

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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

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:  
Eileen Conte, Chairperson  
Jean Barbetta, Vice Chairperson  
Mark Pasquale, 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

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, June 7**

**Saturday, June 6**

**5:00 pm Louise & John Piegaro - Son & Family**

**Sunday, June 7**

**7:30 am Thomas & Lena Caputo - Daughters**

**9:00 am Carlo & Anna Granata - Family**

**10:30 am Veronica Kievit - Husband**

**12:00 pm For the People of the Parish**

**Monday, June 8**

**7:30 am William Ford - Friend**

**11:30 am Michael Burke - Friend**

**Tuesday, June 9**

**7:30 am Maria Tambascia - Friend & Neighbor**

**11:30 am Caterina Giammalva - Daughter**

**Wednesday, June 10**

**7:30 am Gail K. Pilsbury - Husband**

**11:30 am Frank Pitrelli - Friend**

**Thursday, June 11**

**7:30 am Loretta Di Michele - Family**

**11:30 am Harry Scardilli - Daughter**

**Friday, June 12**

**7:30 am Charlie Zimmerman - Family**

**11:30 am Lottie Szajkowski - Daughters**

**Saturday, June 13**

**8:30 am Maria Tambascia - Friend**

**Sunday, June 14**

**Saturday, June 13**

**5:00 pm For the People of the Parish**

**Sunday, June 14**

**7:30 am John D. Revene (35th Anniv.) - Daughter**

**9:00 am Patricia Bircsak (Birthday) - Family**

**10:30 am Helen Wardell (15th Anniv.) - Daughter**

**12:00 pm Elizabeth & Frank Del Boccio - Family**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Doris Ross, Barbara Pelak,  
Harry & Marlene Shaw, Franco & Fasone Families

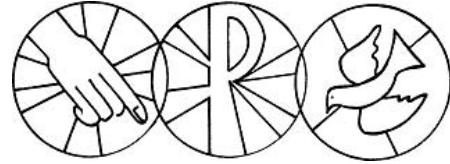
**REST IN PEACE:**

Sally Anne Lazzaro, Arligh Ravago, Frederick Balma

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Elsie Kirkpatrick  
**Rectory:** Josephine Mendola  
**Convent:** Catherine Robertello

***The Most Holy Trinity***



**A**fter the Glories of Easter and Pentecost, the Church leads us back into Ordinary Time by gentle degrees. Before our Sundays return to green, we celebrate two wonderful solemnities--the Most Holy Trinity and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The timing is still significant. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came in transforming power upon the disciples, and the life of faith that we know began: Jesus, is no longer visible to our eyes, but he is present among us in wonderful ways through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Today's solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity is ancient. The origins of the solemnity can be traced to the seventh century. It has been on the Church's universal calendar for nearly seven hundred years. "The central mystery of Christian faith and life" is the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity (CCC, 234). This solemnity offers us time to meditate upon this defining mystery of our faith.

**THE FIRST READING** is drawn from Moses' address to the people at the beginning of Deuteronomy. He has just reminded the Israelites of all that has happened since they left Horeb; then, as today's reading begins, he exclaims, "Did anything so great ever happen before?" (Deuteronomy 4:32). All the wonders God has worked for conclusion: the Lord *is* God, and God is one.

**IN RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33**, we recall God's creative power. He made the heavens with a word, and he breathed the stars into being. Together, the First Reading and the psalm offer a portrait of God the Father: powerful, creative, and loving. Notice that the word *kindness* is repeated three times in the psalm (33:5, 18, 22).

**THE SECOND READING:** Romans is all about relationship. We are not slaves but children of God, because the Holy Spirit we have received is a Spirit of "adoption" (Romans 8:15), giving us the right to call God *Abba*--Father. We are God's adopted children. So is Jesus; and we therefore become "joint heirs" (8:17) with Christ. It is the Holy Spirit that draws us into this family relationship with God and his Son

**THE GOSPEL:** Jesus sends the Eleven forth to the whole world, to make disciples, to teach, and to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). The words are so familiar that we can easily miss how mysterious they really are. Notice that while three persons are indicated, the word *name* is singular: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are truly one God.

**Visit our website at**  
**[www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://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 the Apostle Home & School Association**

THE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS WHO, IN THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE SUPER 50/50, HAVE SUPPORTED THE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION'S FUND RAISING EFFORTS AND IN DOING SO, HAVE SUPPORTED ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL AND ITS STUDENTS.

**THE SUPER 50/50 WINNERS ARE:**

- |            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| 1 ST PRIZE | DOROTHY BALMA   |
| 2ND PRIZE  | BARBARA ESPINAL |
| 3RD PRIZE  | GERALD PAVLICK  |

THANKS SO MUCH FOR HELPING MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!

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



**Charlotte Adelaide Bille**

Parents: Christina (Kovacs) & Jason Bille

**Brigid Irene Collins &  
 Caitlin Elizabeth Collins**

Parents: Kami (Echelberry) & Anthony Collins

**Lily Marie Hark &  
 Luke Matthew Hark**

Parents: Daisy (Medina) & Christopher Hark

**Sophie Aida Perez**

Parents: Funda (Koctemiz) & Julio Perez

**Session Dates for Baptism 2009**

**CATECHESIS PREPARATION**

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

June 14	1:00 p.m.
August 16	1:00 p.m.
October 25	1:00 p.m.
December 6	1:00 p.m.

**BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS**

June 7	1:30 p.m.
July 5	1:30 p.m.
July 19	1:30 p.m.
August 9	1:30 p.m.
August 30	1:30 p.m.
September 20	During Mass at 12:00 p.m.
October 11	1:30 p.m.
November 1	1:30 p.m.

## STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

### **"THIS WEEK"**

#### **Monday – 6/8**

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

#### **Thursday – 6/11**

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

#### **Friday – 6/12**

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

### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**



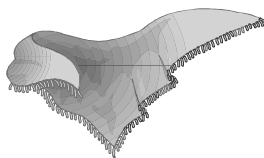
The main source of operating funds for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is our weekly offertory contribution. To assist us in being good stewards of God's gift of treasure, our contribution from last weekend is compared below to the amount we need this week to meet our budget. You may have noticed this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

**SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:           \$19,463**  
**AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK:   \$22,000**

### **Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program**

The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Mon-Fri, 9am - 8pm. Call 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***



Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, July 19th from 1 PM to 3 PM. 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***



### **Moving? Please let us know.**

Within the parish – to update new address  
Out of parish – to discontinue mailings  
**Call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190.**



## **Father's Day Remembrance**

Included in your recent packet of envelopes is a Father's Day remembrance envelope. The Masses on Father's Day, June 21st, will be offered for the living and deceased fathers of our parishioners. The envelopes with the names of fathers inscribed on them will be placed near the altar on that day. You may wish to remember grandfathers, Uncles, Godfathers, Brothers & Sons. A limited number of Father's Day cards are available at the parish center. The card shows that your designated father is being remembered in the Masses, here at St. Thomas on Father's Day.

### **KEEP CHRIST IN YOUR VACATION**



During the summer months, let us remember to keep the Lord in our lives. The opportunity to witness His message through Scripture and to be strengthened by the Eucharist is a necessity in our relationship with God and with each other.

As you travel on vacation, take time to visit and worship the Lord in a nearby Church. For those remaining at home in your Parish, and to all visitors, the invitation for continued worship at St. Thomas's is extended and will certainly serve to enrich your summer. For Nationwide Mass Times & Locations, call 1-410-676-6000.

### **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.



**Free Ministry to Traveling Catholics  
For Nationwide Mass Times & Locations  
Call 1-410-676-6000  
or visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)**

## St. Thomas the Apostle Mission Statement

The Roman Catholic faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle recognizes God's call to be a sign of His Kingdom in the communities we serve. We respond to this call by:

- † Leading people to a deeper relationship with Christ by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, renewal, education, the celebration of the Sacraments, and the worship of God in the sacred liturgy;
- † Encouraging a commitment to justice and to service of those in need;
- † Promoting good stewardship of our time, talent and treasure;
- † Building a community of hospitality and support in the daily living out of Christian ideals by nourishing mutual respect and understanding within our Church, our families, our community, and other faith traditions.

### Are you a Writer . . . Editor . . . Proof Reader . . . Web Developer? **We need you!**

*THE VOICE*, the St. Thomas the Apostle Newsletter, is published several times a year and we are looking to expand our ministry.

We are also looking for people to help update the website, keep it current and brainstorm ideas to advertise our parish.

You can be part of our committee, which meets a few times a year or you can choose to simply donate your particular talent as needed.

Please drop us a line in the Communication/Newsletter mailbox in the Parish Center or email us at [thevoice@stachurchbloomfield.com](mailto:thevoice@stachurchbloomfield.com).

You can visit us online by following the Newsletter link on our website.



### Right to Life

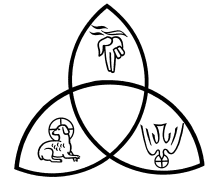
For all families,  
that the self-giving love of the Holy Trinity  
inspire families to greater unity, love and  
sacrifice for each other;

*We pray to the Lord*



**ANY ADVERTISEMENTS  
FOR THE BULLETIN  
MUST BE SUBMITTED  
TO THE PARISH CENTER BY  
10:30 A.M. ON THE MONDAY  
PRIOR TO THE BULLETIN DATE.**

## Prayer to the Holy Trinity



Glory be to the Father,  
Who by His almighty power and love created me,  
making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son,  
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,  
and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,  
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,  
and continues to sanctify me  
by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## USE GIFT CARDS!!

**Help St. Thomas the Apostle School  
earn 5% of your Shop Rite purchase.**

**If you *already* shop at Shop Rite,  
why not use Shop Rite gift cards instead of cash!**

When you purchase Shop Rite gifts cards  
**from a member of the STA Home & School,**  
St. Thomas the Apostle School gets 5%  
of the total amount you purchase  
*at no cost to you!*

Simply contact Carol Sause at (973) 893-1302  
to get your Shop Rite card today!

### A SUMMER PRAYER

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord,

Help me to rest awhile

in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and fill me  
with gentle compassion for all your people.

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, 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.

- 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**

**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.

**BERGEN CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**

1040 Oradell Ave, Oradell, NJ 07649

Bergen Catholic High School announces its Summer Crusader Academic Camp for boys and girls entering seventh, eighth and ninth grades. Courses include CSI: BC, Math, English, Sports Writing, Spanish, Web 2.0, Robotics and more! Please check our website at [www.bergenatholic.org](http://www.bergenatholic.org) for more information and to register for the one to four week courses.

**DON BOSCO PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL**

492 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, NJ 07446-2811

**2009 Ironman Football, Basketball, Baseball, and Lacrosse Camps to be held throughout the summer.**

Ironman Football Academy for boys ages 7-18.

- Three sessions: June 22-25, June 29- July 2, July 6-9

Ironman Basketball Camp for boys grades 2-9.

- Three sessions: June 29-July 3, July 6-10, July 13-17

Vision Lacrosse Camp for boys ages 7-18.

- Three sessions: July 20-24, July 27-31, Aug 3-7

Ironman Baseball Camp for boys ages 9-14.

- One session: July 13-16

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.

**Prayer for Vocations**

Bountiful God, You are boundless with your blessings and faithful to your promises.

Through our ancestors in faith we have come to know and to trust in your guidance on our life's journey.

At Jesus' baptism you confirmed Him in His mission.

Commission is through our baptismal graces to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Open our hearts to recognize Your holy calling.

Bless our Church with devoted married couples, committed single men and women, and dedicated deacons, priests, sisters and brothers.

Guide those who are discerning how best to serve You.

With your favor, we set out to proclaim Your reign through Jesus, Your beloved Son in the power of

Your Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**