

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Parochial Vicars: Rev. Andrew N. Onyemaobi, M.Div., M.A. • Rev. Camilo E. Cruz, M. Div.
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

September 26, 2010 . 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, September 26

Saturday, September 25

5:00 pm Deceased Members of Begley Family – Bqst

Sunday, September 26

7:30 am Joseph & Jane Beard – Family

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Linda Gonnelli – Friend

12:00 pm De Filippo Family – Family

Monday, September 27

7:30 am Dr. William Ramucci – Friend

11:30 am Genevive Muller – Son

Tuesday, September 28

7:30 am Maria De Rogatis – Daughter

11:30 am Mary & John Walters – Daughter

Wednesday, September 29

7:30 am Frances Rose Ferraro – Friend

11:30 am James Durkin – Friend

Thursday, September 30

7:30 am Bernice Manfredi – Friend

11:30 am Theodore Z. Levandoski – Friends

Friday, October 1

7:30 am Angelina Catalano

11:30 am Dolores Wurts – Family

Saturday, October 2

8:30 am Daniel O’Connell – Wife

Sunday, October 3

Saturday, October 2

5:00 pm Stanley Sefjack – Son

Sunday, October 3

7:30 am Joseph Morici – Family

9:00 am Barbara Ellmer – Husband

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Elizabeth Molnar – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Deacon Dennis Besida, Victoria Burnett

REST IN PEACE:

Christina Errante

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Rose Appenzeller

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today’s readings invite us to focus individually and communally on our recognition and service to the poor. Who is the Lazarus at our own door?

FIRST READING: Amos prophesies against those who are consumed and captivated by their own wealth and so neglect the needs of their brothers. Prosperity can blind us by covering over and falsely satiating our deeper needs for universal solidarity with our sisters and brothers and peace with God.

RESPONSORIAL: In Psalm 146 the Church sings of that faith which lives in acts of justice for the poor. As the Lord God sustains us in our poverty, so we are called to sustain the poor.

SECOND READING: Paul exhorts his listeners to a life of faithful witness modeled on the witness of Jesus before Pilate. As Jesus bore witness to the truth, so believers, who professed their faith in the assembly of the Church, are called to do so before the world. Our faith, while deeply personal, is not a private matter. We are called to witness to it in word and deed.

GOSPEL: Although Jesus spoke frequently and passionately of God’s mercy, he speaks in today’s parable of a day when the choices we make in life will be irrevocably sealed. The rich man’s neglect and lack of awareness, even of Lazarus’ presence, results in his eternal separation from God and his people. May our eyes be open to the needs of our sisters and brothers, and may our hearts be generous in acts of loving kindness.

NEXT WEEK!



Blessing of Animals

St. Thomas’ Annual



Blessing of Pets next Sunday, Oct. 3rd at 2pm in the STA School parking lot.

Bring your winged, four legged, belly crawling, and finned pets to receive this special blessing.

We look forward to seeing you there!

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS



***CURRENTLY ACCEPTING
REGISTRATION FOR THE
2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR***

**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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word
RESUMES THIS SUNDAY
DURING THE 10:30 A.M. MASS
and will continue until next June.



Session Dates for Baptism 2010

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

- October 17 1:00 p.m.
- December 5 1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

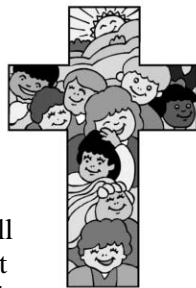
- October 3 1:30 p.m.
- October 31 1:30 p.m.
- November 21 1:30 p.m.

Religious Education News

CCD CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK

Mon., Sept. 27 grades 5-8 and
Tues., Sept. 28 grades 1-4.

Children should report to Herron Hall,
which is on the first floor of the school,
by 3:40 p.m. Classroom assignments will
be given out at that time. Dismissal is at
5:00 p.m. from the rear parking, lot as always.



Please be considerate and park only in the lot *behind the church*, **-DO NOT CROSS THE CONES-** for the safety of the children.

If you've yet to register your child for CCD classes please call the Religious Education Office at 973-338-7400 to request a registration package. This program is only open to parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle so please make sure that you have filled out the necessary paperwork in the Parish Center and are receiving envelopes.



***St. Thomas the Apostle School
MOMMY & ME PLAYGROUP***

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish School
would like to offer a free, weekly
Mommy & Me Playgroup this Fall.

- ☺ The playgroup will serve children ages 2-4.
- ☺ The playgroup aims to promote new and lasting friendships for both children and their parents.
- ☺ Parents will be responsible for the supervision of their children at all times.
- ☺ Creation of this playgroup is dependent on the number of interested families.
- ☺ If you or a friend are interested in participating or if you have any questions, please call the school office at **973-338-8505**.



Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishoners:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 8, 2010 through March 25, 2011, **St. Thomas the Apostle School** will have the opportunity to earn cash through Stop&Shop A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:

Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online

OR

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop&Shop using your Stop&Shop Card earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Stop&Shop website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at stopandshop.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support!

Please be sure to register your card to benefit **St. Thomas the Apostle School** using ID # **08625**.

Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean a world of difference to our STA children.

Sincerely,
St. Thomas the Apostle Home & School

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 9/27

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Wednesday – 9/29

SCC Wednesday/Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Adult Education Events

COMING THIS WEEK....

Understanding the Lord's Prayer: St. Thomas the Apostle will sponsor a lecture by Dr. Gregory Glazov on the Lord's Prayer. Dr. Glazov is professor of biblical studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary. The Lecture will be held in the St. Peter room of the parish center from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, September 23rd. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

Faith and Family Conference: This year's family conference will be co-sponsored with St. Valentine Church. The speaker is Mike St. Pierre, president of Morris Catholic H.S. who will speak on "The Crisis and Challenge of Living as Jesus Today." The conference is October 2 at St. Valentine, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke: A four part lecture on the Gospel of Luke will be given on Thursdays in October beginning October 7. Morning sessions will be at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and evening sessions from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Lectures take place in the parish center.

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 WEEKEND COLLECTION:	\$18,104
AMOUNT BUDGETED:	\$20,500

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Want to skip writing checks to St. Thomas each week? Sign up for our electronic giving program. Once a month your gift to the parish is automatically charged to your designated credit or debit card. It's convenient and secure. Call the parish center to request information.

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. 120**. 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.



Saint Thomas the Apostle

Rosary Society
is sponsoring its

Annual Communion Breakfast

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Larry Evans
Paramus Catholic High School**

All women of the parish are invited to attend on

Saturday, October 2nd

immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Forest Hill Field Club

9 Belleville Avenue, Bloomfield

\$35 per person

RESERVATIONS DUE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

Questions, please contact:

Bernadette Lipoma - 973-893-0114

Reservation Form

(Please return to Parish Center by 9/24)

Attention: Rosary Society Breakfast

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please seat me with:

(Please make checks payable to STA Rosary Society.)



Have You Received all Your Sacraments?

Join the RCIA Program

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or needs to receive the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation,

St. Thomas the Apostle will begin its RCIA classes on Sunday, October 3rd.

AFTER RCIA...

Continue your formation and education.

Call Bob Miller at (973) 338-9190 x 131, to learn about educational opportunities in the parish and in the diocese.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL RETREAT
 THE MEN'S RETREAT AT SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE, WHERE GOD AND SEA COME TOGETHER, IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 24-26.



THE THEME FOR THE 2010 WEEKEND RETREAT IS: THE YEAR OF ST. LUKE, GOD'S COMPANION. ANYONE INTERESTED IN SPENDING THIS MOST ENJOYABLE AND SPIRITUALLY SIGNIFICANT WEEKEND AT THE NEW JERSEY SHORE SHOULD CONTACT FRANK HELMSTETTER AT 973-338-5872.

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

INVITES The Men of our Parish
To join in celebration of the Mass
SUNDAY, October 3rd at 9 a.m.

Reception to follow at the Parish Center
with a guest speaker

The Holy Name Society is a traditional and dedicated religious ministry of our church and has been since the inception of our parish. Most churches have an active Holy Name Society and are honored by the good works of this group of Catholic men anointed by the LORD.

Please join us. For further information, contact Pres. Paul Alongi, 973-338-4665.

HOLY NAME PLEDGE

Blessed be God.
 Blessed be His Holy Name.
 Blessed be Jesus Christ true God and true man.
 Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
 I believe O Jesus-that Thou art the Christ-the Son of the Living God.
 I proclaim my love-fro the Vicar of Christ on Earth.
 I believe all the sacred truths which the Holy Catholic Church believes and teaches.
 I promise to give good example-by the regular practice-of my faith, in honor of His Divine Name.
 I pledge myself against perjury blasphemy - profanity - and obscene speech.
 I pledge my loyalty-to the flag of my country-and to the God-given principles-of freedom, justice and happiness for which it stands.
 I pledge my support-to all lawful authority-both civil and religious.
 I dedicate my manhood (myself)-to the honor of the Sacred Name of Jesus Christ-and beg that He will keep me faithful-to these pledges until Death.

2010 Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to
The Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception
in Washington, D.C.
 Under the leadership of
Archbishop John J. Myers



Come with St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and join the 2010 Archdiocesan Pilgrimage

ONE DAY BUS TRIP.
Bus Cost: \$40 per person
Saturday, October 23, 2010

We will join with St. Valentine Church, our New Energies Partner, in sponsoring this day of prayer and devotion to Our Lady.

Buses will depart from Bloomfield at 5:30 a.m. Pilgrims may bring snacks and drinks for the trip down. The return trip will include a stop for dinner with pilgrims responsible for their meal.

Register now!

Make check payable to: St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

of tickets: _____ **Amt. Enclosed:** _____

Put in an envelope marked "Pilgrimage" and place it in the collection basket at Mass or drop off at parish center.



**SERRA HOLY NAME
COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

WHERE:
SETON HALL STUDENT CTR
WHEN:
LATE OCT. / EARLY NOV. 2010

JOIN US AT OUR FABULOUS BREAKFAST WITH A PROMINENT GUEST SPEAKER WHO WILL BE REVEALED AT A LATER DATE. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW. ALL ARE INVITED. PLEASE CALL JOHN RENNIE WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT 973-338-4615

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH CENTER FROM 7-9PM. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT tdennin@live.com

CONFIRMATION REMINDER

EVENING OF RECONCILIATION,
SEPTEMBER 28TH AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH.

CONFIRMATION DATES:

CANDIDATES A - K OCTOBER 17TH
CANDIDATES L - Z OCTOBER 24TH

*Ministry of Spiritual Direction
St. Thomas the Apostle Church*

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius



**Retreat in Everyday Life
The Nineteenth Annotated Retreat**

In these "Spiritual Exercises" the retreatant prays with the life, passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ using designated scriptures journaling. Retreatant meets with a spiritual director each week to process their prayer. **It is important to call as soon as possible** to keep with the liturgical cycle

For further information call Anna (973) 338-9538



Feel good about yourself
Give blood -- **THIS WEEKEND!!!**

St. Thomas' Annual Blood Drive
This Sunday, September 26, 2010
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Herron Hall

Our blood banks are in need of all types of blood. If you are 17 years of age, a minimum of 120 pounds, and in basic good health, YOU can donate blood.

Did YOU know that the blood supply can vary depending on the time of year? As donor qualifications continue to become stricter and as the donor population ages, our community is a risk of a low blood supply. If YOU are eligible, YOUR blood donations are needed. The actual donation takes about 5-10 minutes. The entire donation process, from registration to post-donation refreshments, takes about one hour. Please consider this as your gift for life. Come to our blood drive and donate. We welcome our "regulars" and those of you who will be "first timer donors".

*Complimentary Cholesterol screening
for all blood donors.*

BONUS: \$15 gas card will be given to all donors!

*For more information please
call the blood center of New Jersey at 973-676-4700.*



RIGHT TO LIFE

For couples seeking to adopt a child:
That God will answer their prayers
and bless their desire to parent;

We pray to the Lord

JOB SEEKERS GROUP

Don't let your job search get you down. St. Thomas's Work Ministry offers a free, comfortable place to find support, ideas, and inspiration.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:30 in the Parish Center. Keep checking the bulletin for our programs geared to help in your job search. All are welcome to join us if you are looking for a job or need a person to fill a position. For more info, send an e-mail to workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

- Paramus Catholic High School** 425 Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ, (201) 445-4466 Wed., Oct. 13th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Oratory Preparatory School** One Beverly Rd., Summit, NJ, (908) 273-5771 Sun., Oct. 3rd, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- St. Mary of the Assumption High School** 237 S. Broad St., Elizabeth, NJ, (908) 352-4350 Sun., Oct. 10th, 2:00 p.m.
- Mount St. Dominic Academy** 3 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, NJ (973) 226-0660 Sun., Sept. 26th & Oct. 17th, 1:30 p.m.
- Lacordaire Academy** 155 Lorraine Ave., Upper Montclair, NJ (973) 744-1156 Tue., Oct. 14th, & Wed., Nov. 3rd, 7-8:30 p.m.
- Queen of Peace H. S.I** 191 Rutherford Ave., N. Arlington, NJ (201) 998-8227 Sun., Sept. 26th, 1 p.m. & Oct. 17th, 11 a.m.