

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
1(800) CCS-7413
Fax: 596-3735

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Rev. Peter K. Funesti, M. Div., Parochial Vicar

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 25, 2008 . Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, May 26

MEMORIAL DAY

8:30 am Anthony Carolla - Friend

Tuesday, May 27

7:30 am Mary R. Miller

11:30 am Vincent Biase

Wednesday, May 28

7:30 am Mary R. Miller - The St. Thomas Parish

11:30 am Special Intention

Thursday, May 29

7:30 am Amedeo Libertelli - Wife

11:30 am Ester B. Colores - Daughter

Friday, May 30

7:30 am Keri DeLuca - Aunt

11:30 am Louis Trebour - Friend

Saturday, May 31

8:30 am Thomas G. McGarry - Bequest

Sunday, June 1

Saturday, May 31

5:00 pm Thomas A. Walsh - Family

Sunday, June 1

7:30 am Emanuel Racelis - Uncle

9:00 am Carlo & Anna Grenata - Family

10:30 am Teodorico Q. Flores - Children

12:15 pm For the People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Judy Sabatino
Joseph Kearney, Fasone and Franco Families

REST IN PEACE

Genevive Cece

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Arthur Margeotes

Convent: David Kossack

Next Sunday's Readings:

Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32

Romans 3:21-25, 28

Matthew 7:21-27



The scriptures today remind us that "we, many though we are, are one body for we all partake of the one loaf." How are we using our gifts of time and talent to build up the body of Christ?

Pray For Vocations



Corpus Christi is the feast devoted to the Eucharist and its meaning in the life of the Church. The gift of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ is given to the Church each day, but is specifically celebrated in today's Holy Mass. Vocations to the priesthood; diaconate and religious life are direct results of this gift. Are you interested in helping bring people closer to Christ by preparing them for the reception of this gift as a deacon or religious, or offering the Holy Mass as a priest so that all the people of God may receive Him in the Blessed Sacrament? If so, you may have a vocation. Spend some quality time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and seek Christ's grace in the reception of Holy Communion, then contact the Vocation office at kellybar@rcan.org or 973.497.4365.



Right to Life

For every mother who this week aborts her child, and for her husband: that God might bring them repentance, healing, and peace;

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.

THIS MONDAY IS...

MEMORIAL DAY

There will be *one* Mass
Monday, May 26th
at 8:30 a.m.

Have a splendid weekend
and don't forget to honor and
pray for those who've
served our country.



Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Pope Urban IV first extended the feast of Corpus Christi to the universal Church in 1246. It originated during a time when reception of the sacrament of the Eucharist was practiced infrequently among the people. This gave rise to an already growing sense of devotion to the Eucharist, as the host was viewed by the faithful during the elevation at Mass. Over time, this came to be regarded as a principal means of obtaining grace—i.e., seeing (adoring) the Eucharist rather than receiving Holy Communion. Today's solemnity combines this medieval feast of the Most Holy Body of Christ with the nineteenth-century feast of the Most Precious Blood of Christ (*Sanguis Pretiosissimus Christi*). In doing this, the Church holds up for us the ideal regard that we should have for both species of the sacrament in Holy Communion. When Holy Communion is distributed under both kinds, it has a "fuller form," wherein "the Eucharist banquet is more clearly evident and clear expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the relationship between the Eucharist banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Father's kingdom" (GIRM, 281).



LECTIONARY

The readings for today's solemnity are found in the Lectionary just after those for the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – in the section following the Sundays of the year.

FIRST READING: Moses reminds the people how God faithfully fed them and nourished them in the desert. He recalls the manna from heaven, which fed their hunger; and the water that came from the very rocks that made up the desert landscape.

PSALM 147: Psalm 147 proclaims the goodness of God, who feeds us with the finest of wheat. This psalm is often cited for its eucharistic overtones.

SECOND READING: The Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Although short, the reading references the cup from which we drink and proclaims our unity, which comes from partaking in the one loaf. The first lines of this reading are actually the response to the psalm we sing on Holy Thursday in the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Psalm 116).

GOSPEL: The Gospel is from the sixth chapter of John, and is an excerpt from the Bread of Life discourse. In no uncertain terms, Jesus asserts that he is bread from heaven, and that unless we eat his flesh and drink his blood, we cannot have life with him. Jesus, too, remembers the Israelites in the desert. Unlike them, we shall have life eternal because of the heavenly food we eat (the Eucharist).

There will be a second collection next weekend, May 31st & June 1st to Support Our Youth in Faith.



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**

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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

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

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT TEAM

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

When: Mondays, June 16th and 30th
Where: Parish Center
Time: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 5/26

**Memorial Day - One Mass only at 8:30 a.m.
School and Parish Center Closed**

Thursday – 5/15

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 5/16

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in Church

Visit our website at www.stachurchbloomfield.com

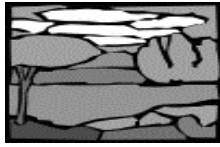
~ ~ *September Club Travel* ~ ~

For the Perfect Get-Away...

Join us at the

ROCKING HORSE RANCH

in Highland, NY



September 22nd through 26th, 2008

Price... \$484.00 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

For reservations call Diana Del Vecchia 973-338-8545 or
Grace Giangrande 973-773-1990.

A Health Tip from the Wellness Ministry

New Finding

Recent research has found three substances produced by fat cells (resistin, leptin and fatty acids) may be the missing links in obesity and diabetes. The roles of the first two hormones are not yet fully understood. However, according to John Hopkins Research Center, the role of fatty acids is significant.

Free fatty acids, which are formed from the stored breakdown of fat in the cells, circulate through the body and contribute to insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes. Normally, muscle cells remove glucose from the blood stream for use as energy. However, research suggests that the accumulation of fatty acids in the muscle of overweight people may prevent glucose from entering these cells. The resulting rise in blood glucose is the main characteristic of diabetes. (Tomlinson C., Edinburg News Letter, April 2008)

Adult Enrichment



Fifth Annual Faith and Family Conference

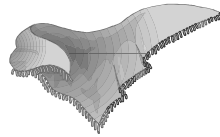
Do you want to strengthen your marriage? The theme for this year's conference is "Joy in Christian Marriage. Special guest speaker is Dr. Philip Mango. Dr. Mango is the President and Co-Founder of St. Michael's Institute for the Psychological Sciences and is a professor at the John Paul II Institute.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

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. It's that simple!

**Tuesday
May 27, 2008 is
St. Thomas Day
at**

Holsten's
Brookdale Confectionery

&

**BARNES
& NOBLE**

Get a head start on your summer reading and enjoy a dinner out, while at the same time supporting STA! A percentage of what you spend on 5/27/08 will be donated back to our school when you dine at Holsten's and make purchases using our coupons at Barnes and Noble (Clifton Commons from 9am to 11pm). Coupons are available at the church doors. Thank you for your support! For further information, please call Carrie Maxwell at (973) 893-9663.

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 our website, 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

***"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.**

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.

For information email: dbell@bergenatholic.org.

DON BOSCO PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL

**2008 Ironman Football, Basketball, Baseball, and
Lacrosse Camps to be held throughout the summer.**

Ironman Football Academy for boys ages 7-18.

- Three sessions: June 24-27, June 30- July 3, July 7-10 (DBP Freshmen)

Ironman Basketball Camp for boys grades 2-9.

- Three sessions: July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25

Vision Lacrosse Camp for boys ages 7-18.

- Three sessions: July 21-25, July 28-Aug 1, Aug 4-8

Ironman Baseball Camp for boys ages 9-14.

- One session: July 14-17

For more information, please call during the daytime, 201-327-8003, ext. 104 or evenings, 201-444-9497 for football; 201-722-0885 for basketball; 201-925-4255 for lacrosse and 201-384-6418 for baseball.

St. Patrick's Cathedral of New York City is planning a pilgrimage to Italy and the Vatican this fall.

- Father Michael J. Sullivan of St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Oct. 15-23, Florence, Tuscany, Assisi, Sienna, Rome, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, Coliseum, & more.
- Includes: Flights, hotels, most meals, and guides
- \$3026 per person double plus taxes and tips
- Free brochure: Call (212) 810-7567
- E-mail: Vincent2275@hotmail.com

St. Valentine Church



Beefsteak Dinner

St. Valentine Church in Bloomfield will sponsor a Beefsteak Dinner (*Giresi Caterers*) on Saturday, June 7th at 7pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$30. For tickets call Joan Conroy at (973) 748-6460 or Gerry Chanco at (973) 429-2798.

Bereavement Support Program at St. Mary's Church in Nutley

St. Mary's Church, 17 Msgr. Owens Place, in Nutley, will be holding an eight-week bereavement support group beginning on Wednesday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Center. Those grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to attend this series and learn more about the grief process. Experience prayer and support in a spiritual setting and grow in faith and hope for the future. Contact Elaine Tanimura at (973) 667-0335 to register.



Saint Andrew the Apostle

St. Andrew the Apostle School in Clifton will be running a summer program from June 30 to July 31 for students who are entering grade 1 up to students who are entering grade 9. Small group instruction is given in Reading, Language Arts, Math, and other areas at the Middle School level. This program may be used for remediation or advancement. For more information or a brochure call the school office at (973) 473-3711 or visit us on our website <http://standrewsschoolclifton.catholicweb.com>.



ATTENTION PRAYERFUL SINGLE MEN

The St. Mary's Benedictine Monastery in Morristown, NJ is hosting a Live In Experience vocations retreat July 2-6th. Other available retreats include the Pallotine Brothers and Fathers in Philadelphia, PA, June 24-27th, and the Legionaries of Christ in Thornwood, NY June 20-22nd. Pray and work with the community and hear the informative vocational talks. These retreats are very popular so make your reservations soon. There is no cost but space is limited. If you take a bus or plane to the nearest major city, they will pick you up. Call 1-800-221-1807 for more dates and information.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark is looking for volunteers at the Bishop Francis Immigration Center and Refugee Resettlement Program. This program is located at 976 Broad St. in Newark, NJ.

Do you have a few hours a week or month to help welcome the stranger? Volunteers are needed for our reception desk and to drive newly arrived refugees to appointments. Hours are flexible. For more information, please contact:

Catherine L'Insalata at 973-266-7978 or email @ clinsalata@ccannj.org

May - Celebrating Mary

Holy Mary, Pray for Us

Mary, Maiden of Nazareth,

you are blessed among all people.

Your willingness to do God's will

overcame all obstacles

Holy Mary, Pray for Us

Mary, Madonna of Jerusalem,

you are the bearer of Christ to us.

Your trust in the Almighty

conquered all difficulties.

Holy Mary, Pray for Us

Mary, Mother on Cavalry,

we are witnesses to your sacrifice.

Your maternal love for Jesus

surmounted all distress and anguish.

Holy Mary, Pray for Us

Mary, Mediatrix of Grace,

you are our advocate and benefactor.

Your mercy and kindness towards us

exceed all our expectations.

Holy Mary, Pray for Us Amen.