

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Philip A. Sanders, S.T.B., Parochial Vicar • 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 & 7:00pm

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:
Paul DiBianca
Kimberley Mesiti

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR FAMILY
& ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES:
Robert P. Miller

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:
Mr. Timothy Dennin

PASTORAL COUNCIL:
Tom Rossano, Chairperson
Vincent Lipoma, Vice Chairperson
Michele Sweetman, 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

August 10, 2008 . 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, August 10

Saturday, August 9

5:00 pm Agnes McDonald - Friends

Sunday, August 10

7:30 am Betina Burke - Family

9:00 am Agnes McDonald - Friend

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Muriel & Harry Scott - Family

Monday, August 11

7:30 am Ralph P. Latorraca, Sr. - Friend

11:30 am Eleanor & Carmine D'Allegro - Family

Tuesday, August 12

7:30 am Louis John Risto - Friend

11:30 am Rose Russo - Friend

Wednesday, August 13

7:30 am Josephine Faccone - Family

11:30 am Lucy Bartone & Jerry - Daughter

Thursday, August 14

7:30 am Charles Di Franco - Friend

11:30 am Rose Russo - Friend

Friday, August 15

Assumption of Mary

7:30 am Asuncion - Children

11:30 am Rosemary Pucci

7:00 pm Veronica Kievit - Family

Saturday, August 16

8:30 am Salvatore Nesto, Sr. - Family (50th Wed. Anniv)

Sunday, August 17

Saturday, August 16

5:00 pm Joseph Furnari - Wife

Sunday, August 17

7:30 am Anna Stevens - Daughter & Family

9:00 am Agnes McDonald - Friend

10:30 am Christine A. Costa - Friend

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Anthony Meola, Doris Sanders
Judy Sabatino, Frank Korec, Claire Mykowski
Eleanor McKeon, Fasone & Franco Families, Carol Roc

REST IN PEACE:

Diana Panila

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Celicilia Nestler **Convent:** Lisa Purvis

ASSUMPTION OF MARY



Friday, August 15, 2008

Holy day of obligation

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

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That feast of the Assumption celebrates Mary's entrance into heaven, body and soul. Mary is the first among the faithful to be fully redeemed because of her perpetually sinless state. Mary, because of her relationship to her Son, shares, through privileged anticipation, in the grace of the resurrection of the dead. Mary does not have to endure the suspension of eternal life until the resurrection of the dead.

The assumption of Mary was declared a dogma of faith to be believed by faithful Catholics, by Pope Pius XII on Nov. 1, 1950. The feast is a holy day of obligation for Catholics in the United States.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15: 21-28



Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.



Right to Life

For children whose lives are at risk from abortion: that the hearts and minds of their parents may be opened to the wonders of human life;

We pray to the Lord

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Presents

Sunny Sicily & Italy

12 day vacation travel experience!
November 10 thru 21, 2008.

Round Trip Airfare & Hotel Transfers
19 Meals Included with Special Welcome & Farewell Celebrations
Baggage Handling & Portage at First Class Hotels.

Tour includes visits to Palermo, Monreale, Segesta, Trapani, Marsala, Agrigento, Taormina, Syracuse & Catania, Messina, Calabria, Sorrento with an optional side trip to Capri. While in San Giovanni Rotondo we will also visit the tomb of Padre Pio and then continue on to Rome. While there we will visit the historic sites of Ancient Rome including the Colosseum, the Vatican with a special tour of St. Peters including mass and a visit to the burial crypt of the popes, including the tomb of John Paul II. And subject to the Holy Father's schedule, a Papal Audience with Pope Benedict XVI.



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***Basilica
of
Saint Peter
Vatican City
Rome***

Interested?

***Then call
St. Thomas
Parish Center***

973-338-9190



***Mosaic of
Christ
Pantocrator
in the apse
of
Monreale
Cathedral
Sicily***

***Monday - Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.***

***Ask for a copy
of the full Italy
Color Brochure
with all the
details!***

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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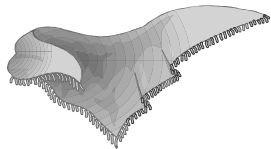
Lectionary

- **THE GOSPEL:** Today's Gospel is the same that was proclaimed earlier this week – Matthew's account of Jesus walking on the water.
- **FIRST READING:** In 1 Kings, we hear of Elijah, who sought the Lord on Mount Horeb. The Lord was not found to be in the wind, the fire, or the earthquake. However, Elijah found him in the gentle breeze.
- **PSALM 85:** asserts that God's salvation is near to those who seek him.
- **SECOND READING:** In St. Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear his plea for the Israelites. They are the people from whom the Messiah came. If only they would come to believe, Paul cries.

Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program

The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Monday-Friday, 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.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



*During this vacation time,
let us remember to pray for those making shawls
and those who receive them.*

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The last of our summer meetings is Sunday Aug 17th at 1:30 p.m. Come join us in this satisfying Ministry. If you need a shawl please contact Sr. Arleen at the STA Parish Center 973 338-9190 x-34 or Alicia at 973-473-6633.

### Pray For Vocations



"Lord, save me!" At various points in life, each person has the same feelings Peter shows in today's Gospel. The loss, fear and need for Christ. At those points, besides in prayer, the Church through her Priests, deacons and religious is there to be the presence of Christ to the faithful and unfaithful. Are you willing to act as Christ in the world as the Church begs her Sacred Ministers to do? If so, you may have a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Pray for the saving grace of Christ and contact the Vocation Office at 973.497.4365 or email [kellybar@rcan.org](mailto:kellybar@rcan.org).

### "THIS WEEK"

#### Monday – 8/11

September Club - 11:30am in St. Peter

#### Tuesday – 8/12

Movie Night – 7:30pm in St. Peter evening prayer @ 7pm

#### Thursday – 8/14

NO VIGIL MASS for the Assumption of Mary  
SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

#### Friday – 8/15

**THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY**  
Masses at 7:30am, 11:30am & 7pm  
SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter

#### Sunday – 8/17

Prayer Shawl Meeting - 1:30pm in St. Peter

### Tuesday Movie Nights



Join us for Movie Night on Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Peter room in the parish center.

No charge!!!

Join us at 7:00 p.m. for evening prayer if you can.

August 12: Becket

For information, contact Bob Miller at 973-338-9190 x-29.

### Rite of Christian Initiation

Do you or another adult that you know need to receive the sacrament of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation?

St. Thomas the Apostle Church offers classes for adults needing to receive these sacraments beginning the first Sunday in October and running through Pentecost. Call Bob Miller for more information at (973) 338-9190 x29.



## Pope Benedict XVI

The causes that lead to such painful decisions as abortion are of course many and complex. If, on the one hand, ... the Church never tires of reaffirming that the sacred value of every human being's life originates in the Creator's plan, on the other hand, she encourages the promotion of every initiative in support of women and families in order to create the favorable conditions in which to welcome life, and the protection of the family institution founded on the marriage between a man and a woman. Not only has permitting recourse to the termination of pregnancy not solved the problems that afflict many women and a fair number of families, but it has also made another wound in our society, unfortunately, already burdened by deep suffering.

*Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Members of Italy's Pro-Life Movement, May 12, 2008*

### ST. 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](mailto:staoffice@catholic.org)

Middle States Accredited

Eighth graders and their families interested in attending a Catholic high school in September 2009

#### **COOPERATIVE ADMISSIONS EXAM**

...for participating Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will be administered on Friday, November 7, 2008.

Application forms and handbooks for this test and a listing of all Catholic High Schools and their admission requirements are available from:

- MCS/CTB at their website, [www.coopexam.org](http://www.coopexam.org) or email [support@coopexam.org](mailto:support@coopexam.org)
- Catholic Elementary Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark
- Catholic High Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark

QUESTIONS or to obtain registration form, please call 1-888-921-2667 or visit [www.coopexam.org](http://www.coopexam.org).

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL RETREAT



HOLY NAME SOCIETY RETREATANTS WILL BE ENJOYING THE SPIRITUALITY AND HOSPITALITY OF THE SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE FROM OCTOBER 24, TO OCTOBER 26, 2008.

SAN ALFONSO, "WHERE GOD AND SEA COME TOGETHER", IS NINE ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL OCEANFRONT PROPERTY IN WEST END, NEW JERSEY.

ALL MEN OF ST. THOMAS PARISH ARE INVITED TO SPEND THIS WEEKEND WITH US. THE COST FOR THE WEEKEND RETREAT IS \$160.00 WHICH INCLUDES ROOM AND MEALS.

A \$25.00 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 12, 2008. ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT RICH BEVERE AT (973) 338-6444 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 01, 2008.

## *Session Dates for Baptism for 2008*

### CATECHESIS PREPARATION

In the St. James Room in the Parish Center

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|--------|--------|
| Sept 7 | 1:30pm |
| Oct 12 | 1:30pm |
| Nov 2  | 1:30pm |

### BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

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| Aug 10       | 1:30pm  |
| Aug 31       | 1:30pm  |
| September 14 | 12:00pm |
| October 5    | 1:30pm  |
| November 16  | 1:30pm  |
| December 7   | 1:30pm  |

### *~ ~ September Club News ~ ~*

Final payment for **ROCKING HORSE RANCH** September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008, is due August 8, 2008.



Kindly submit payment and name of room-mate to Diana Del Vecchia at 14 Ferncliff Rd. in Bloomfield.

Price... **\$484.00** per person **DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**  
Call Diana Del Vecchia 973-338-8545 with questions.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Thomas Picnic Carnival

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 2pm to 7pm  
Rain Date- Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008, same hours

### GREAT DEALS!

ALL DAY RIDE TKTS FOR THOSE OVER AGE 8: \$20  
BUY IN ADVANCE AT \$15

ALL DAY RIDE TKTS FOR AGES 7 & UNDER: \$10  
BUY IN ADVANCE AT \$7

### RIDES:

Section obstacle course, 22 ft dual lane slide, miniature golf, 3 in 1 sports center, moonwalk, and sea of balls.

### GAMES:

Carnival tents for 8 carnival games with prizes - 1000 small and 1000 medium plush. Also sand art, the popular dunk tank and bingo under the tent.

### FOOD:

From Vinnie's Pizza - Pizza, sandwiches (meatball & egg-plant parm, sausage & peppers) Pasta (penne vodka & ravioli), Soda & Water (great deal from Pat, the owner).

From Philippine community - Hot dogs, burgers, etc.

From our entertainment company - ice cream, popcorn, snowball ice cones, cotton candy.

Also available - Zeppoles

We will have \$1 tkts for games & food (same color)

There will be different prices, example 2 tkts for pizza or 1 tkt for water etc. so buy multiple tkts.

### ADVANCE SALE TICKETS FOR FOOD & GAMES

15 tickets for \$10

*Picnic day face value example:* 10 tkts for \$10

### ADVANCE SALE TICKETS TO BE SOLD...

After Masses on Sat, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Sat, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and Sundays, Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, and Sept 7<sup>th</sup> after 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon Masses.

**OTHER:** Large tent with tables for 100 people -eating and bingo. Tent for purchase of ride tkts, food and game tkts, 50/50 raffle cash purchase, Candy-cash, Beer-cash, Bingo-cash.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to work the games, some of the rides, the cash booth, bingo, raffles and soda & water.

**CALL PAUL ALONGI 973-338-4665  
OR PARISH CENTER 973-338-9190.**

## Going Fishing

Wednesday, August 27, 2008 @ 7:00 a.m.  
On the Mi - Jo II, Atlantic Highlands, NJ



**Cost is \$50 per person**

**Price includes bait, rod and reel**

Send your check payable to St. Thomas the Apostle with your name(s) and phone number and drop off at Parish Center. Reserve your spot now as space is limited.

For further info, contact Parish Center 973-338-9190 or Jim McKittrick 973-338-3145.

## 3 For 1 Scholarship Fund Drive

Thanks from the Saint Thomas the Apostle  
Respect Life Committee

### A CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

Thank you for your generous response to our 2008 fund raiser. Thanks to you we raised \$2,116.06 for the children of Holy Family Academy in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Thanks again and God bless you for your very fine support.

~ The St. Thomas Respect Life Committee

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



We would like to visit our parishioners who are home-bound or in the hospital. Because of 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 number so we may return your call, or you may leave the information at the Parish Desk.