball Program** for children ages 7-17. The program is July 13-17, July 27- July 31, and August 3-7, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The cost for one week is only \$150. Discount rates if you attend two or three weeks. For more info or a brochure, call Joe Loughran at 973-353-1483.

Mount St. Dominic High School

Spring Open House

Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Open House for 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their families. Call 973.226.0660 ext. 1122 with questions.

Parish Ministry Chairpersons

Please submit room requests for next year's meetings, from September 1, 2009 through August 31st, 2010, to the parish center as soon as possible.

Thank you.



1040 Oradell Ave.
Oradell, NJ 07649

The following Summer Camp Programs will be held at Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, NJ:

- The **Crusader Basketball School**: 3 sessions - July 6-10, July 13-17, and July 20-24. For boys ages 8-15. For information: BC Basketball Office 201-634-2204
- 2009 **Championship Football Camp**: 2 sessions - July 27-July 30, and Aug. 3-6. For boys grades 5-9. For information: BC Football Office 201-634-4127
- The **Central Bergen Lacrosse Camp**: 3 sessions - July 6-10, July 13-17, and July 20-24. For boys ages 8-15. For information: BC Lacrosse Office 201-634-4141.
- **Soccer's Edge**: 1 session - June 29-July 3. For boys entering Grades 6, 7, and 8. For information: please call 201-847-2500.
- **Wrestling**: Open Mats - Monday and Wednesday evenings 7-8:30 p.m., March 30 - July 29 Ages 8 and up. For information: dbell@bergencatholic.org

All camp applications are available at
www.bergencatholic.org



For a rootin', tootin' good time,
hightail it to...

The Wild West Casino Night

**Saturday, May 16, 2009
6:00 p.m. to Midnight**

**Sacred Heart School Auditorium
683 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, NJ**

**\$60 per person (21 and older only)
Includes buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda,
games of chance and great prizes!
Western wear optional!**

For tickets and information, call
Terry Lurker at 973-743-3230 or
Andrea Anuscavage at 973-429-9221 or
Don Wettengel at 973-748-5959