

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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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 & 7:30pm

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  
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1(800) CCS-7413  
Fax: 596-3735

July 12, 2009 . 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**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

**Monday, July 13**

7:30 am Vincent A. Scaringello - Friend

11:30 am Andrew Jemison - Cousin

**Tuesday, July 14**

7:30 am Isabel Del Rosario - Friend

11:30 am Frances & Louis Ferraro - Family

**Wednesday, July 15**

7:30 am Carl J. Tuosto - Wife & Children

11:30 am Joseph Michalek - Wife

**Thursday, July 16**

7:30 am Peter Messina - Friends

11:30 am Marie Mairella - Friend

**Friday, July 17**

7:30 am Roberta Madden - Friend

11:30 am Joseph Ciuba - Family

**Saturday, July 18**

8:30 am Elizabeth Molnar (22nd Anniv.) - Family

**Sunday, July 19**

**Saturday, July 18**

5:00 pm Joseph Powers

**Sunday, July 19**

7:30 am Stephen E. Michalek, Sr. - Wife

9:00 am Anna D. Wagner

10:30 am Bridget C. Ryan

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

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

**REST IN PEACE:**

Fred Calenda, Joseph Frequenza, John V. Cicero, Rev.  
Robert Mc Knight, Domenico Farro, Loretta Hasse  
Sr. Margarite MacLelland

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Thomas E. Dellare



*15th Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time*

In today's readings we hear that God doesn't always call the most likely candidates to speak his word.

**FIRST READING:** Amaziah speaks disdainfully to Amos. Amaziah has excellent credentials: he is priest at the shrine of Bethel, one of the most ancient holy sites for the people of Israel, the place where Jacob dreamed of a ladder reaching to heaven. With grand contempt, Amaziah orders Amos to be off and not dare to prophesy in a *royal* temple. Amos replies with equal pride. He is not a prophet as Amaziah understands the term; he is not a member of any guild or party of prophets. He was a humble shepherd and "dresser of sycamores" (Amos 7:14), whom the Lord called to speak to his people Israel. Amos is a free agent, not part of organized religion, as it were.

**RESPONSORIAL PSLAM 85:** We open our ears to hear what the Lord has to say (see 85:9). It's a wonderful message: kindness and truth meet; justice and peace embrace.

**SECOND READING:** We begin a semicontinuous reading from Ephesians. This is the beautiful introductory passage. Whether you choose the long form or the short form, the reading connects nicely with the other scriptures for today, as Paul gives thanks to God for having chosen us and detined us for glory. Paul praises the people of Ephesus, who did not close their ears to the message, but who "heard the word of truth" (Ephesians 1:13) and believed in the Gospel. We who have been called now "exist for the praise of his glory" (1:12): our very being is a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

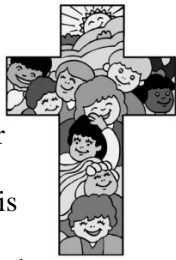
**GOSPEL:** We hear Mark's account of the sending of the Twelve. Jesus sends them forth, two by two, to do exactly what he has done: cast out demons, heal the sick, and preach repentance. They are to travel light. They are not even to take a change of clothes. It is not that the apostles won't need anything, but by not providing for themselves, they are trusting in the Lord and in the kindness of strangers to provide for them. That must have been a difficult act of faith for these men used to earning their keep. Even harder, perhaps, is how they are to respond when people disagree with them. They are not to argue it out or to become angry; they are simply to walk away. Two thousand years later, the followers of Christ don't find that advice any easier to follow.

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

**SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS**

**Religious Education News**

Vacation Bible School has come to an end and over eighty children had a great time learning more about Jesus and His love for us. Special thanks to all the incredible volunteers who work so hard to pull off this fun week for our children. Year after year families return and now we have children who were once in the program helping to run the program! The Vacation Bible School family has lots of energetic helpers and we thank God for each of them – Kathy Monacelli, Courtney Bizub, Nancy McLaughlin, Melanie McLaughlin, Jillian McLaughlin, Nina McLaughlin, Joey Stefanik, Shannon Rennie, Allie Brinka, Caitlyn Dye, Lauren Fitzgerald, Lauren Podkul, and Gail Bretz. We also thank the countless Confirmation candidates and young adults and moms who got up early each morning and spent the day helping out with the kids!



Fall CCD begins Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have not registered your child yet please call the Religious Ed office at 973-338-7400. All students need to re-register each year.

***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.

**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**



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

*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*

***Samantha Ann Cantalupo***

*Parents: Susanne (Lo Monte) & Michael Cantalupo*

***Gabriella Rose Lopez-Diaz***

*Parents: Christine (Baczynskyj) & Fernando Lopez-Diaz*

**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.

**JUNE 28 COLLECTION: \$16,255**  
**JULY 5 COLLECTION: \$15,888**  
**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.

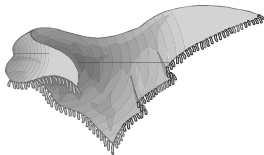
**"THIS WEEK"**

**Thursday – 7/16**

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

## 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 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*

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word has paused for the summer months and will 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**

## 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.

**Sands**<sup>®</sup>  
CASINO · RESORT | BETHLEHEM

The September Club is planning a bus trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA for August 19, 2009.

Cost is \$19 per person.

Please call Jean for details at 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.



## HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL RETREAT

THE MEN'S RETREAT AT SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE, WHERE GOD AND SEA COME TOGETHER, IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 25-27.



SINCE THE CHURCH IS CELEBRATING THE 2000<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE, THE THEME FOR THE 2009 RETREAT IS THE LIFE, MINISTRY AND LETTERS OF ST. PAUL.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SPENDING THIS MOST ENJOYABLE AND SPIRITUALLY SIGNIFICANT WEEKEND AT THE NEW JERSEY SHORE SHOULD CONTACT FRANK HELMSTETTER AT 973-339-5872.

## 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*

## 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.

## 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.

**MORNING OF REFLECTION  
For Women of Wisdom (WOW) of our Parish**

THEME: A Listening Heart  
WHEN: Saturday, October 24, 2009  
WHERE: St. Thomas Parish Center  
TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch is included  
Suggested Donation: \$6.00

Please call Sister Arleen with any questions at  
973.338.9190 ex. 34

**Ministry of Spiritual Direction  
Can't get away for Retreat?  
Consider an...  
At Home Summer Retreat**



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

Many people cannot 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?
- Did you know 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. Go to [www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org), or you can contact the Steel Recycling Institute to recycle them at [www.recycle-steel.org](http://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](http://www.oneworldrunning.com). Nike's Reuse-a-shoe program turns old shoes into playground and athletic flooring: [www.nikereuseashoe.com](http://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.