

# 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 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  
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OFFERING SOCIAL  
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1(800) CCS-7413  
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May 24, 2009 . 7th Sunday of Easter

**Masses for the Week**

**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

**Monday, May 25 MEMORIAL DAY (one Mass)**

8:30 am Michael Dobransky - Family

**Tuesday, May 26**

7:30 am Robert Burfiend - Friend

11:30 am Virginia Martorano - Daughter

**Wednesday, May 27**

7:30 am Frances M. Bulgia - Friend

11:30 am Genevieve "Dolly" Cece - Friend

**Thursday, May 28**

7:30 am Robert B. Pratola - Friend

11:30 am Rita Knudsen - Friend

**Friday, May 29**

7:30 am John Ferrara - Friend

11:30 am Angela Lungaro - Friend

**Saturday, May 30**

8:30 am Lucy Cianci - Friend

**Sunday, May 31**

**Saturday, May 30**

5:00 pm Louis Berto - Friends

**Sunday, May 31**

7:30 am Thomas G. McGarry - Bequest

9:00 am William & Camille Ricigliano - Daughter

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Nicholas Salerno - Sister-in-law

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Barbara Pelak, Elsie Lipari, John Nardone, Mary Mc Enroe  
Fran Korec, Patricia Ingianni, Franco & Fasone Families

**REST IN PEACE:**

Sr. Mary Catherine Douglas, Ben Ramirez, Irene Walsh

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Keri De Luca

**Rectory:** Janet Besida

*Seventh Sunday  
of Easter*



The conclusion of the easter season draws near: the great solemnity of Pentecost. This Seventh Sunday of Easter is an in-between feast, which looks back to the Ascension and anticipates the coming gift of the Holy Spirit.

**LECTIONARY**

**FIRST READING:** Today's reading from Acts of the Apostles is sandwiched (like this Seventh Sunday of Easter) between the account of the Ascension and the account of Pentecost. Peter speaks to the followers of Jesus--we are told it is quite a large group, about one hundred and twenty people--and calls for the selection of a new apostle to take the place of Judas. We get an insight into the special role of an apostle, who must be someone who has been with them from the beginning, "the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us" (Acts 1:21), from his Baptism until his Ascension. The manner in which the new apostle is chosen is illuminating. The entire group, not just the Eleven, present two candidates. Asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the final decision is made by the drawing of lots. Matthias is chosen.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 103 looks to God, who dwells in the heavens, but who rules over all with forgiving love.

**SECOND READING:** We see the intertwining of ideas characteristic of St. John. "No one has ever seen God" (1John 4:12), yet when we love each other, God is in us. The more we love each other, the more we will come to "know" God's love for us (4:13). In our love for others, we will truly see God.

**GOSPEL:** The Gospel is drawn from what is called the "high priestly prayer" of Jesus at the conclusion of the Last Supper discourses in the Gospel according to John. Immediately before his arrest, Jesus prays for his disciples. He prays "that they may be one just as we are one" (John 17:11). He does not pray that their lives will be easy--indeed, it is clear that they will face the same trials Jesus himself faced. They will be hated by a world in which they cannot feel at home, for "they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world" (17:14). They are sent forth nevertheless, not only witnesses to Jesus, but sharers in his love, his joy, and his peace.



**Memorial Day**

**Monday, May 25, 2009**

**One Mass only at 8:30 a.m.**

**St. Thomas Parish Center will be closed.**

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

**SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS**

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri., June 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
**Place:** St. Thomas the Apostle School  
**Registration:** Pre-registration only. One completed forms per child and registration fee must be submitted to the Religious Education Office, located in the basement of St. Thomas School, by June 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available at the Religious Education Office or may be downloaded from [www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com). If your child is coming with a friend and they want to be together, please state in a note, "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 5<sup>th</sup>.  
**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**

**ST  
THOMAS  
SCHOOL  
FOR  
BOYS**

We would like to congratulate Jack Fruhmann, Francesca Fusaro, Daniella Gonzalez, Nicole Lennox, and Alyssa Mauro from the sixth grade for receiving **Honorable Mention** in the *Liberty Science Center Super Hero Recycle Contest*

**St. Thomas the Apostle  
Home & School Association**

**SUPER 50/50**

- 1ST PRIZE 35% OF PROCEEDS**  
**2ND PRIZE 10% OF PROCEEDS**  
**3RD PRIZE 5% OF PROCEEDS**

Please return all tickets to the Parish Center or School Office by Monday, **June 1st, 3 p.m.**

*Thank you!*

**Confirmation Service Hours**

- ~ Wednesday, June 3rd @ Spring Garden School  
Call 973-661-8983
- ~ Saturday, May 30th, 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center  
Call Mr. Dennin 973-495-4940

**Altar Servers**

All parish boys and girls in grades 5 and 6 interested in becoming Altar Servers should call the Parish Center at 973-338-9190. Please leave your name and phone number and mark your calendars for training on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, May 26th, 3:30 p.m. in Church
- Tuesday, June 2nd, 3:30 p.m. in Church
- Tuesday, June 9th, 3:30 p.m. in Church

**Altar Server's Prayer**

*Loving Father, creator of the universe,  
 you call your people to worship,  
 to be with you and one another at Mass.  
 I thank you for having called me  
 to assist others in their prayer to you.  
 May I be worthy of the trust placed in me  
 and through my example and service  
 bring others closer to you.  
 I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
 who is Lord for ever and ever.*

**Amen.**



**Ministry of Spiritual Direction**  
**Summer Directed Retreat**  
**By The Ocean**

**Thurs June 25 – Sun June 28 or**  
**Thurs July 2 – Sun July 5**



**The Upper Room Spiritual Center**  
**West Bangs Ave, Neptune, NJ**  
**Exit 100B off the Garden State Parkway**

**For information call: Anna Graziano - 973-338-9538**  
**Offering -\$225 (Reservations limited)**

**BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS**

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

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

**RCIA Confirmation**

Please note that on Pentecost Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> our candidates in the RCIA program will be Confirmed at the 9 a.m. Mass. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

**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.

**Pentecost Celebration**

Pentecost is the final day of Easter. Christians adopted the feast from the Jewish harvest festival of *Shavuot*, which is a memorial of the day God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. For Christians, Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples as wind and fire. It is the moment in which Jesus fulfilled his promise to send his Spirit to his followers (Jn 14:16).

Jesus said he'd send an advocate, a helper. There are unlimited ways in which we are helped by the Spirit. Scripture lists seven gifts in particular that the Spirit gives us: wisdom, understanding, courage, knowledge, right judgment, reverence, and awe (Is 11:1-3).

Anytime we need help, we can ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with one of these gifts (or any other gift we need). We will experience the very same power that the disciples did on that first Pentecost. It probably won't be as dramatic, but it will be just as real.

To celebrate, plan a banquet-style dinner on the same scale as your dinner on the first Sunday of Easter. Either at the beginning of the day or just before dinner, offer this prayer to the Holy Spirit:

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love. Restore the glory of Creation and renew the face of the earth.*

**Marriage and the Family**

The Catholic Center for Family Spirituality will offer a two week graduate level course on the "Theology and Spirituality of Marriage and the Family." The course meets for two weeks, Monday through Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at St. Henry's Parish, Bayonne, NJ. Course taught by Robert Miller. For more information call Andy Saunders at the Catholic Center for Family Spirituality at 973.313.6335.

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH CENTER FROM 7-9PM. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

SPRING RETREAT JUNE 5, 6, & 7

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YOUTH GROUP  
IS ONCE AGAIN  
PROUD TO PRESENT TO YOU  
FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW...

An Evening of Praise and Worship

Pentecost Sunday

May 30th & 31st, 2009, at all Masses  
and in concert at 7:00 p.m. in Church

**JAMMM**  
**JOHN ANGOTTI MUSIC MISSION**



JOHN ANGOTTI  
Returns to St. Thomas the Apostle!

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT [tdennin@att.net](mailto:tdennin@att.net)