

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.

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MUSIC MINISTERS:
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Kimberley Mesiti

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

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:
Mr. Timothy Dennin

PASTORAL COUNCIL:
Tom Rossano, Chairperson
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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

May 3, 2009 . 4th Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

Sunday, May 3

Saturday, May 2

5:00 pm Kevin Younkins - 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

Monday, May 4

7:30 am Arhutr Pozar - Family

11:30 am Glenn Stickles - Friend

Tuesday, May 5

7:30 am Catherine D. Sedlak - Bequest

11:30 am Robert Brown

Wednesday, May 6

7:30 am Fred Winters & Catherine Winters - Bequest

11:30 am Marie Migliore - Family

Thursday, May 7

7:30 pm Jean McHale - Friend

11:30 am Robert Carter - Friend

Friday, May 8

7:30 am Pasquale G. Fazzi - Bequest

11:30 am Diane D'Angelo - Friends

Saturday, May 9

8:30 am Gina Safonte - Parents

Sunday, May 10

Saturday, May 9

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 10

7:30 am All Mothers - Living and Deceased

9:00 am All Mothers - Living and Deceased

10:30 am All Mothers - Living and Deceased

12:00 pm All Mothers - Living and Deceased

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Harry & Marlene Shaw, Alex Wessell
Franco & Fasone Families, Paul Strickland, Frank Korec

REST IN PEACE:

Louise D'Andrea, Anthony Miedler

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Susan Janiec

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

**Fourth Sunday
of Easter**



LECTIONARY

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in all three years of the Lectionary cycle, passages of the Gospel according to John are read, in which Jesus is seen as a loving shepherd. The liturgy today is full of consolation. Though aware that we often walk in the valley of dark-ness, our prayers and readings today look to the Lord with hope and trust.

FIRST READING: Our First Reading continues the story we began last week. After the healing of the crippled beggar at the temple's beautiful gate, Peter and John are brought before the very people who condemned Jesus: Annas, Caiphas, and other elders, priests, and scribes. When Jesus was arrested, Peter fled, denying that he knew Jesus, denying even his own identity as a Galilean. Now Peter speaks fearlessly, even citing the scriptures to these learned men. The Resurrection changes everything. Peter is "filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 4:8), filled with a wisdom that is not his own.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Again we sing Psalm 118, one of the Easter psalms, and the psalm Peter quotes when he is being examined by the chief priests and the scribes. Jesus is the "stone rejected by the builders" (118:22), who by God's power has become the cornerstone, the source of salvation for the whole human race.

SECOND READING: We continue to read passages from the first letter of St. John: Today's reading is especially wonderful. It all comes down to love. We know God loves us, because God calls us his children. That is *all* we know. That is enough.

GOSPEL: Jesus, the good shepherd, cares for his own. He is not like a hireling who runs away at the first sign of danger; rather, "I know mine and mine know me" (John 10:14). This is a mutual relationship of love. In the midst of this discourse comes a prediction of Jesus' approaching Passion and Resurrection: "I lay down my life in order to take it up again" (10:17). In the Gospel, the Passion of Christ is seen as part of a pattern of this good shepherd's recklessly generous love, which longs to gather all together, "one flock, one shepherd" (10:16).



Included in your recent packet of envelopes is a Mother's Day remembrance envelope. **The Masses on Mother's Day, May 10th, will be offered for the living and deceased Mothers of our Parishioners.** The envelopes with the names of Mothers inscribed on them will be placed near the altar on that day. Remember Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, Sisters, and Daughters. A limited number of Mother's Day cards are available at the Parish Center which shows that your designated Mother is remembered this day.

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.



All First Communicants are invited to attend the May Crowning at the 5:00 p.m. 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.



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 973-338-7400.

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

APRIL

27	\$50	Patricia Hopkins
28	\$100	Rosita Navassete
29	\$50	Joyce A. Johnson
30	\$75	Floyd A. Wilson, Jr.

May

1	\$500	Jake Sullivan
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Session Dates for Baptism

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.



Coronation of Mary

Saturday, May 2, 2009 4:45 p.m.
(15 minutes before 5:00 p.m. Mass)
All parishioners are invited to attend.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 5/4

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Thursday – 4/23

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 5/8

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: \$20,290
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.

**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.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

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

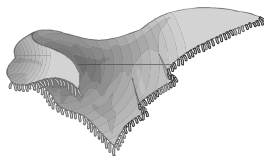


JOHN ANGOTTI

Returns to St. Thomas the Apostle!

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

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 members 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

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 Church at 7pm and dinner immediately following at the Essex Manor, please call 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.

The Rosary Confraternity

Recitation of the Rosary will take place Monday, May 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in Church followed immediately by installation of our new officers:

President, Bernadette Lipoma
Vice President, J'San Drobinski
Vice President for membership, Rosalie Mescall
Treasurer, Mary Ellen Decotiis

This is our last meeting of the year. Please join us in Church to pray the Rosary and welcome our new officers. Fellowship following immediately in St. Peter Room in the Parish Center. All are welcome.



Right to Life

For medical researchers: That God might implant within their hearts a reverence for all human lives, including human embryos in their first days of life;

We pray to the Lord

Planned Giving

Here are some other ways You can help St. Thomas the Apostle Church continue its mission of serving God's people. Give a gift of cash or check for general use or a specific purpose. Give a gift of stocks or bonds. There could be a significant tax advantage to you if there has been appreciation in their value and they are transferred to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

A bequest in your will assures that your possessions are distributed as you desire. When making a bequest, use the full legal name and address: Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Make Saint Thomas the Apostle Church partial or primary beneficiary of a life insurance policy that is no longer needed for family security. Ask the insurance company for the forms necessary to change the beneficiary or to transfer the ownership to Saint Thomas the Apostle Church.

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. Member-ship 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

Ministry of Spiritual Direction Summer Directed Retreat By The Ocean

Thurs June 25 – Sun June 28 or
Thurs July 2 – Sun July 5



The Upper Room Spiritual Center
West Bangs Ave, Neptune, NJ
Exit 100B off the Garden State Parkway

*"I have come that you may have life
and have it to the full!" (Jn.10:10)*

**Come and experience the healing power of
God's unconditional loving presence and the gift
it holds for restoring your sense of well-being.**

- % Home cooked meals
- % Private Rooms
- % Air Conditioned building
- % Beach is just 7 minutes away
- % Peaceful surroundings
- % Private daily meetings with spiritual director
- % Those generous surprises from God

For information call: Anna Graziano - 973-338-9538
Offering -\$225 (Reservations limited)

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Golf Outing

Monday, June 1, 2009

FOREST HILL GOLF CLUB, BLOOMFIELD, NJ

GOLF OUTING:

Golf, Cart, Lunch, Dinner & Auction - \$250 per person

DINNER & AUCTION:

Don't Golf? Join us for Dinner & Auction - \$75 per person

Dinner includes:

Cocktail hour, Open Bar, Dinner & Auction

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11:00 A.M. TO 12 NOON REGISTRATION & LUNCH

12:30 P.M.SHOTGUN START

CALLOWAY SCORING

6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. COCKTAIL HOUR

7:00 P.M. DINNER & AUCTION

All payments must be received by Fri., May 15, 2009.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & STATE: _____

PHONE/EMAIL: _____

1 I WOULD LIKE _____ GOLF REGISTRATIONS
@ \$250.00 PER PERSON TOTALING \$ _____.

1 I CAN'T MAKE IT BUT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION.
PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION OF \$ _____.

1 PLEASE RESERVE _____ PLACES FOR DINNER/AUCTION
@ \$75.00 PER PERSON TOTALING \$ _____.

1 MY COMPANY HAS A MATCHING GIFT PLAN \$ _____.

AD JOURNAL

1 BOOSTER ... \$10.00

1 1/2 PAGE ... \$25.00

1 FULL PAGE ... \$50.00

HOLE SPONSORS

Please attach a copy of exactly how you would like the sign to appear. Business cards can be used.

1 EAGLE SPONSOR - \$1000.00 (ONLY SPONSOR ON HOLE)

1 BIRDIE SPONSOR - \$500.00 (ONLY 2 SPONSORS ON HOLE)

1 PAR SPONSOR - \$100.00

1 CORPORATE SPONSOR - \$1500.00

EAGLE SPONSOR & FOURSOME

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR GOLF/DINNER/SPONSORS:
\$ _____

Please make checks payable to:

"ST. THOMAS SPORTS ASSOCIATION"
60 BYRD AVE, BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003

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, 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.

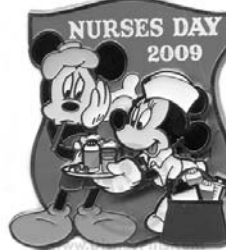
The cost for one week is only \$150. Discount rates if you attend two or three weeks. For more info or a brochure, call Joe Loughran at 973-353-1483.

Mount St. Dominic High School

Spring Open House

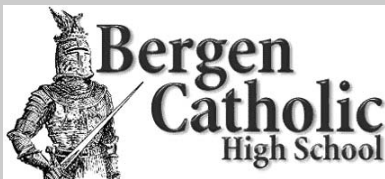
Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m.

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



Wednesday, May 6th is National Nurses Day. On this day, we would like to honor the nurses of St. Thomas the Apostle parish. Especially the Wellness Ministry nurses who so generously give of their time, talent, and treasure for our parish.

They provide monthly blood pressure screenings and education, daily phone coverage for limited confidential health counseling and referral to community health resources and services, periodic special programs and annual blood drives.



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

QUEEN OF PEACE HIGH SCHOOL

A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009
7:00 P.M. - TIMES PROGRAM

QUEEN OF PEACE INVITES ALL
7TH AND 8TH GRADE FAMILIES.

191 RUTHERFORD PLACE, N. ARLINGTON, NJ
201-998-8227 • WWW.QPHS.ORG



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.