

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

June 14, 2009 . Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, June 15

7:30 am Edna A. Carlos - Bequest
11:30 am Pauline Avallone - Friend

Tuesday, June 15

7:30 am Paul Brady - Friend
11:30 am Andrew Molnar (38th Anniv.) - Family

Wednesday, June 17

7:30 am Mrs. Gilrane - Friend
11:30 am Austin S. Patrizo - Wife

Thursday, June 18

7:30 am Frederick Carbone - Friend
11:30 am Margaret Rice Pucci - Nephew

Friday, June 19

7:30 am Paul Brady - Friend
11:30 am Veronica Kievit - Husband

Saturday, June 20

8:30 am Paul Spera - Family

Sunday, June 21

Saturday, June 20
5:00 pm Joseph Bianchi & Ernest Cordasco - Family

Sunday, June 21

7:30 am All Fathers Living and Deceased
9:00 am All Fathers Living and Deceased
10:30 am All Fathers Living and Deceased
12:00 pm All Fathers Living and Deceased

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

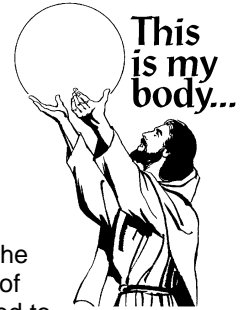
Eileen Hunt, Frank Korec, Paul Strickland, Thomas Rowan
Barbara Pellak Franco & Fasone Families

REST IN PEACE:

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Susan Estephan
Rectory: Patrick Russillo
Convent: Janet Besida

**The Most Holy
Body & Blood
of Christ**



Measured by Church time, today's solemnity is quite young dating from the mid-thirteenth-century. For hundreds of years, in fact, it was commonly referred to as *nova sollemnitatis*, "the new solemnity" (The Liturgy and Time, 104). This celebration has been given many names over the centuries: feast of the Eucharist, feast of the Most Precious Sacrament, even feast of God. In France it is still commonly known as the *Fête-Dieu*. The solemnity developed at about the same time as the elevations of the consecrated elements during Mass, and it arose out of the desire of the faithful to see the Blessed Sacrament at a time when they did not often receive it.

The solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is an expression of our Catholic faith in the real presence of the risen Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Yet, this celebration is also outward-looking, carrying the liturgy out of the Church and into the streets.

THE FIRST READING: Moses has given the people the entire law, and the people respond "with one voice" (Exodus 24:3), promising to observe this law which God has given them. The blood of the bull becomes the sign of the covenant into which the people enter of their own free will.

THE RESPONSORIAL that follows is the same psalm we sang on Holy Thursday. To take up "the cup of salvation" (116:13) is a way to give thanks to God for all his benefits.

THE SECOND READING is deeply rooted in the first. The author of the letter to the Hebrews expects his reader to be familiar with Jewish rites and practices. He draws especially on the rites for the Day of Atonement, the holiest day on the Jewish calendar, the day for repentance and forgiveness of transgressions against the law. The old covenant becomes a metaphor for the new, as Jesus enacts on a spiritual level what the priest does on a material one. Jesus is the high priest who offers his own blood, and passes not into a tabernacle built by hands, but into heaven itself. For those who receive the blood of Christ, the result is not a cleansing of the flesh, but of the spirit, the conscience.

THE GOSPEL carries us back to Holy Week. Jesus and his disciples are celebrating the Passover together. In the context of the ancient Jewish holy day, Jesus gives himself to his disciples. How astonished they must have been at his words as he handed them the bread: "this is my body" (Mark 14:22), and the cup: "this is my blood of the covenant" (14:24). It would not be until after the Resurrection that they would begin to understand what it all meant. It's reassuring to remember that Jesus invites us to this banquet because he loves us..

Visit our website at: www.stachurchbloomfield.com

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

STA 2009 Vacation Bible School



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. One completed form per child. Registration forms are available at the Religious Education Office, located in the basement of St. Thomas School or may be downloaded from St. Thomas website 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 apply 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:

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|-------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 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**

Session Dates for Baptism 2009

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

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| 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

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| 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 – 6/15

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Thursday – 6/18

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 6/19

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Coffee and Conversation Next Sunday

Drop in to the Parish Center next Sunday after the 9 or 10:30 a.m. Masses for a little coffee and conversation and some special treats. The Holy Name Society will be our hosts at our last get-together before we break for the summer!



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



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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

THE AARP AND THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY ARE CO-SPONSORING THE POPULAR AARP DRIVER'S SAFETY PROGRAM (FORMALLY THE 55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVERS PROGRAM) FOR ALL ST. THOMAS PARISHIONERS.

THE TWO-DAY COURSE IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 18, AND 19, 2009 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTER. THE COST IS \$12.00 FOR AARP MEMBERS AND \$14.00 FOR NON-AARP MEMBERS. CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE AARP.

THE 8-HOUR COURSE IS A CLASSROOM REFRESHER ESPECIALLY DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF LICENSED DRIVERS OF ALL AGES. STUDENTS WILL UPDATE THEIR DRIVING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS, LEARN TO PREVENT TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND VIOLATIONS, AND MAINTAIN MOBILITY AND INDEPENDENCE. CONCERNS REGARDING AUTO INSURANCE DISCOUNTS AND ELIMINATION OF DRIVING POINTS WILL BE COVERED AT THE TRAINING SESSIONS.

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 25 STUDENTS. TO REGISTER, EITHER LEAVE YOUR CHECK WITH THE RECEPTIONIST IN THE PARISH CENTER OR MAIL IT TO:

FRANK HELMSTETTER
665 E. PASSAIC AVE.
BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003

DUE TO THE LIMITED CLASS SIZE, ENROLLMENT WILL BE BASED ON THE ORDER OF CHECKS RECEIVED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL FRANK HELMSTETTER AT (973) 338-5872.



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.

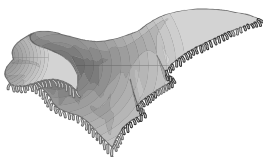
Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program

The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Mon-Fri, 9am to 8pm. Call the Parish Center 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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – JUNE 20 & 21

Blood pressure screenings will be held next weekend, Saturday, June 20th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, June 21st, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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

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**

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.

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

Right to Life



For our nation, for an end to violence and bloodshed, and for a greater reverence for the lives of all human beings including those not born, as bearers of the image and likeness of Christ; ***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.**



PLEASE NOTE

The new Parish Center
office hours are:

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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!

Graduation Prayer



Dear Lord,

Please bless the graduates of 2009
as they go out into the world
to make it a better place,
while they pursue their dreams.

Guide them, lead them,
show them Your way to success and happiness
through service to others.

Fill them with joy when they reach their goals.
Strengthen them, as they deal with life's obstacles,
and show them that every challenge
is a path to character development.

Let each and every graduate
be wrapped in the warmth of Your infinite love,
and let Your wisdom show them the way
to make the most of their lives.

In Jesus' name, we pray. ***Amen.***

St. Thomas
"Welcome Back from the Summer"



Save the Date!

September 19th, 2009

2pm-7pm in Vassar Field

More details to come in the following weeks!

St. Thomas the Apostle

We would like to thank all those who have helped support our food pantry. We'd also like to remind you that we cannot accept perishable items such as eggs, milk, cheeses, yogurts, etc. Please keep the items coming throughout the summer!



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)

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

Blast from the Past

In January we reminded you that January 26th, 1939 marked the date of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish's establishment.

Well, June 17, 1939, Father Thomas J. Herron received the letter designating him pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

Sunday, June 25, 1939, the first parish Mass was celebrated by Father Herron.



First Mass said by Pastor Fr. Herron in the tent June 25th, 1939. If you've ever heard the name the "tenters" used at St. Thomas, it comes from the early years where Mass was said in an actual tent!

Check out our website for more fun facts at:
www.stachurchbloomfield.com

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 22nd to July 2nd 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.



**Sunday,
June 14, 2009
is Flag Day!**

**Wave 'em high!
Wave 'em proud!**