

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday Eve: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30, 9:00,
10:30am & 12:15pm
(12 Noon during summer months)

Weekdays: 7:30, & 11:30am

Saturday Mornings: 8:30am Only

Holy Days:
7:30, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Holidays: 8:30am Only

INTERPRETED MASS
FOR THE DEAF
Fourth Sunday
of Each Month
12:15pm

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
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Fax: 596-3735

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Rev. Philip A. Sanders, S.T.B., Parochial Vicar

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Deacon Dennis J. Besida

Deacon Thomas J. Coyle

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May 11, 2008 . Pentecost



Happy Mother's Day!

From Your St. Thomas Family to You!

Masses for the Week

Sunday, May 11

Saturday, May 10

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 11

7:30 am All Mothers Living and Deceased

9:00 am All Mothers Living and Deceased

10:30 am All Mothers Living and Deceased

12:15 pm All Mothers Living and Deceased

Monday, May 12

7:30 am Juliana & Pedro Cayetano - Family

11:30 am Carmella & Arthur Taylor - Family

Tuesday, May 13

7:30 am Daniel D. Stonaker - Friend

11:30 am Nicholas Syracuse (9th Anniv.) - Wife

Wednesday, May 14

7:30 am Jeanine Napple - Friend

11:30 am Mary Freeman - Friend

Thursday, May 15

7:30 am Keri DeLuca - Aunt

11:30 am Ann DiLaura - Granddaughter

Friday, May 16

7:30 am Antonio Russo - Friend

11:30 am Jacqueline Sefjack - Husband

Saturday, May 17

8:30 am Roger Rubinetti - Wife/Family

Sunday, May 18

Saturday, May 17

5:00 pm Josephine Fiorentino - Daughter

Sunday, May 18

7:30 am Deceased Members of Begley Family-Bequest

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Rose & Joseph Stella - Family

12:15 pm Samuel E. Battista - Daughter

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Geraldine Halpin, Judy Sabatino Fasone and Franco Families

Rest in Peace

Glenn J. Stickles, Anna D. Wagner, Arthur Pozar, Edward L. Post, Jr.

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Carmella Polimeni

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18



In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord." How am I using my gifts "for the common good"?

HOSPITALITY

Next Sunday, May 18th, everyone is invited downstairs to the Parish Center for coffee and snacks after the morning Masses. Our hosts will be our Boy Scouts who always do a great job!

Pray For Vocations



Would you like to help Vocations? Hers' an excellent opportunity!! The fifty-fourth annual Archbishop's Vocations Fund Dinner hosted by the Serra Clubs of District 22 will be held this year at the Mayfair Farms in West Orange, NJ on June 3, 2008. The dinner will be 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with the exact same format as last year's which was a huge success. This occasion is another activity offering parishioners, friends of Serra and others an opportunity to help in promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The cost of the dinner is \$75.00 per person. Please consider joining Archbishop Myers and the Serrans in their work by planning to attend. For more information please call the Office of Vocations at kellybar@rcan.org or 973.497.4365.



Right to Life

For doctors, nurses, and all health-care professionals: that they might receive the grace to resist all cooperation with the Culture of Death;

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - NEXT WEEK

Blood pressure screenings will be held next weekend, Saturday, May 17th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, May 18th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost celebrates the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to the Church to act as teacher, counselor, advocate, helper—the one who will show us how to speak. The image of the disciples locked in the upper room out of fear is well known and well loved. The Holy Spirit comes into that situation and touches the disciples so profoundly that they go out from their locked room, into the world, to proclaim Jesus Christ with courage and strength.

The roots of Pentecost can be found in the Jewish Festival of Weeks (Shavu'ot), the 50-day celebration following Passover (Exodus 34:22). It was a harvest festival in which the first fruits were offered in praise and thanksgiving to God. Acts records that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples when the festival of Pentecost was fulfilled (Acts 2:1-11). The early Christians saw in this an image of the Church itself as a first fruit of Jesus' Resurrection.



LECTIONARY

FIRST READING: The First Reading for the solemnity of Pentecost during the day is the great story from Acts in which Luke recounts the descent of the Holy Spirit. Amid the wind and fire the disciples are transformed and the Church is born. The setting of the story is the international gathering in Jerusalem for the feast. Traditionally, this account is seen as an image of the birth of the Church. The Gospel begins to be preached and the Good News of Jesus Christ, crucified, buried and risen in glory, begins to spread. This is the very nature of the Church—to preach Christ Jesus and to spread his Gospel. (note the significance of the Church)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 104, as well, is sung each year of the Lectionary cycle for Pentecost. The familiar refrain calls upon the Lord to renew the earth through the sending of his spirit.

SECOND READING: The Second Reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians: Paul asserts that no one can proclaim or confess that Jesus is Lord without the presence and action of the Holy Spirit. He then speaks of the different and various gifts that the Holy Spirit brings to members of the Church. Through an image of the body, he emphasizes the unity of these gifts—the Holy Spirit is the source.

GOSPEL: In the Gospel account proclaimed today, the giving of the Holy Spirit happens not on the festival of Pentecost, but on the day of rResurrection. In the first post-Resurrection appearances Christ not only gives his gift of peace to the disciples, but also the gift of the Holy Spirit. None of the other Gospel accounts refer to Christ bestowing the Holy Spirit. In all of this the disciples were overjoyed—as we are—when they saw the Lord.

RCIA NEWS

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



"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 5/12

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
 Respect Life – 7:30pm in St. Andrew
 Pastoral Council – 7:30pm in St. Thomas
 Men's prayer and Bible Study – 7:30pm in St. Matthew

Thursday – 5/15

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 5/16

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in Church

Sunday – 5/18

Prayer Shawl Meeting – 1:00pm in St. Peter

St. Thomas the Apostle School 2008 Calendar Sweepstakes Winners!

April		
27	\$50	Pauline Avallone
28	\$100	The Kelly Family
29	\$50	Sara Callori
30	\$500	Dr. L. Kaplan

CONGRATULATION TO ALL WINNERS!!!

Session Dates for Baptism for 2008

GATECHESIS PREPARATION

In the St. James Room in the Parish Center

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

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS FOR 2008

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

There will be a second collection this week, May 11th for the Sisters of Charity.



Moving? Please let us know.

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

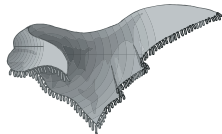
Please call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190.

Mother's Month

The best gift a mother can give her family is the gift of her good health. Our model of strong healthy women, partners in marriage, and women who live their faith is important to pass on to our children and grandchildren. To do this, healthy minds, bodies and spirits are essential.

Schedule your annual check-up today!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



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

Our Sunday 1:30 p.m. meetings are scheduled for May 18th and June 15th. The next Wednesday evening meeting is scheduled for 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 'I' 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.

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

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

Accepting registrations for 2008-09 now!



FULL- DAY KINDERGARTEN
Grades Pre-K 3 through 7
Before & After School Programs

Pre-K options include full-day
and/or half-day sessions

(Minimum requirement of two sessions per week)

For more information: Phone: 973-338-8505
or Email: staoffice@catholic.org

Middle States Accredited

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



Carlie Janice Mugnone

Parents: LuAnn (Fredo) & Andrew Mugnone, Jr.

Alexandra Marie McGarry

Parents: Andrea (Otterbein) & Michael McGarry

Morgan Joelle Miedler

Parents: Ann Marie (Critelli) & Michael A. Miedler

Justin Matthew Pfeifer

Parents: Cristina (Barbier) & Sean Pfeifer

Samuel James Schatteman

Parents: Alicia (Schutt) & Matthew Schatteman

Olivia Ann Stella

Parents: Bonnie (Mroz) & Paul Stella

A Health Tip from the Wellness Ministry

The Link Between Weight & Diabetes

Did you know that nearly 9 out of 10 newly diagnosed diabetes patients are overweight? According to the American Diabetes Association, if you are overweight – you may be as much as seven times more likely to develop diabetes as a normal weight person!

People who are diabetic are more likely not only to be overweight, but also to have high blood pressure and high cholesterol. At least one out of every five overweight people have several of these metabolic problems at once... which can lead to serious complications like heart disease. (Tomlinson C., Edinburg News Letter April 08)

HOLY NAME
MAN OF THE YEAR DINNER
 HONORING 2008 SELECTEE

RICHARD BEVERE

TUESDAY, MAY 20th, 2008
 MASS AT ST. VALENTINE CHURCH 7:00 P.M.
 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.

*Shopping for a special gift this spring -
 graduation, shower, wedding?*

*Does your outdoor furniture need an overhaul?
 if so...*

Shop fashionably, give generously at...

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 the source

Purchase a \$10 shopping pass and enjoy 10-15%*
 discounts on any/every purchase made between May 15
 and May 18, 2008. All proceeds will benefit the children
 of St. Thomas the Apostle School. Please contact Carrie
 Maxwell at (973) 893-9663 for further information or to
 purchase a pass.

*Exclusions are small appliances and electronics 10% off indoor/outdoor
 furniture and mattresses.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE WELLNESS MINISTRY

**Please come join us as we host the May meeting of the
 Northern New Jersey Parish Nursing Network**

Where: The Parish Center - St. Peter Room

When: May 17, 2008

Time: 9:30 a.m. - Light refreshments and networking
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon - Meeting and Speaker

**Speaker: Bob Schermer from the Morris County
 Cancer Coalition**

"Catholics Who Happen to be Single" Club is
 sponsoring a Mix & Mingle Cruise Info night on
 Wednesday, May 21st from 7:30pm - 9:30pm at the
 Archdiocese Youth Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Dr.
 Kearny, NJ. Refreshments will be available. Donations
 will be greatly appreciated. You must RSVP to Leonora
 at 973-743-6100 or e-mail at century153@yahoo.com.

***Adventure at the County Fair 2008
 Vacation Bible School***

This summer, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will again be
 offering its very popular Vacation Bible School program.
 Through storytelling, arts and crafts, music, and play, the
 children will be introduced to stories from the New
 Testament. The program this year, Son Harvest County
 Fair, promises to be exciting for all ages.

KEY INFORMATION:

Eligibility: Children ages 4 through 12
Dates: Mon., June 23rd through Fri., June 27th
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Place: St. Thomas the Apostle School
Registration: Pre-registration only. All completed forms
 (one per child) and the registration fee must be
 submitted to the Religious Education Office (located in
 the basement of St. Thomas School) on/before June
 6th, 2008. Extra registration forms are available at the
 Religious Education Office or may be downloaded from
 www.stachurchbloomfield.com. If your child is coming
 with a friend and they want to be together, please write
 a note on the top of the registration form, "My child
 would like to be with..."

Registration Fee: \$50 per child (includes t-shirt, daily
 arts & crafts materials and snack). A \$10
 late fee will be charged after June 6th.

Volunteers: The program is run by volunteers;
 please sign up for all or part of the week.

Nursery: Provided only for parents working as
 volunteers in the program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE (973) 338-7400.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN JUNE!

Vacation Bible School Registration Form
(Please print - one form per child)

CHILD'S NAME: _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # : _____ **PRESENT GRADE:** _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE: _____

KNOWN ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONCERNS: _____

CIRCLE ONE...

T-SHIRT SIZE: YOUTH S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)

PARENTS NAME: _____

YES! I AM WILLING TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CALL ME.

SORRY! I AM UNABLE TO VOLUNTEER.

Return form with \$50 non-refundable fee to the Religious
 Education Office by June 6th or a \$10 late fee will apply.
 Please make checks payable to **St. Thomas the Apostle**

Ministry of Spiritual Direction



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

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

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

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

BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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 14-18, and July 21-25. For boys ages 8-15. For information: BC Basketball Office at (201) 634-2204
- 2008 Championship Football Camp: 2 sessions - July 28-31, and Aug 4-7. For boys grades 5-9. For information: BC Football Office (201) 634-4127.
- The Central Bergen Lacrosse Camp: 2 sessions - July 7-11, July 14-18. For boys ages 8-15. For information: BC Lacrosse Office (201) 634-4141
- Soccer's Edge: 1 session - June 23-27. For boys entering grades 6, 7 & 8. For info (201) 847-2500.
- Wrestling: Open mats - Monday & Wednesday evenings 7-8:30 p.m., April 2 - July 28. Ages 8 and up. For information: dbell@bergencatholic.org.

**Visit of the International Pilgrim Statue
of the Virgin of Fatima**

Each year the statue of the Virgin of Fatima is shared among the parishes within the diocese. This year, the Archdiocese of Newark will host the Statue at St. Peter Claver, 56 Elmwood Ave, Montclair, NJ 973-783-4852.

Tuesday, May 20th. Schedule is as follows:

3:30pm - Welcome to the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

4:00 Rosary

6:00 Music

7:00 Mass

8:15 Procession outside the church

9:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 Closing Prayers

Wednesday May 21st:

7:30am - Meditation

10:45 Final Blessing

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Golf Outing

Monday, June 2, 2008

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 and Auction

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

12:30 P.M.SHOTGUN START

CALLOWAY SCORING

6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. COCKTAIL HOUR

7:30 P.M. DINNER AND AUCTION

All payments must be received by Fri., May 16th, 2008.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & STATE: _____

PHONE/EMAIL: _____

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

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

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

MY COMPANY HAS A MATCHING GIFT PLAN \$ _____.

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1/2 PAGE ... \$25.00

FULL PAGE ... \$50.00

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

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

PAR SPONSOR - \$100.00

CORPORATE SPONSOR - \$1500.00

EAGLE SPONSOR & FOURSOME

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR GOLF/DINNER/AD/SPONSORS:

\$ _____

Please make checks payable to:

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