

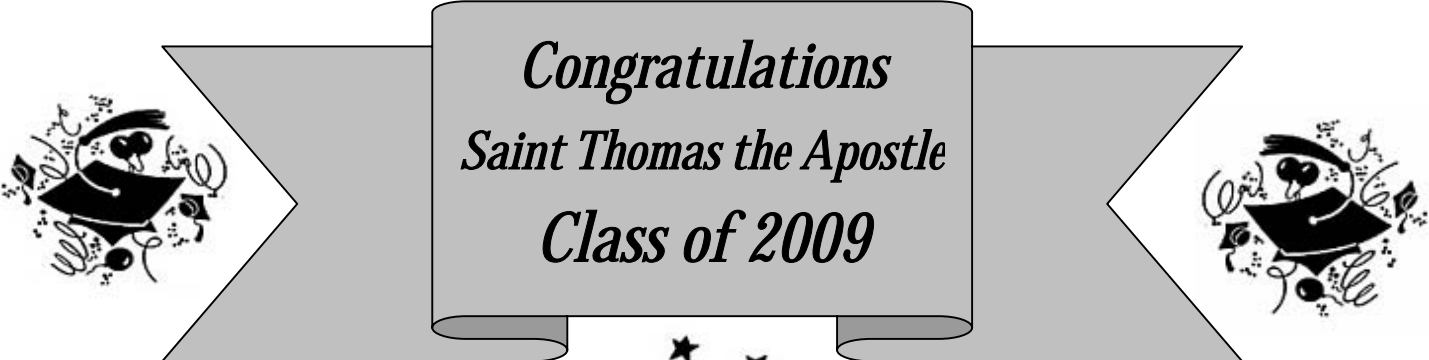
# *Saint Thomas the Apostle*

*Roman Catholic Church*

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## *Congratulations* *Saint Thomas the Apostle* *Class of 2009*



*Paolo Bacalzo*

*Joseph Calandra*

*Michael Callori*

*Francis Cianci*

*Andrew Conte*

*Nicholas Creer*

*Stephanie DaSilva*

*Kevin Degnan*

*Alexander Duva*

*Katelyn Fatzler*

*Alexis Frederique*

*Michael Fusaro*



*Samantha Gartner*

*Brittney Georges*

*Alyssa Goodsier*

*Stephen Grzybacz*

*Victoria Hale*

*Tarajee Karriem*

*Robert Kyle*

*Colleen Larkin*

*Jianna Luongo*

*Reginald Malaluan*

*Michael Marchitello*

*James Martinez*



*Jolynn Matos*

*Demel McDonald*

*Nicholas Mucci*

*Marisa Oliveros*

*Christian Ortiz*

*Ricardo Pena*

*Peter Radomski*

*Amanda Reid*

*Alyssa Joy Requillo*

*Hans Resurreccion*

*Morgan Sim*

*Joseph Weber*

*June 21, 2009*

*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Masses for the Week**

**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

**Monday, June 22**

7:30 am Mrs. Gilrane - Friend  
11:30 am Lottie Szajkowski - Daughters

**Tuesday, June 23**

7:30 am Thomas P. Mahon, Jr. - Mom  
11:30 am John & Mary Walters - Family

**Wednesday, June 24**

7:30 am John Robson - Friend  
11:30 am Fred Censullo - Friend

**Thursday, June 25**

7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Sedicino - Family  
11:30 am Mary Fagan - Family

**Friday, June 26**

7:30 am Peter Rohan, Sr.  
11:30 am Edward L. Post, Jr. - Wife

**Saturday, June 27**

8:30 am Joseph Cuba - Friend

**Sunday, June 28**

**Saturday, June 27**

5:00 pm Frank Lee, Jr. - Family

**Sunday, June 28**

7:30 am For the people of the Parish  
9:00 am Glenn J. Stickles - Friend  
10:30 am Rose Nisivoccia  
12:00 pm Edward L. Post, Jr. - Brother

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

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

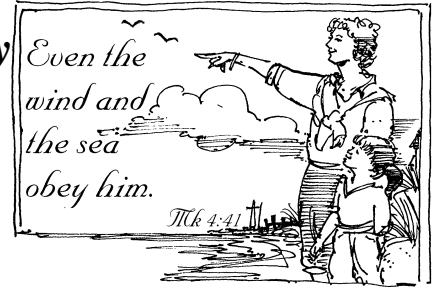
**REST IN PEACE:**

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

Church: David & Donald Stefanelli

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

**12th Sunday  
in  
Ordinary  
Time**



For those who do not participate in weekday Masses, today marks the obvious return to Ordinary Time. These Sundays are a time to celebrate the continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

The readings plunge us back into our semicontinuous reading of the Gospel according to Mark and 2 Corinthians, which we left off back in February.

**THE FIRST READING** is a dramatic passage from the end of Job, when after all the questioning of Job and his friends, God speaks and asserts the divine power, so far beyond human understanding. In God's eyes, the sea is just an unruly child, which God wraps in swaddling bands of clouds and darkness. God is in total control of the elements, setting limits for each which they may not pass.

**RESPONSORIAL PSLAM 107** takes us to the seas, where sailors are privileged witnesses to God's wonders, but where they also encounter incredible dangers. When they pray to God, he stills the mounting waves and hushes the storm winds.

**THE SECOND READING** from 2 Corinthians emphasizes that Christ's death and Resurrection brought about a new order of things: new priorities, new values. Because Christ died, "all have died" (2 Corinthians 5:14), as Paul says matter-of-factly. What an incredible statement! Through our participation in Christ's death, we have become a "new creation" (5:17). Christians must look at other people in a whole new way--"we regard no one according to the flesh" (5:16).

**THE GOSPEL** according to Mark finds the disciples in the position of the sailors in the psalm. These experienced fishermen know how to handle a boat, but the situation has become more than they can manage. The waves are swamping the boat, while Jesus sleeps peacefully on a cushion. At the cry of his disciples, Jesus stills the waves, quiets the storm, and then asks, "Do you not yet have faith?" (Mark 4:40). The incident leads the disciples to a deeper understanding of who Jesus really is, as they ask themselves, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (4:41).

Happy Dad's day!



Sunday, June 21, 2009



### PLEASE NOTE

The new Parish Center office hours are:

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

### SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

### USE GIFT CARDS!!

Thank you for supporting the school by the purchasing Shop Rite Gift cards in the church vestibule. We will be taking a break from selling them after Masses for the summer. We look forward to seeing you again in the Fall

### *Session Dates for Baptism 2009*

#### CATECHESIS PREPARATION

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

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

#### BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

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 - 6/22

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

##### Thursday - 6/25

SCC Friday - 6:30pm in St. Peter  
SCC Thursday - 7:00pm in St. Matthew

##### Sunday - 6/28

SCC Friday - 7:00pm in St. Peter

### THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER WELCOMES FR. ANDREW

Drop in to the Parish Center Sunday after the 9 and 10:30 am Masses and welcome Fr. Andrew to St. Thomas.

The Holy Name Society will be providing coffee and snacks at our last Coffee and Conversation 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: \$17,162**  
**AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK: \$22,000**

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

Want to skip writing checks to St. Thomas each week? Sign up for our electronic giving program. Once a month your gift to the parish is automatically charged to your designated credit or debit card. It's convenient and totally secure. Call the parish center to request information.

### Bereavement Session

**Sunday, June 28, 2009**  
**in the St. Thomas Room in the parish center**  
**Please note summer session will be held on Sunday morning, 10:30am - 12:00 Noon**

**THEME: SIGNS OF NEW LIFE**

**Please call Sister Arleen with any questions at 973-338-9190**

~ ~ *September Club Travel* ~ ~



**The September Club is planning a trip to Villa Roma, Catskills, NY, September 21-25, 2009.**

**Why not join us for some fun.**  
**If interested, please call for particulars.**  
**V. Jean Molinaro, 973-777-2278.**

**ACT OF CONSECRATION  
TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

*ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE*

To the Sacred Heart of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I give myself and I consecrate my person and my life, my actions, pains, and sufferings, so that I may be unwilling to make use of any part of my being other than to honor, love, and glorify the Sacred Heart.

This is my unchanging purpose, namely, to be all his and to do all things for the love of him, at the same time renouncing with all my heart whatever is displeasing to him. I therefore take you, O Sacred Heart, to be the only object of my love, the guardian of my life, my assurance of salvation, the remedy of my weakness and inconstancy, the atonement for all the faults of my life, and my sure refuge at the hour of death.

Be then, O Heart of goodness, my justification before God the Father, and turn away from me the strokes of his righteous anger. O Heart of love, I put all my confidence in you, for I fear everything from my own wickedness and frailty, but I hope for all things from your goodness and bounty.

Remove from me all that can displease you or resist your holy will; let your pure love imprint your image so deeply upon my heart that I shall never be able to forget you or to be separated from you.

May I obtain from your loving kindness the grace of having my name written in your heart, for in you I desire to place all my happiness and glory, living and dying in bondage to you.

**Concluding Prayer**

Father, we honor the heart of your Son,  
broken by our cruelty,  
yet symbol of love's triumph,  
pledge of all that we are called to be.  
Teach us to see Christ in the lives we touch  
and to offer him living worship  
by love-filled service to our brothers and sisters.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**June 19, 2009 Begins the Year of the Priest  
A Prayer for Priests**

O my God, help those priests who are faithful to remain faithful; to those who are falling, stretch forth Your Divine Hand that they may grasp it as their support.

In the great ocean of Your mercy, lift those poor unfortunate ones who have fallen, that being engulfed therein they may receive the grace to return to Your Great Loving Heart. Amen.

***Precious Blood of Jesus protect them!***

**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.

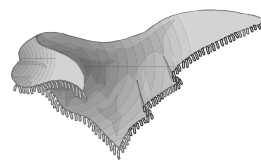
**Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program**

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  
THIS WEEKEND**

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

***The Prayer Shawl Ministry***



An energy saving decision has been made: our ministry will meet on Sunday afternoon, July 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM to 12 Noon instead of 1pm to 3pm. 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***

## 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.



**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.**

**ALL BULLETIN ENTRIES FOR THE  
JULY 5TH BULLETIN  
MUST BE SUBMITTED  
TO THE PARISH CENTER BY  
TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH AT 10:00 A.M.**



### **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.



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

### **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



### **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.**



### **Right to Life**

For fathers who are struggling to support their families, that God bless them with peace of mind, a hopeful heart, and the strength of will to persevere;

***We pray to the Lord***

**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  
Can't get away for Retreat?  
Consider an...  
At Home Summer Retreat**



**Monday, July 13 - Thursday, July 16**

**or**

**Monday, August 24 - Thursday, August 27**

Many people can not get away for a weekend for a variety of reasons yet desire to experience a weekend Retreat.

This "At Home Retreat" provides you with being guided in the same manner as being away at a retreat house. Each day you will meet privately with your spiritual director, be given specific prayer exercises and "surprises" from our Generous God.

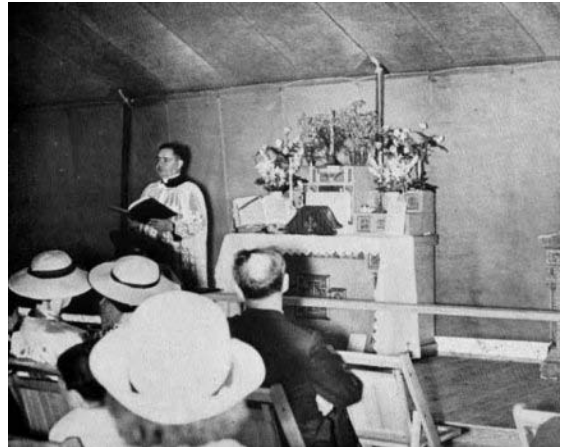
**For information call: Anna Graziano-973-338-9538**

**Blast  
from the  
Past**

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

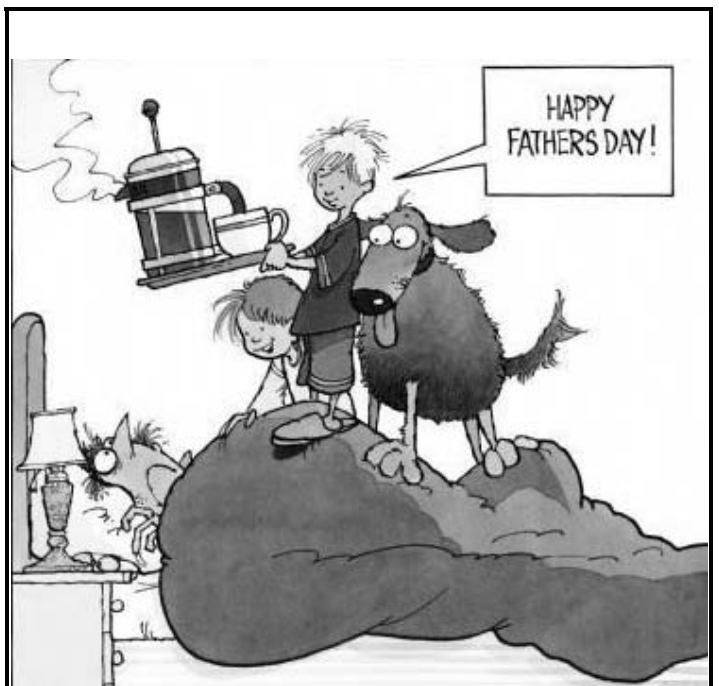
Well, June 17, 1939, Father Thomas J. Herron received the letter designating him pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

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 "tenter" 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](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com)



Yikes!