

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 & 7:30pm

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

July 5, 2009 . 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, July 5

Saturday, July 4

5:00 pm Glenn Stickles - Friends

Sunday, July 5

7:30 am Regina Zimmerman - Family

9:00 am For the people of the Parish

10:30 am Edward L. Post, Jr. - Family

12:00 pm Estelle Horoschak - Daughter

Monday, July 6

7:30 am Deceased Members of McIntyre Family - Bequest

11:30 am Eleanor & Carmine D'Allegro - Son

Tuesday, July 7

7:30 am Lena Moribaldi - Cousin

11:30 am Irene Quigley - Cousin

Wednesday, July 8

7:30 am Edith I. Barraro - Friend

11:30 am Margaret Tozzi - Friend

Thursday, July 9

7:30 am Joseph Pettoni - Family

11:30 am Henry & Dolores Wurts - Daughter

Friday, July 10

7:30 am Thomas Greenfields - Family

11:30 am Joseph Ciuba - Friend

Saturday, July 11

8:30 am Lucy Cianci - Friend

Sunday, July 12

Saturday, July 11

5:00 pm Robert Carter - Friend

Sunday, July 12

7:30 am Emidio Di Michele - Family

9:00 am Ellen Briscoe - Family

10:30 am For the people of the Parish

12:00 pm Joseph F. Miller - Family



**14th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time**

By our Baptism, we are called to be prophets, part of a "holy nation, a royal priesthood, a people set apart" (Peter 2.9). Today's scriptures tell us that it's not going to be easy.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel becomes a prophet at the sound of God's voice. A thankless task lies before him: the people to whom he is going are rebels, hard and obstinate. They may listen, or they may not; but "they shall know that a prophet has been among them" (Ezekiel 2:5).

RESPONSORIAL PSLAM 123: We hear the voice of the prophets, who obey God's word, but who are treated with contempt by the proud and arrogant.

IN THE SECOND READING, God's message meets with opposition not from without, but from within. Paul struggles with "a thorn in the flesh... an angel of Satan" (2 Corinthians 12:7). He begs to be freed from this trial, but the Lord tells him: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (12:9). For the reluctant prophets among us, these are reassuring words. In spite of our weaknesses - in fact, through and in our weakness - God can touch those around us.

THE GOSPEL: Last week, Jesus worked two wonders of healing; this week, he brings his glad tidings to his own native place and finds the people unwilling to listen to him. They know that they are hearing something extraordinary: "Where did this man get all this?" (Mark 6:2) they ask. Although they recognize his wisdom, they do not allow it to touch their hearts. These are the people Jesus grew up with - his own family and friends, those who should know him best; and they reject him. No wonder Jesus is amazed at their lack of faith. This is the only place in the Gospel where it says that Jesus "was not able" (6:5). Without their faith, Jesus cannot work wonders among them. This passage foreshadows Jesus' approaching Passion, when even his disciples will desert him.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Madelyn Barker, Frank Korec, Paul Strickland, Franco & Fasone Families, John Walters, Jr.

REST IN PEACE:

Eileen Hunt

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Patrick J. Kelly

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

Prayer for Summer!

Dear God,

You made the four seasons. Each summer arrives as part of your perfect pattern and will, yet it is unique unto itself.

This summer, help me to see not only the enjoyment of vacations, but the joy of your will.

Help me to feel, not only the pleasure of the warm sun, but the contentment of a life guided by you.

Help me to know, not only the satisfaction of a project completed, but the fulfillment of a heart filled by you.

Help me to see you in all things, Lord, in all the seasons of life you give us.
~ AMEN

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

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 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.



PLEASE NOTE
 The NEW Parish Center
 office hours are:
 Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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: \$16,255
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 info.

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



Chase Matthew Butler
Parents: Christina (Dinallo) & Rory Butler

Carly Ann Del Pizzo
Parents: Maria (Della Fera) & John Del Pizzo

Cooper Johnny-Ray Forhan-Stallone
Parents: Cathy-Ann (Forhan) & Ricky Stallone

Nicholas Salvatore Lenord Galifi
Parents: Buffie (Lee) & John Carlos Galifi

Jackson Tomasz Jucha
Parents: Joanne (Colosi) & Janusz Jucha

Samantha Ann McCulloch
Parents: Laurie (Venezia) & Clifford McCulloch

Jillian Marie Petretti
Parents: Janice (Palme) & Charles Petretti

Moving?



Please let us know.
 Within the parish – to update new address
 Out of parish – to discontinue mailings
Please call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 7/6
 September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
 Summer CCD Begins – 9:00am in STA School

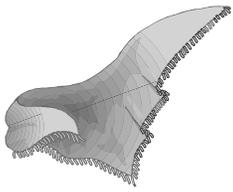
Thursday – 7/9
 SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter
 SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew



Free Ministry to Traveling Catholics for Nationwide Mass
Times and Locations
Call 1-410-676-6000
or visit www.masstimes.org

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE



An energy saving decision has been made: our ministry will meet on Sunday afternoon, July 19th, 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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will stop for the summer months and return again after Labor Day.

We would like to thank the team, parents and children who participated this past year.

Have a safe summer and we will see you in September.



Going Fishing

Monday, August 31, 2009

On the Mi - Jo II Atlantic Highlands, NJ



Cost: \$50 per person - includes bait, rod and reel

Send your check payable to St. Thomas the Apostle with your name(s) and phone number and drop off at Parish Center. Reserve your spot now as space is limited

For further info, contact Parish Center 973-338-9190 or Frank Diveny 973-748-0519.



**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.**

Bereavement Session

SUNDAY, August 2, 2009

at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Thomas Room
in the parish center

**THEME: VOICES OF GRIEF
VOICES OF HEALING**

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

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.

~ ~ September Club Travel ~ ~

VILLA ROMA
Resort and Conference Center

**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.**



LOST AND FOUND BOXES ARE LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AS WELL AS IN THE PARISH CENTER. THERE ARE READING GLASSES, GLOVES, ETC. STOP BY TO SEE IF ANYTHING MAY BELONG TO YOU.

Are you missing house keys or car keys???
Our Lost and Found box in the Parish Center has many key sets that were found in church.



*In our own trials, and standing
alongside others in their struggles,
we glimpse the essence of our
humanity, we become, as it were,
more human.*

--Pope Benedict XVI,
Address in Amman, Jordan, May 8, 2009

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.



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



Right to Life

For our nation:
That the right to life of every human being
From conception to natural death
Will again be protected in our laws;

We pray to the Lord

POEM TO PONDER

I was confused and bewildered as I entered its door.
Not by the beauty of it all, nor the light or its décor.
But it was the folks in it who made me sputter & gasp -
The thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics & the trash.
There stood the kid from 7th grade who swiped my lunch
twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor who never said anything
nice.
Herb, who I always thought was sitting pretty on cloud
nine, looking incredibly well.
I nudged Jesus, what's the deal? I would love to hear your
take.
How'd all these sinners end up here? God must've made a
mistake.
And why's everyone so quiet, so somber? Give me a clue.
"Hush child," he said, "they're all in shock. No one
thought they'd be seeing you!

JUDGE NOT

Remember... Just going to church doesn't make you a
Christian any more than standing in a garage make
you a car.

*Every Saint has a PAST.
Every sinner has a FUTURE.*

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!

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

HEALTH MATTERS

Did you know?

Small Changes can make a BIG difference.

Did you know that apples are more effective at waking you up in the morning than caffeine or that you actually burn more calories when you sleep than when you watch TV?

Did you know that laughter can improve your mood, reduce stress, help fight infection, and reduce pain?

FROM HEALTH & WELLNESS TIPS, BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD

BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS:

The Bloomfield Department of Health & Human Services is proud to announce the arrival of the Essex County Welfare Mobile Office Van. This state-of-the-art van contains a reception room and three offices so that Essex County personnel can visit Bloomfield and directly serve the residents in a professional and confidential manner. Applications can be taken and processed for the following:

- Food Stamp program
- Medicaid programs (e.g. Family Care)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- Other helpful programs

The van will be stationed in the Bloomfield Township Municipal lot on a monthly basis. To inquire about obtaining an appointment or for more information, please contact the Bloomfield Human Services Division at 973-680-4017. Limited slots are available.

Division of Human Services
One Municipal Plaza - Room 213, Bloomfield, NJ



Appliances - Many stores will recycle your old appliance when you purchase a new one. Goodwill accepts working appliances. God to www.goodwill.org, or you can contact the Steel Recycling

Institute to recycle them at www.recycle-steel.org.

Athletic shoes - One World Running will send still-wearable shoes to athletes in need in Africa, Latin America, and Haiti: www.oneworldrunning.com. Nike's Reuse-a-shoe program turns old shoes into playground and athletic flooring: www.nikereuseashoe.com.

Sign up!

If you are presently not on our mailing list, receiving envelopes and the various parish mailings, chances are that you are not a registered member of our parish. You are not automatically a registered member because you were married here, if you were brought up here and lived in the parish with your parents—or went to school here. Membership is by formal registration only. Just call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190 and let us know that you wish to register and the registration form will be mailed to you. Thank you.