
Saint Thomas the Apostle

Roman Catholic Church

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PARISH MISSION

Easter is a time for spiritual rebirth & renewal.
Here at St. Thomas the Apostle there will be a special
3-day Parish Mission
for both men and women.

Monday thru Wednesday, April 28, 29 & 30
at 7:30 p.m. in the Church

Fr. Alan Guglielmo

will lead us through prayer
and his reflection on God's word
to a deeper and more vibrant faith.

Plan to do something special for yourself
join us!

Mark Your Calendar Now!

Masses for the Week

Sunday, April 27

Saturday, April 26

5:00 pm Nicholas Gazzillo - Family

Sunday, April 27

7:30 am Rose Trasente - Cousin

9:00 am Polak & Ostoyic Families (Living) - Family

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:15 pm Edward & Jennie Bonanno

Monday, April 28

7:30 am Charles Ribaud - Friend

11:30 am Anthony Mayer - Family

Tuesday, April 29

7:30 am Joseph Mahoney - Family

11:30 am Nicholas & Pierina Corbo - Daughter

Wednesday, April 30

7:30 am Paul DeRogatis - Daughter

11:30 am Teresa & Varick Maggiolo - Daughter

Thursday, May 1 **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

7:30 am Genevieve Liptai - Daughter

9:00 am (School) Agnes Mazziotta - Friend

11:30 am Josephine Kolesar - Sister

7:00 pm Mary & Tom Freeman - Friends

Friday, May 2

7:30 am Carol Ann Camon - Sister-in-law

11:30 am Thomas Bieksha - Wife

Saturday, May 3

8:30 am Paul DeRogatis - Daughter

Sunday, May 4

Saturday, May 3

5:00 pm Josephine Battista - Daughter

Sunday, May 4

7:30 am Esterina & Silvester Fusco - Family

9:00 am Claire McCarron - Friend

10:30 am Clifford Sharkey - Friends

12:15 pm For the People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Glenn Stickles, Ann Wagner

Rest in Peace

Gertrude M. Schrader, George M. Stoeckel,

Rose M. Nisivoccia, Nancy Byron Polny

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Vincent Biase

Rectory: John Mauro



**FEAST OF THE
ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Thursday, May 1st, 2008

A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 1:12-14

1 Peter 4:13-16

John 17:1-11a



Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

Pray For Vocations



"...and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept because it neither sees nor knows Him." This Advocate and Spirit of truth, which is the Holy Spirit, dwells in the hearts of each baptized Christian. The world cannot accept, and even at times rejects, the Truth that this Spirit has given in the form of the Catholic faith. As a priest, deacon or religious, it is the duty of those in the consecrated or ordained life to recall and remind the faithful to follow the guidance of this Spirit, not of the world. Are you willing to seek the faithful out and assist them in following the Holy Spirit as He dwells in the Church and in their hearts? If so, you may have a vocation. Pray for the wisdom, truth and strength of the Triune God and contact the Office of Vocations at kellybar@rcan.org or 973.497.4365.



Right to Life

For those who have grown very old and who are overburdened by their years: that we might treasure the gift they are to us;

We pray to the Lord

Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program

The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Mon-Fri, 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Call the Parish Center at 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.

Mother's Day Remembrance

Included in your recent packet of envelopes is a Mother's Day remembrance envelope. **The Masses on Mother's Day, May 11th, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Eucharistic Adoration Monday, April 28th, from Noon to 7:30 PM.
** THERE WILL BE NO RESPECT LIFE HOLY HOUR DUE TO THE PARISH MISSION SCHEDULED AT 7:30 P.M.



"THIS WEEK"

PARISH MISSION APRIL 28, 29, 30

Monday – 4/28

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
Men's prayer and Bible Study – 7:30pm in St. Matthew
Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon in Church

Thursday – 5/1

Feast of the Ascension - Holy day of obligation
Masses 7:30am, 9am, 11:30am, and 7pm
SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 5/2

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in Church

May Crowning



We will have our Crowning of the blessed Mother statue on Saturday, May 3rd at the 5 p.m. Mass.

Those who wish to participate in the procession should be here by 4:45 p.m.

Rosarian News

The next meeting will be Monday, May 5th at 7:00pm in the St. Peter room. Sympathy is extended to the families of our recently deceased members: Jane Clifford, Pat Dwyer and Rose Nisivoccia.



Session Dates for Baptism for 2008

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

In the St. James Room in the Parish Center

| | |
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| May 25 | 1:30pm |
| July 6 | 1:30pm |
| Sept 7 | 1:30pm |
| Oct 12 | 1:30pm |

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS FOR 2008

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|---------|---------|
| May 18 | 1:45pm |
| June 8 | 12:15pm |
| June 29 | 1:45pm |
| July 20 | 1:45pm |
| Aug 10 | 1:45pm |
| Aug 31 | 1:45pm |

REGISTRATION FOR ST. THOMAS PARISH

Did you know

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.

St. Thomas the Apostle Youth Group

is proud to present

An Evening of Praise and Worship

May 10th, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in

St. Thomas the Apostle Church



JOHN ANGOTTI

Returns to

St. Thomas the Apostle

John will be present at a Liturgy Workshop, A Saturday Night Concert, and will bring his Music Ministry to all Masses on Sunday, May 11th, 2008.

He gave us a spectacular concert last year, don't miss it this year!

Free will offering will be collected.

The Ascension of the Lord

Great feast that Easter is, one day (not even three days!) is insufficient to celebrate the fullness of the mystery of the resurrection. So, as Christians, we keep a fifty-day-long festival, punctuated by the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - the fortieth day of Easter. The feast of the Ascension, like a prism, helps us focus the wondrous colors of the Easter spectrum.

These images from the Ascension liturgy give us a sense of the hope and joy that color this feast: "Christ's ascension is our glory and hope." "The joy of the resurrection and the ascension renews the whole world." "Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow." "Christ has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us, but to be our hope." "Christ was taken up to heaven to claim for us a share in his divine life."

If we have been united with Christ through baptism in his death and resurrection, we are surely united with him in the transformation and redemption of his humanity. What we celebrate, however, is not only a past or future event. We are given glimpses of our glorious destiny even now. So, feet firmly planted on earth, the community gathers to rejoice in the life we share with the risen Lord.

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PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN Policies & Procedures

Training is required for all adults working with youth at our parish. If you have not completed this training, you must register for the training session online at www.rcan.org and follow links to the Workshop Schedule St. Thomas 4/28 session. For more info, contact I Tim Dennin at tdennin@att.net

Adult Enrichment Fifth Annual Faith and Family Conference

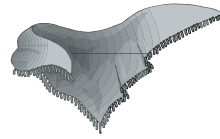
Do you want to strengthen your marriage? The theme for this year's conference is "Joy in Christian Marriage. Special guest speaker is Dr. Philip Mango. Dr. Mango is the President and Co-Founder of St. Michael's Institute for the Psychological Sciences and is a professor at the John Paul II Institute. He has worked closely with Mother Teresa over a 12 year period on mental health projects for the poor. Conference is Saturday, May 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person or \$20 per couple. For more information call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x20. Please register by May 27.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

RETURN FORM TO PARISH CENTER

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



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

Our next Sunday 1:30 p.m. meetings are scheduled for May 18th and June 15th. The next Wednesday evening meetings are scheduled for May 7th and June 4th. We will be working on winter accessories for the homeless. There will be a member offering instructions on knitting and crocheting hats. To partake in these instructions, you will need to bring the following items:

- One scan of worsted wool yarn
- An eye crochet hook or size 6, 7, or 8 knitting needles
- A set of four double pointed or a set of single pointed

Shawls and lap robes are available for those who need them. If you have any questions call Bernadette @ 973-893-0114 or Alicia @ 973-473-6633. If you need a shawl please call Sr. Arleen @ 973-338-9190 x-34.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MEETINGS SUNDAY NIGHTS 7 - 9 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME.
(Rescheduled) 4/27 Senior Night with Alicia McElhone

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

John Angotti 5/10

EMAIL TIM DENNIN WITH ANY QUESTIONS tdennin@att.net

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



We would like to visit our parishioners who are home-bound, in the hospital or other health care facility. Due to 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 phone number so we may return your call or you may leave the information at the Parish Desk on Sunday mornings.

RCIA NEWS

Please remember all of our RCIA candidates in your prayers who will be receiving First Eucharist and Confirmation on the Feast of Pentecost, May 11.





**School
News**

St. Thomas the Apostle School continues to accept registrations for Pre-K through 7th grades. For information, call 973-338-8505 or email us at staoffice@catholic.org.

**St. Thomas the Apostle School
2008 Calendar Sweepstakes Winners!**

| April | | |
|-------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 20 | \$100 | Olga Borges |
| 21 | \$75 | Renee Cancro |
| 22 | \$200 | Sharron Mango |
| 23 | \$50 | Michael Fusaro |
| 24 | \$75 | Dena Arguelles |
| 25 | \$100 | Evelyn Gasparini |
| 26 | \$75 | Janice Mazza... (Donated back to STA) |

CONGRATULATION TO ALL WINNERS!!!

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



Dylan Justin Antunes

Parents: Sandra (Silveira) & Luiz Antunes

Demianna Sophia DelPizzo

Parents: Danielle (Cetrulo) & Graziano Del Pizzo

Aidan Thomas Feliciano

Parents: Bernice S. (Cruz) & Jose A. Feliciano

Christopher Charles Fryer

Parents: Maurizia (Corrao) & Ian Fryer

Jenny Karen Gugliuzza

Parents: Wendy K. (Pilsbury) & Joseph I. Gugliuzza

Julianne Elizabeth Maloney

Parents: Karen (Schotter) & James Maloney

Cassandra Margarita Rojas

Parents: Marcella (Miller) & Jose Antonio Rojas

Louis Anthony Venezia

Parents: Laura U. (Coppola) & Louis G. Venezia

**A Health Tip From The Wellness Ministry
GET THAT DENTAL CHECK-UP NOW**

Need another good reason to brush your teeth? Researchers at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Harvard School for Public Health have identified a link between periodontal (gum) disease and pancreatic cancer. After adjusting for age and other factors they found men with periodontal disease have a 63 percent higher risk of developing pancreatic cancer when compared to those with good oral health. (Michaud, 2007)

Prevention of periodontal disease is good oral hygiene. Brushing twice a day, flossing and going for regular dental cleaning. It will not only give you a brighter smile, but protect your over all health as well.

**HOLY NAME
MAN OF THE YEAR DINNER
HONORING
2008 SELECTEE**

RICHARD BEVERE

**TUESDAY, MAY 20TH, 2008
MASS AT ST. VALENTINE 7PM
DINNER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE
ESSEX MANOR**

**COST \$30 PER PERSON
FOR RESERVATION CALL PAUL ALONGI
AT 973-338-4665 OR SEND A CHECK TO
PAUL AT 21 LEO TERRACE BLOOMFIELD
OR LEAVE A CHECK AT THE HOLY NAME BOX
LOCATED AT THE PARISH CENTER.**

**SELECT QUOTATIONS ON LIFE ISSUES FROM
HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XVI & THE U.S.
CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS**

*On the Fundamental Right to Life
Pope Benedict XVI:*

- God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1:26) in each one.ⁱ
- [L]ife is the first good received from God and is fundamental to all others; to guarantee the right to life for all and in an equal manner for all is the duty upon which the future of humanity depends.ⁱⁱ

ⁱ Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Participants at the 12th General Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life and Congress on "The Human Embryo in the Pre-Implantation Phase" (February 27, 2006),

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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2008

Hosted by: **SACRED HEART CHURCH**
Sponsored by Multicultural Ministry
At the Sacred Heart School Auditorium
683 Bloomfield, Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003



With Dynamic Speakers:
Fr. Bill Halbing
Sis. Pauline Cinquini
Fr. Paul Lehman

May 9, 2008 - 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
May 10, 2008 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Topics Cover:

God's Love, Salvation, the New Life, Receiving,
Healing & Reconciliation, God's Gift, The Baptism in
the Holy Spirit, and Growth & Transformation.

Registration Fee: \$10.00 per person
Breakfast / Lunch / Snack will be served

For more information and registration, contact the
Sacred Heart Rectory at (973) 748-1800

Ministry of Spiritual Direction

Summer Directed Retreat By The Ocean **Thurs June 26 – Sun June 29 or** **Thurs July 3rd – Sun July 6**



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

***"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 just 5 minutes away**
- **Peaceful surroundings,**
- **Private meetings with a spiritual director**
- **Those generous surprises from God.**

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

CALLING ALL FIREFIGHTERS!



St. Florian was an officer in the Roman army in the third century. He is said to have stopped a town from burning by throwing a single bucket of water on the blaze, and thus explains his association with fire fighters and those protect us from fire.

The Annual Archdiocesan St. Florian Mass in celebration of the Fire Service will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, May 4th at 3PM. All active and retired firefighters, professional and volunteer, their families and friends are invited to attend. Firefighters are asked to attend in uniform and to be seated in the Cathedral by 2:45 for the pipes and drums procession. More info at <http://www.rcan.org/stflorianmass>

SENIOR PROPERTY TAX FREEZE

Homeowners ages 65 and over may qualify for the Property Tax Reimbursement Program if their incomes do not exceed the following: for a single person, \$43,693 in 2006 and \$45,135 in 2007; for a married couple, \$53,576 in 2006 and \$55,344 in 2007. Upon application, property taxes are "frozen" in the base year, and the property tax increase in the ensuing years is refunded.

The deadline for application is June 2, 2008.
Applications are available at the Bloomfield Tax Assessor's Office at 973-680-4021.

Great Idea for Mother's Day

To honor your mother (living or deceased) this **Mother's Day**, Catholic Charities is offering a meaningful gift. For a minimum donation of \$5, the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network will send your mom or the person you designate a card noting your donation to help feed the hungry of the Archdiocese. Monies received will be used **ONLY** for the purchase of emergency food supplies for 75 pantries in Essex, Hudson, Union, and Bergen counties. Mail your donation to:

EFNN, Catholic Charities
37 Evergreen Pl, E Orange, NJ 07018
or call (973) 266-7941

Please Print:

My Name: _____

Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

Name to Enroll: _____ **Living**
Deceased

Telephone#: _____

Send to: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

Sign Card FROM: _____

Your mom will be so proud of you for recognizing her caring in such a meaningful way.