

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

Rectory/Parish Center: (973) 338-9190 . Fax: (973) 338-4224 . Religious Education: (973) 338-7400
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Rev. Charles J. Miller, M. Div., Pastor

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Philip A. Sanders, S.T.B. • Rev. Andrew N. Onyemaobi, M.Div., M.A.
Rev. Thomas F. Blind, M. Div., In Residence

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 & 7:30pm

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:
Kimberley Mesiti

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

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:
Mr. Timothy Dennin

PASTORAL COUNCIL:
Eileen Conte, Chairperson
Jean Barbetta, Vice Chairperson
Michael Pasquale, 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 18, 2010 . 3rd Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

Sunday, April 18

Saturday, April 17

5:00 pm Antionette & Anthony Lubertazza – Daughters

Sunday, April 18

7:30 am For the People of the Parish
9:00 am Brian Mescall – Family
10:30 am Juan Aggabao, Sr. (4th Anniv.) – Family
12:00 pm The Dunning Family – Family

Monday, April 19

7:30 am Paula Lockwood – Friend
11:30 am Florence & Nicholas Sottolano – Daughter

Tuesday, April 20

7:30 am Maria Teresa Corbella – Daughter
11:30 am Harry Scardilli – Daughter

Wednesday, April 21

7:30 am Joseph De Lena – Family
11:30 am Fred & Catherine Winters – Bequest

Thursday, April 22

7:30 am Joseph Pettoni – Family
11:30 am Louis & Lucy De Falco – Bequest

Friday, April 23

7:30 am Donald & Mary Catherine Douglas – Family
11:30 am Fred & Catherine Winters – Bequest

Saturday, April 24

8:30 am Helen Mc Garry – Bequest

Sunday, April 25

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5:00 pm Michael & Fannie Bove – Family

Sunday, April 25

7:30 am Rosa & Antonio De Rogatis – Family
9:00 am For the People of the Parish
10:30 am Georgette Nader – Friend
12:00 pm Teresa & Varick Maggiolo – Parents

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Mark Catona, Sister Mary Rosarii Downes, George Scott

REST IN PEACE:

Cheryl Gratia Ganaba, Agnes Jarosiewicz, Giuseppa Scasso
Sr. Margaret Mary Conklin, Sr. Catherine John Breunig,
Sr. Anne Veronica Tonne

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Elizabeth Dennin

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“Follow me.”

John 21:19



As we move into the Third Week of Easter, it may be difficult to maintain the same level of Easter enthusiasm. Nevertheless, the celebration of Christ's Resurrection should continue to be proclaimed with joy. Today's Eucharistic focus is established with the account of the meal Jesus shares with his disciples.

FIRST READING: While the high priest challenges Peter for laying the guilt for Jesus' death at his feet, Peter does not sidestep the accusation he made; however, he offers the gift of forgiveness, a work of the Holy Spirit, Christian faith does not counsel the downplaying of the guilt of sin, but it acknowledges a greater and more powerful reality, the forgiveness of sins.

RESPONSORIAL: In proclaiming Psalm 30, the Church acknowledges that the power of Christ's Resurrection is at work in her midst. In his great mercy, God turns our mourning into dancing.

SECOND READING: In the book of Revelation, John describes his vision of the heavenly liturgy in which the lamb is glorified and sits at the right hand of God. In Eucharist we are called to join in the worship of God by the multitudes of the heavenly court, for salvation is ours through the sacrificial death of the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world. We rejoice as we respond to the invitation to share in the heavenly banquet.

GOSPEL: Following a miraculous catch of fish, that enabled the apostles to recognize the risen Lord, Jesus' mercy is directed to Peter. Jesus questions Peter's love for him, and by so doing provides Peter the mercy to repent of his threefold denial. Peter's love for the Lord is to be directed to the care of the flock, Christ's body. All repentance leads us to both a deeper love for Christ and for his body, the Church.

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS



**CURRENTLY ACCEPTING
REGISTRATION FOR THE
2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR
(WAIT LIST FOR GRADES 3 & 7)**

**Please call the School Office at
973-338-8505 to schedule a tour**

**Pre K3 through 7th grades
Middle States Accredited
Full-Day or Half-Day Pre K 3 & 4
Full-Day or Half-Day Kindergarten
BeforeCare & AfterCare programs
Advanced Technology
Jr. High Science / Synergistics Program
Physical Education for all grades
Spanish & Italian Classes
Art & Music Classes
Wide Variety of Extra-Curricular Activities**

**St. Thomas the Apostle School
2010 Calendar Sweepstakes Winners!**

APRIL

12	\$100	Louise Palagano
13	\$250	Owen Brady
14	\$50	Lisa Bogart & Bob Kucharski
15	\$100	Tom Mathewson
16	\$75	Gloria Fetta
17	\$250	Nicholas Scalera
18	\$75	Vicky Gonzalez

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!!!

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



William Joseph Acosta

Parents: Laurie (Renner) & Richard Acosta

Henry Franklin Bradley

Parents: Erin (Franklin) & Michael Bradley

Dane Catanzarite

Parents: Dina (Olivieri) & Brian Catanzarite

Julian Vinicio Esa

Parents: Cindy (Viteri) & Louis Esa

Madison Emmalie Honegan

Parents: Marie (Glemand) & Phillip Honegan, Jr.

Leah Rose Lorent

Parents: Laura (Fracasso) & Christian Lorent

Alexa Lauren Snyder

Parents: Tracey (Rotondelli) & Christopher Snyder

Anthony John Tamburri

Parents: Lisa (Marks) & Anthony Tamburri

Session Dates for Baptism 2010

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

May 16, 2010	1:00 p.m.
June 13	1:00 p.m.
September 12	1:00 p.m.
October 17	1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

May 2, 2010	1:30 p.m.
June 6	1:30 p.m.
June 27	1:30 p.m.
July 18	1:30 p.m.
August 15	1:30 p.m.
September 18	during the 5:00 p.m. mass

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 4/19

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Wednesday – 4/21

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 4/23

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

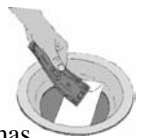
Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program

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 SUNDAY

Blood pressure screenings will be held this Sunday, April 18th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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: \$17,936
AMOUNT BUDGETED: \$20,500

STA Respect Life and Good Counsel Homes



This weekend is marked for returning Good Counsel baby bottles filled with your loose change. Please place the bottles in the bassinette in the main vestibule of the church. If you have misplaced your bottle or would like to give an approximate gift of the amount, you may make a credit card donation via Good Counsel's secure website at www.goodcounselhomes.org. God bless you for your generosity!



RIGHT TO LIFE

For the people of Haiti: That Catholics will not forget Jesus' admonition to Peter – "Feed my lambs" and "Tend my sheep";
We pray to the Lord

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:

4/11 REGULAR MEETING - COTILLION VOTING
4/18 FR. TOM BLIND
4/23 ARCHDIOCESE COTILLION
4/25 VOCATIONS - FR. JOHN GABRIEL
5/2 SENIOR NIGHT I

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

Cornerstone Women

We've recently completed our fifth successful Women's Cornerstone Retreat at St. Thomas the Apostle. We would like to invite you to the reunion for all women who have made a Cornerstone retreat. Mark Your Calendars!!!

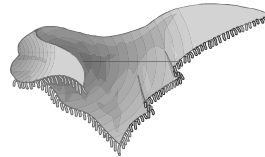
The Cornerstone Reunion will be on Friday, May 14th, 2010 at 7:30 pm. There will be wine, cheese, prayer and socializing!

We are trying to reach as many former retreat attendees as we can via email but some are not accessible. Please help us to spread the word.

Please respond by calling Sister Arleen in the Parish Center at 973-338-9190 or email your response to martylevine59@aol.com or czieleniewski@comcast.net

Hope to see you all there.
Cornerstone Team V

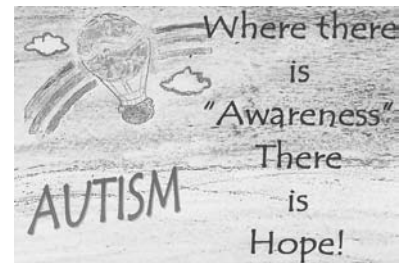
Prayer Shawl Ministry



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

Our spring meetings are Sunday April 18th and May 16th from 11:30AM to 2PM and Wednesday evenings May 5th and June 2nd. We need light prayer shawls for the summer. Shawls should be long and wide enough to cover the shoulders (at least 22 inches by 60 inches). Lapghans should be approximately 36" wide and 40" in length. All are welcome to work and pray with us. If you have any questions or you wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact the Ministry Bernadette @ 973-893-0114, Alicia @ 973-473-6633 or Sister Arleen @ 973-338-9190.

April is Autism Awareness Month



Loving Creator God,

May the full splendor of your grace abide with all families touched by autism spectrum disorders.

Give your children with autism the strength they need to learn something new today.

Give their parents the wisdom to see and nurture their potential.

Bless their teachers, supporters and friends whose commitment echoes your own faithfulness.

Encourage all people who gather in your name to reach out and embrace those with autism.

Help us to see your image reflected in those who struggle with neurological disabilities.

We ask this in the name of your Son, who loved those on the margins as his very own.

AMEN

Cornerstone Women

Cornerstone Team V will meet in the parish center Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks,
Sister Arleen

St. Thomas the Apostle's Adult Enrichment



*Understanding the Lord's Prayer
and Hail Mary*

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2010
Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Place: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center
Cost: \$10.00 suggested donation (payable at door)
Registration: Call 973.338.9190 x29 by April 19.

Speaker: Dr. Gregory Glazov is a professor of Biblical Studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology and coordinator of the Great Spiritual Books certificate program for the Institute for Christian Spirituality. Dr. Glazov is a graduate of Oxford University and the author of "The 'Bridling of the Tongue' and the 'Opening of the Mouth' in Biblical Prophecy." He is also the author of numerous articles and book reviews.

JOB SEEKERS GROUP

Looking for a job? Come to a meeting of the St. Thomas the Apostle Job Seekers on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center where you will get a chance to network, get some advice, and pray with other members of the parish who are searching for a job. For information, send an email to: workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com



Moving? Please let us know.
Within the parish – to update new address
Out of parish – to discontinue mailings
Call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190.

~ ~ September Club Travel ~ ~

Upcoming 2010 Day Trips

FOR INFORMATION: CALL JEAN AT 973-777-2278

STATUE OF LIBERTY & ELLIS ISLAND

June 24, 2010

INCLUDES:

- ROUNDTRIP MOTOR COACH TRANSPORTATION
- ADMISSION TO THE STATUE OF LIBERTY
- LUNCHEON SPECIAL INCLUDING: SOUP OR SALAD, RICE OR CHOCOLATE PUDDING, POTATO AND VEGETABLE WITH ENTRÉE.



PRICE

MEMBERS: \$43.00 --- NONMEMBERS: \$45.00

HOLY NAME MAN OF THE YEAR

TUESDAY, MAY 18TH, 2010

HONORING

PAUL SEFJACK

A WELL DESERVING HONOREE

MASS AT ST. VALENTINE, 7PM
DINNER AT THE ESSEX MANOR SHORTLY
THEREAFTER

COST \$35 PER PERSON- RESERVATIONS CONTACT
PAUL ALONGI 973-338-4665
OR PARISH CENTER 973-338-9190

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Invites all interested parishioners

SPECIAL MEETING

Wed April 28th, 7:30 pm, Parish Center

Speaker, **Frank Cannata**,
Past National President of Unico & noted Historian

Subject:

Pacific Theater, World War II-and Unico
documentary on Hero

Sgt. John Basilone,

Congressional Medal of Honor winner from Raritan, NJ

Refreshments will be served. No reservations
needed, just attend. Paul Alongi, Pres.

Loyola House of Retreats

161 James St, Morristown, N.J. (973) 539-0740

**Healing & Wholeness
Body, Mind & Spirit**

**Weekend Retreat for Men and Women
April 30 - May 2**

Presenters

Anna Graziano, cSD and Fr. Bill Rakowicz, S.J.

For more information call: Anna Graziano (973) 338-9538
or Loyola House of Retreats (973) 539-0740

**ARE YOU GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL?
DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER IN THE
HOSPITAL?**



We would like to visit our parishioners who are homebound, in the hospital or other health care facility. Because of patient confidentiality laws, however, the only way we can know is if someone informs us. Call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190, leaving your name and number so we may return your call, or you may leave the information at the Parish Desk on Sunday mornings.

St. Mary's Church of Nutley
is hosting a Bus Trip to
The Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in
Doylestown, PA

Wednesday, April 28th
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We will enjoy a private tour of the Shrine with its beautiful grounds and gardens, attend Mass, view a film about the Shrine, and browse the gift shop & bookstore. Luncheon will be served. Price (includes lunch): \$43.00

For more information: Marie (973) 450-0527
Maryann (973) 667-0669

Mount St. Dominic Academy
Spring Open House

It is time again for our Spring Open House for sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls and their families.

Mount Saint Dominic Academy
3 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, NJ 07006
www.msdomacademy.org

Open House Wednesday, May 5th
at 6:30 p.m. in the Athletic Center
Call (973) 226-0660, ext. 1122 with questions.

Sacred Heart Parish
is having its **Annual**

5:30 p.m. to Midnight
Saturday, May 15th at the
Sacred Heart School Auditorium
683 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, NJ

\$60 per person (21 and older only)
Includes buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda, dessert, DJ music, \$60 worth of chip with which to play at the Gaming Tables, and TRICKY TRAY prizes!

You don't need to know how to play the games; the dealers will help you learn the games!

For tickets and info, call Terry Lurker (973) 743-3230, Andrea Anuscavage (973) 429-9221 or Don Wettengel (973) 749-5959. Tickets also available at Rectory office.

Bryan Westervelt of Troop 22 Bloomfield
...is a candidate for Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. Part of the Eagle process includes managing a service project to benefit the community. Bryan is choosing to run a blood drive because of the direct and immediate benefit it will have for others.

The blood drive will be held from 2-8 p.m. on Friday, April 23 in the Paramus Catholic High School Gym. Those interested in assisting Bryan with his project are asked to make an appointment at <http://www.redcrossblood.org>, using sponsor code 14691.



LACORDAIRE ACADEMY

Spring Cleaning?

It's that time again!
Donate Used Books
for a Great Cause –
Educating Young People!

Lacordaire Academy is accepting donations of gently-used hardcover, paperback and audio books for its annual book sale. This year, proceeds benefit arts and sciences at the Academy.

It's So Easy! Think of us during spring cleaning and drop off your books any time under the covered porch at the front door of the high school at 155 Lorraine Ave. Upper Montclair. Deadline for donations is May 10th .

Lacordaire's Annual Used Book Sale will take place Thursday-Sunday, May 20-24, 2010. For more information, contact Suzanne or Teresa at LacoBookSale@msn.com.

TIM JANIS SPRING CONCERT with special appearance of "The Dominoes" from St. Dominic Academy (Jersey City) presented at Caldwell College on Saturday, April 24 at 7PM. Ticket includes reception with Tim after concert. For tickets, call Kathy 973-403-3331 ext. 19 or email kcommarato@caldwellop.org.

Queen of Peace High School, a twice honored Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, is hosting an Open House for 7th & 8th grade students on Tuesday, May 4th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. This is a timed program so visitors should arrive by 7:00 p.m.

191 Rutherford Ave., North Arlington, NJ 201-998-8227

BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS

Bloomfield Health Department is offering the following.

BONE DENSITY SCREENINGS

An ultrasound of the forearm identifies women and men at risk for osteoporosis.

Dates: April 21 and 27, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Location: Bloomfield Health Department
One Municipal Plaza, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Fee: \$10; \$8 for those 55 and older

To register, please call 973-680-4058

STROKE SCREENINGS

Date: May 18, 2010

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon **Location:** Bloomfield Health Department

One Municipal Plaza, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Fees: \$30; \$20 for those 55 and older

*For Bloomfield Residents

To register, please call 973-680-4058