

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Charles J. Miller, M. Div., Pastor

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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 Ferrar

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 17, 2008 . 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, August 18

7:30 am Rose Marie Piagari - Friend

11:30 am The Ponzio Family - Daughter

Tuesday, August 19

7:30 am William Albright - Friend

11:30 am Richard Adrian Sause - Family

Wednesday, August 20

7:30 am Helen Appleton - Friend

11:30 am Rose Russo - Friend

Thursday, August 21

7:30 am Eugene Gerald Lestardo - Friend

11:30 am Dwight Kinney - Family

Friday, August 22

7:30 am Helen Appleton - Nephew

11:30 am Robert Olson (2nd Anniversary) - Friend

Saturday, August 23

8:30 am Helen Fitterer - Daughter

Sunday, August 24

Saturday, August 23

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, August 24

7:30 am Jean Niemi - Family

9:00 am Helen Kleissler - Friend

10:30 am Robert Westerfield - Children

12:00 pm Alphonso Londono - Grandchildren

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

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

REST IN PEACE:

Joseph C. FitzMaurice, Marie A. Pisarcik

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Edward Post, Jr.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11: 33-36

Matthew 16: 13-20



In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

Pray For Vocations



Today's Gospel shows the rewards faith can bring to your life and the lives of those around you. The faith of the woman persuaded Christ to heal her daughter. Just as Christ healed the girl, who was not a daughter of Israel, He also calls those that might not be the most likely (or willing) candidates for priesthood, diaconate or religious life. His primary act was that of universalism. He decides who to heal, and call, we do not. Even given past indiscretions, which every human has, if you think you may have a call to the priesthood or religious life, pray for the strength of faith in Christ shown by the Canaanite woman, contact the Vocation Office at 973.497.4365 or email kellybar@rcan.org.



Right to Life

For our pastor and all who work for life: in thanksgiving for their devotion to the Gospel of life;

We pray to the Lord

**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.

**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!***

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Woman,
great is
your
faith.

Mat 15:28



It is rare for all three readings to have the same focus, but that is what we have today. The First Reading and the Gospel have a common theme or message. The Second Reading is usually a semiconscious reading of one of the epistles or other books from the New Testament. The theme of today's readings is that God's abundant mercy and love are open to all people.

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Lectionary

■ **THE GOSPEL:** Today's Gospel is the story of the Canaanite woman who approaches Jesus on behalf of her daughter, who is possessed by demons. She calls out to Jesus as the "Son of David," asking him to save her daughter. Jesus doesn't respond and the disciples call for her to be removed. She pleads again, this time calling Jesus "Lord." By addressing Jesus with two Jewish messianic titles, she reveals her great and persistent faith. He relents and the woman's daughter is made well because of her persistence, her faith, and her recognition of Jesus' identity.

■ **FIRST READING:** The prophet Isaiah proclaims that God's salvation and justice shall be revealed. The prophet notes that even foreigners who love the name of the Lord will be saved. This is the section where we hear that the Lord's house will be a "house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).

■ **PSALM 67:** The psalmist entreats all peoples and nations to praise the Lord.

■ **SECOND READING:** St. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, tells the Gentiles that God's call and the gifts that he so abundantly gives are irrevocable.

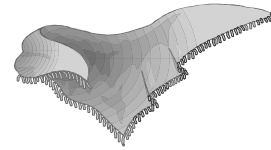
Rite of Christian Initiation

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.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry



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

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.

"THIS WEEK"

Thursday – 8/21

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 8/22

SCC Friday – 7:00pm 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 19: A Man For All Seasons

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

Session Dates for Baptism 2008

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

In the St. James Room in the Parish Center

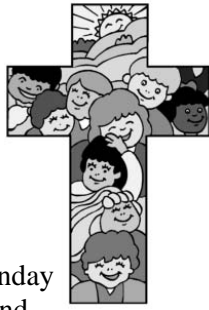
Sept 7	1:00pm
Oct 12	1:00pm
Nov 2	1:00pm

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

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

Religious Education News

Just a reminder that CCD classes will begin the week of September 22nd. Grades 5 through 8 will meet on Mondays and grades 1 through 4 will meet on Tuesdays from 3:40 – 5:00 each week.



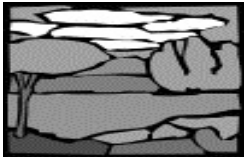
We are in need of two teachers for Monday afternoons. We will provide training and guidance – no experience necessary. Please consider sharing your faith with a child. Call Tracey or Maria in the Religious Education office at 338-7400.

Catechists please mark your calendars for our Fall Meeting on Tuesday, September 16th in Herron Hall in the school building at 7:00PM. All teaching materials and information will be given out at that time – if you are unable to attend the meeting please call the office and make an appointment to come and pick up your materials. Also, please mark your calendars for Catechetical Sunday on September 21st at the 10:30 mass – there will be a special blessing for all teachers from our school and religious education programs.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

~ ~ *September Club News* ~ ~

Final payment for ROCKING HORSE RANCH is now due.



Kindly send balance due to
Diana Del Vecchia at
14 Ferncliff Rd.
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
Phone # 973-338-8545

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**

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How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

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.



The Rosary Confraternity

We would like to update our register of enrolled or transferred Rosarians. We are especially interested in the years 1980 through 2000. Please complete, clip and return this form to the parish center:

Rosary Society - attention: Mary Stark

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

DATE ENROLLED / TRANSFERRED _____

If you remember an officer's name, please include it.

Next Confraternity meeting: Monday, Sept. 8, 2008.



2nd Annual St. Thomas Picnic Carnival

Saturday, September 20th, 2008 2pm to 7pm
Rain Date- Sunday, Sept. 21st, 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 23rd, and Sat, Sept 6th and Sundays, Aug 24th, and Sept 7th 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.

Final Call!!! 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

Drop off your check payable to St. Thomas the Apostle with your name(s) and phone number at Parish Center by August 20th as space is limited.

For further information, contact the Parish Center at 973-338-9190 or Jim McKittrick 973-338-3145.

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



Lila Stacey Ethirveerasingam

Parents: Jennifer (Mitschke) & Nahulan Ethirveerasingam

Anna Maria Monaghan

Parents: Claudia J. (Garcia) & Eamon P. Monaghan

Sean Patrick Sayers

Parents: Darlene (Loreto) & Kevin Sayers

Ashley Samantha Thompson

Parents: Susan A. (Murphy) & Patrick F. Thompson

Liam David Timbie

Parents: Maria (Bellucci) & Douglas Timbie

James Michael Bradley

Parents: Erin Marie (Franklin) & Michael J. Bradley

Alex Mason Hriczov

Parents: Elizabeth (Marra) & Nicholas Hriczov