

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

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Deacon Dennis J. Besida
Deacon Thomas J. Coyle

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Tracey Rennie

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May 18, 2008 . The Holy Trinity

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, May 19

7:30 am Gloria & Pat Clark - Family

11:30 am Faye Sisbarro (1st Anniversary) - Family

Tuesday, May 20

7:30 am Arthur McGarry - Bequest

11:30 am Philip Lipari - Wife

Wednesday, May 21

7:30 am Camille Pietrowski - Daughter

11:30 am John Ponelis - Wife

Thursday, May 22

7:30 am Karen Scuttaro - Friends

11:30 am Janet Besida - Family

Friday, May 23

7:30 am Deceased Members of Klenk Family - Bequest

11:30 am Pilar Escobinas - Friend

Saturday, May 24

8:30 am Patricia LaRocca - Friend

Sunday, May 25

Saturday, May 24

5:00 pm Gerald Mastroeni - Cousin

Sunday, May 25

7:30 am Salvatore Prezioso - Wife

9:00 am Michael Dobransky - Family

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:15 pm Jack Delaney - Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Judy Sabatino
Fasone and Franco Families

REST IN PEACE

Dorothy Drexler, Paul Steven Flynn

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Mary O'Shea

Next Sunday's Readings:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58



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

Sunday, May 18th, everyone is invited downstairs to the Parish Center for coffee and snacks after the morning Masses.

Pray For Vocations



Would you like to help Vocations? Here's 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 those who care for the sick and the dying, that God might reward them for their dedication to the infinite value of every human life;

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 – This weekend

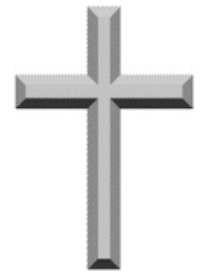
Blood pressure screenings will be held this weekend, Saturday, May 17th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, May 18th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Eucharistic Adoration this Monday, May 19th, from Noon to 7:30 PM followed immediately by the Life-Awareness Holy Hour. All are invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament.



From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Parishioners of Saint Thomas,

Since we've just finished celebrating the Easter Season, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my pleasure with the events and celebrations throughout this special season.

I want to thank those who've made Holy Week so meaningful and prayerful - Father Peter and all who helped decorate the Church; Nancy Cardone, the musicians and members of our choir who inspired us with their joy-filled song.

I also want to thank the members of our Youth Group as well as our adult participants who represented St. Thomas at the various Papal events during the visit of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict. Your photos, descriptions and sharing of personal thoughts helped all of us share in the extraordinary experience.

I was greatly impressed by the response to our Parish Mission with Father Alan Guglielmo. Many have taken the time to tell me how meaningful it was to them and have asked that we do this again. Thank you to all who helped make the Mission such a success.

Thank you to Tim Dennin and the members of the Youth Group for serving our liturgical ministers at their workshop and for planning the concert with John Angotti. It got rave reviews from young and old alike! Thank you to Bob Miller for preparing our R.C.I.A candidates for reception into our church and for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. This celebration along with John Angotti's music made our Pentecost Sunday extraordinary.

And a special thank you to Tom Rossano of our Pastoral Council for all of his efforts in preparing our parish website and keeping it up to date. We now have the best parish website I have ever seen! It is filled with information about our parish, both past and present. There are articles, photos, music, and information about upcoming events, ministries and services that are available here at St. Thomas the Apostle. If you have not yet done so, visit our website at **www.stachurchbloomfield.com**!

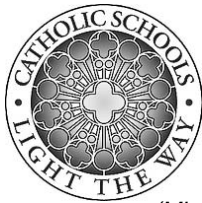
All of this is made possible by the amazing number of wonderful parishioners, who out of love for God and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, willingly give of their time and talents week after week in serving within our parish. For this, we should all stop, take notice and give thanks!

Sincerely in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Father Charles".

Father Charles
Pastor

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Adult Enrichment



Fifth Annual Faith and Family Conference

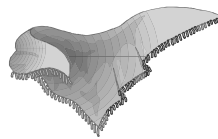
Do you want to strengthen your marriage? The theme for this year's conference is "Joy in Christian Marriage. Special guest speaker is Dr. Philip Mango. Dr. Mango is the President and Co-Founder of St. Michael's Institute for the Psychological Sciences and is a professor at the John Paul II Institute. 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.*

Meetings are scheduled for Sundays May 18th and June 15th at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday evening June 4th at 7:30 p.m. 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 needles

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.

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 5/19

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

Thursday – 5/22

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 5/23

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in Church

A Health Tip from the Wellness Ministry

Obesity & Insulin

Type 2 diabetes is a two- step process that first affects the body's response to and later the production of insulin. The decreased responsiveness to insulin, called insulin resistance, forces the pancreas to work harder. The pancreas of a normal weight might put out 30 units of insulin a day. If the person becomes obese, those same 30 units of insulin are no longer sufficient to clear the glucose (sugar) from the blood. The pancreas starts to produce more insulin, but often can not keep up with the demand and type 2 diabetes results. (Tomlinson C., Edinburg News Letter, April 2008)



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Within the parish – to update new address

Out of parish – to discontinue mailings

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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.

*Solemnity of the
 Most Holy Trinity*

Today's solemnity (as well as the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord celebrated next Sunday) is sometimes considered an "idea feast" or "feast of devotion" (see Adolph Adam, *The Liturgical Year*; LP, 1990, pp. 25, 174).

Remember that the word *feast* is used here to simply indicate a joyful observance on the Church's calendar. The word is often used indiscriminately to describe any festal day. It is not meant here to designate the rank of the day (i.e., solemnity, feast, or memorial).

The terms *idea feast*, *feast of devotion*, or *theological feast* are used among scholars in reference to some of the solemnities of the Lord during Ordinary Time, including today's observance of the Most Holy Trinity.

These days on the calendar do not commemorate a person or an event in the life of either the Lord or his saints. Rather, they commemorate a theological tenet of the faith or a doctrine/dogmatic belief (e.g., today's solemnity—the doctrine of the Triune God; one God in three divine persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) or a particular devotion (e.g., the Sacred Heart of Jesus or the Immaculate Heart of Mary). As a result, many of these "feasts" gained popularity and celebration in the Middle Ages, beginning as private devotions that gradually received recognition on the universal liturgical calendar. Today's solemnity, for example, was declared a universal observance by Pope John XXII in 1334.

Shopping for a special gift this spring -
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Does your outdoor furniture need an overhaul?
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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. Patrick's Cathedral of New York City is planning a pilgrimage to Italy in October of this year! Keep a lookout for more info in upcoming bulletins!

Session Dates for Baptism for 2008

CATECHESIS 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
Nov 2	1:30pm

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS FOR 2008

May 18	1:45pm
June 8	at 12:15pm Mass
June 29	1:45pm
July 20	1:45pm
Aug 10	1:45pm
Aug 31	1:45pm
September 14	at 12:15pm Mass
October 26	1:45pm
November 16	1:45pm
December 7	1:45pm

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

