

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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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 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

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1(800) CCS-7413
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May 17, 2009 . 6th Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

Sunday, May 17

Saturday, May 16

5:00 pm Ronald A. Casatelli - Wife

Sunday, May 17

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Anna & Joseph Stevens-Daughter & Family

10:30 am Roger Rubinetti & Lucretia Dally-Wife & Fam.

12:00 pm Rose & Joseph Stella - Son

Monday, May 18

7:30 am Deceased Members of Begley Family-Bequest

11:30 am James E. Brown - Friend

Tuesday, May 19

7:30 am Special Intention - James Fearon - Wife

11:30 am Samuel E. Battista - Daughter

Wednesday, May 20

7:30 am Arthur Mc Garry - Bequest

11:30 am Gloria & Pat Clark - Sister

Thursday, May 21

7:30 am Camille Pietrowski - Daughter

9:00 am (SCHOOL) Armando Eddie Morrone - Friend

11:30 am Philip Lipari - Wife

7:00 pm Frank Ramirez - Friend

Friday, May 22

7:30 am Frank Fiorentino - Family

11:30 am Nicholas & Maria Marchesani - Bequest

Saturday, May 23

8:30 am Deceased Members of Klenk Family - Bequest

Sunday, May 24

Saturday, May 23

5:00 pm Bob Brown - Family

Sunday, May 24

7:30 am Elaine Cattle - Member

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Mary & Anthony De Grazio - Mom

12:00 pm Lawrence & Frances Nicolette - Daughter

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Barbara Pelak, Elsie Lipari, John Nardone, Mary Mc Enroe
Sr. Anne Marie Mc Dermott, Franco & Fasone Families

REST IN PEACE:

Mildred Fabbo

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Anthony Del Tufo

Rectory & Convent: Keri De Luca

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www.stachurchbloomfield.com**

**Sixth Sunday
of Easter**



The readings for today are all about love. God's love breaks through all our barriers--race, class, and creed. Our love for each other must be like God's.

LECTIONARY

FIRST READING: In last Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we saw the Church faced with a challenge--Saul of Tarsus; and we saw the Church respond with openness and acceptance. Today's reading shows us a similar event, one with incredibly far-reaching consequences. The Jewish Christians ("circumcised believers" [Acts 10:45] as they are called here) are "astounded" to see the Holy Spirit's gifts poured out on Gentiles (Acts 10:45). Peter realizes that "God shows no partiality" (10:43) that the message of Jesus is meant to cross all human boundaries. He permits these new believers to be baptized. In the Church of Jesus Christ, there can be no outsiders.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: In Psalm 98, we praise the God who reveals his saving power not only to the "house of Israel" (98:3) but to all the nations on earth.

SECOND READING: Because God is love, we must love one another. In fact, it is *only* in loving one another that we can come to know God, for "whoever is without love does not know God" (1 John 4:8). God's love came first. If we realize this, then God's love will overflow to those around us. In a sense, we love each other with God's love.

GOSPEL: The word *love* is repeated nine times in the Second Reading, and nine more times in the Gospel, which is the sequel to last Sunday's reading about the vine and the branches. On the eve of his Passion and death, Jesus invited his disciples into a relationship of self-giving love. The love that will unite us with Jesus is the same love that unites Jesus with the Father. It is not a love tinged with fear, the love of a servant for a master. Rather, it is the mutual love of friends: "I no longer call you slaves," but friends (John 15:15). Jesus holds nothing back. He has shared with us "everything I have heard from my Father" (15:15), and he is about to lay down his life for his disciples. When Jesus says to "love one another" (15:17), he invites us to imitate this radical, self-giving love.



Memorial Day

Monday, May 25, 2009

One Mass only at 8:30 a.m.

St. Thomas Parish Center will be closed.



I am
with you
always.

Mt 28:20

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, May 21st, 2009

A Holy Day of Obligation

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

From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Parishioners,

The fifty days of the Easter Season are rapidly moving by. There has been much activity worth noting. The Easter Season is the primary time for sacramental celebrations. We were honored to celebrate eight first communion services as well as one additional first communion service for our special needs children. I want to thank Tracey Rennie and those who assisted her in preparing our young people for this important step in their lives. We congratulate them and their families.

On Pentecost we will be celebrating Confirmation with adults and will be welcoming new members into the Catholic Church here at St. Thomas the Apostle. They have been preparing for many months and I thank Bob Miller for working with them in our R.C.I.A. process and supporting them in their faith journey.

I ask all of our parishioners to pray for all who are celebrating these sacraments of initiation that they will continue to grow in the Lord and find in us a community of love and true concern.

Also on Pentecost weekend John Angotti will be here on May 30th to conduct a recollection day for the heads of our ministries. I encourage all of our ministry heads to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. He will also be here on May 31st for an evening concert in our church. Plan now to make time in your life for this special event.

During this season our Parish Pastoral Council has been actively addressing the needs of our parish and has held recent elections. I thank our outgoing chairman, Tom Rossano, and the other Council members for their work on behalf of all of us throughout this year. We welcome our new Pastoral Council chair, Eileen Conte, as well as the newly elected members, Elaina Zogonas, Daniel Leon, and Shawn Barrett. Congratulations and thank you for being willing to serve on our Council.

I invite us all to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the members of our Pastoral Council as they discuss the important issues facing our parish. Remember that I and all the members of our Council always welcome your ideas for the welfare of our parish family.

In the Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. Charles J. Miller".

Rev. Charles J. Miller,
Pastor

New Altar Servers

Training for new altar servers is available for boys and girls currently in the 5th and 6th grades. New altars will need to attend all three training sessions on **Tuesdays, May 26th, June 2nd & June 9th at 3:30 p.m.** in our Church.

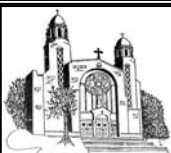
Parents of those interested are asked to register their children for altar server training by calling the parish center at **973-338-9190**. Please be prepared to provide your child's name, address and phone number when you call. Parents will then receive a permission slip for your signature indicating your approval.

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

**SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
PARISH SCHOOL**

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Sunday, May 17th
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**



**Openings in Grades
PK 3, PK 4, K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 7**

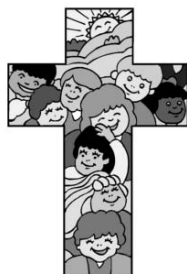
*Applications for Grades 2 & 6
are being accepted
for a waiting list.*

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Religious Education

Another exciting year has come to an end for our CCD students. We would like to thank the parents, children, and volunteers for all of their hard work throughout the year. We are blessed to have many people in our parish who are kind and generous enough to share their faith with our children by serving as catechists. This is not an easy job, but it is one with



incredible rewards. A special thank you goes to our catechists: Maureen Scully, Francesca Leite, Michele Goitandia, Rich Bever, Bea Farrell, MaryAnn Carini, Frank Candido, Cecelia Volkert, Mary Berger, Gerrie Michalek, Kim Baldasare, Kathy Iacovone, Lorajean Tice, Gail Bretz, Rosemarie Romano, Diane Mautone, and Deanna Rubino.

A special note about our Special Needs Religious Education program: after working each week for three years the children received First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2nd – it was an incredible experience for all who attended. Thank you to Diane O'Connell, Mary Lou Gilchrist, and Janice Mandra who have given their heart and soul to this program and to these children.

The Religious Education Office is a busy and bustling place. we are blessed to have wonderful volunteers who help us get things organized. Thank you to Kathy McKittrick, Eleanor McKeon, Lillian Donatiello, and Carolyn Santoro for all their hard work and dedication. Also, thank you to Dominick Scaduto and Eileen Conte who always step up to help out when we are in need of teaching help.

Special thanks to Mary Ann Carini, one of our fourth grade catechists. She and her husband, Tom, recently moved to Virginia Beach and we will miss them dearly. Mary Ann has taught our children for over twenty years! Over the years she has touched the lives of hundreds of children by sharing her faith! Best of luck to Mary Ann & Tom Carini!

The Religious Education Office is truly an example of our parishioners sharing their time, talent, and treasure! Thank you all and may God bless you with a peaceful, relaxing summer!

STA 2009 Vacation Bible School

Features:



**WHERE KIDS
BUILD THEIR
LIVES ON THE
ROCK:
JESUS!**

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is once again offering its very popular Vacation Bible School program, Son Rock Kids Camp. Through storytelling, arts & crafts, music, and play, the children are introduced to New Testament stories.

KEY INFORMATION:

Eligibility: Children ages 4 through 12
Dates: Mon., June 22nd - Fri., June 26th
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
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, by June 5th, 2008. Extra registration forms 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 send a note stating, "My child would like to be with..."

Registration Fee: \$50 per child (includes t-shirt, daily arts & crafts materials and snack). \$10 late fee will be charged after June 5th.

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!

Registration Form -- Please print -- One form per child

CHILD'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE: _____

KNOWN ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONCERNS: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE ... CIRCLE ONE:

YOUTH	S (6-8)	M (10-12)	L (14-16)
ADULT	S	M	L

PARENTS NAME: _____

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

SORRY! I AM UNABLE TO VOLUNTEER.

Checks payable to: **St. Thomas the Apostle**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Coffee & Conversation

Everyone is invited downstairs to the Parish Center for Coffee & Conversation after the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Our Music Ministry is the host. And if you think their singing is good, wait until you see their hospitality!



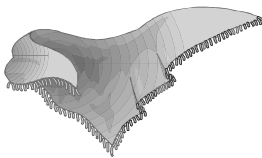
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



The main source of operating funds for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is our weekly offertory contribution. To assist us in being good stewards of God's gift of treasure, our contribution from last weekend is compared below to the amount we need this week to meet our budget. You may have noticed this amount will vary. This is because our budget varies by season, just as yours does.

PALMSUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$19,151
AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK: \$22,000

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our next meetings are scheduled for Wednesday evening June 3rd from 7 PM to 9 PM and Sunday afternoons, May 17th and July 19th from 1PM. to 3 PM. We wish to thank all of our members

who have continually supported us by prayerfully using their talent. Our project to make baby items suitable for children up to 2 years old is very successful. We now have some lovely laps and shawls. Keep them coming. If you wish to give someone a shawl, please contact the Ministry. All are welcome to work and pray with us. If you have any questions, call Bernadette 973 893-0114, Sister Arleen 973-338-9190, or Alicia 973-473-6633.

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

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 5/18

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
Eucharistic Adoration - 12:00noon in Church
Respect Life - 7:30pm in Church

Thursday – 5/21

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 5/22

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter
Separated, Divorced, Widowed - 8:00pm in St. Thomas

PLANNED GIVING

Here are some other ways You can help St. Thomas the Apostle Church continue its mission of serving God's people. Give a gift of cash or check for general use or a specific purpose. Give a gift of stocks or bonds. There could be a significant tax advantage to you if there has been appreciation in their value and they are transferred to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

A bequest in your will assures that your possessions are distributed as you desire. When making a bequest, use the full legal name and address: Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003
Make St. Thomas the Apostle Church partial or primary beneficiary of a life insurance policy that is no longer needed for family security. Ask the insurance company for the forms necessary to change the beneficiary or to transfer the ownership to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS

Bloomfield Nursing Division is offering the following. Appointments required, please call 973-680-4058.

PAP SMEAR & MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING

TUES., MAY 19, 9:00 A.M.-12 P.M.
FREE TO UNINSURED WOMEN AGE 40 AND OVER.

BONE DENSITY SCREENING

FOR WOMEN AND MEN
TUESDAYS, MAY 26, & JUNE 30, 10:00 A.M. - 12 P.M.
BONE DENSITY - \$10 (\$8 FOR THOSE OVER AGE 55)

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 11 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
FEE: \$12.00 (UNDER 55 YRS) - \$8.00 (OVER 55 YRS)

URINALYSIS SCREENING

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
THIS SCREENING CHECKS FOR GLUCOSE (SUGAR),
PROTEIN, RED BLOOD CELLS, AND WHITE BLOOD CELLS.
COST IS \$5.00 / NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Archdiocese of Newark Anniversary Masses

It is an annual tradition to honor the couples in the Archdiocese who are celebrating five, twenty-five, fifty or more years of marriage. These liturgies are celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

- May 31 50 Anniv. (Essex & Union Counties)
- June 7 50 Anniv. (Bergen & Hudson Counties)
- June 14 25th and 5th Anniversaries (All 4 Counties)

All Masses will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m.

To register, call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190