

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

Rectory/Parish Center: (973) 338-9190 . Fax: (973) 338-4224 . Religious Education: (973) 338-7400
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Rev. Charles J. Miller, M. Div., Pastor

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Philip A. Sanders, S.T.B. • Rev. Andrew N. Onyemaobi, M.Div., M.A.
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
SERVICES
OFFERING SOCIAL
SERVICE ASSISTANCE
1(800) CCS-7413
Fax: 596-3735

July 19, 2009 . 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, July 20

7:30 am Dolores Losgar - Daughter
11:30 am Anna Korec (9th Anniv.) - Family

Tuesday, July 21

7:30 am Jean Di Tonto - Friend
11:30 am Patrick Martorano - Wife

Wednesday, July 22

7:30 am Mary Roberts - Family
11:30 am Alice Ferraer - Rosarians

Thursday, July 23

7:30 am Deceased Members of the Klenk Family -
Bequest
11:30 am Lois Canavan - Friend

Friday, July 24

7:30 am Domenick Garramone - Friends
11:30 am Maureen Hennicke - Friend

Saturday, July 25

8:30 am Anna Korec (90th Birthday) - Family

Sunday, July 26

Saturday, July 25
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, July 26

7:30 am Carol Ann Longo - Sister
9:00 am Peter J. Huryk - Friends
10:30 am Ralph Del Pizzo - Friends
12:00 pm Eleanor McGrath - Friend

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Olga Mitrenga, Barbara Palek, Bill Frunzi
Frank Korec, Paul Strickland, Franco & Fasone Families,

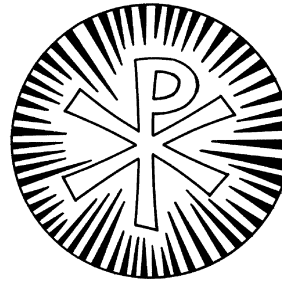
REST IN PEACE:

Nicholas Siccone, Benny C. Gruttadauria,
Samantha Michele Nash

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Sarah Edelen **Rectory:** Domenico Farro

On July 5, 2009, the Church candle burned for:
Patrick J. Kelly



*16th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time*

Jesus invites his disciples away for some time of reflection and quiet, but by the time they arrive, the place is thronged with people. The disciples never get to make their peaceful retreat with Jesus. Maybe this week will offer you an opportunity to take Jesus up on that invitation from long ago.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah begins with a curse: "Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture" (Jeremiah 23:1). Through his prophet, God condemns the leaders of Israel who have failed to care for the people. God promises to bring his flock to a wholesome meadow (Jeremiah's hearers would have understood this as a promise to bring them out of their exile in Babylon). The reading then moves into the promise of the messiah, who will be a "righteous shoot to David" (Jeremiah 23:5), a king who will govern them in justice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: A favorite, Psalm 23, follows, with its praise of the good shepherd.

SECOND READING: In Ephesians, Jesus is described as a peacemaker, and more: Paul says Jesus *is* our peace. The imagery is striking and complex. The law is like a wall that Jesus has broken down. In abolishing the separation between them, Jesus has made two people into one, in his own body.

GOSPEL: Jesus is tired. No wonder. He's been moving nonstop, calming the wind and the waves, healing, teaching, and casting out demons. Now he invites his disciples to come away and "rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). But word of his departure leaks out, and people start moving. When Jesus reaches the "deserted place" (6:32), he finds a "vast crowd" (6:34). The compassionate heart of Jesus is touched at once, and he changes his plans. These "sheep without a shepherd" (ibid.) need him, and he teaches them "many things" (ibid.).

Visit our website at:
www.stachurchbloomfield.com



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

**SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
PARISH SCHOOL**

50 BYRD AVENUE, BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003
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PK 3, PK 4, K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 7

Applications for **Grades 2 & 6**
are being accepted for a waiting list.

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Half-Day
Pre K 3 & 4**



**Full-Day
Kindergarten**

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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.

Lord, what about you and me?
I don't want to forget you
just because I'm off my normal school-year routine.
Keep close to me, Lord, and remind me
that my relationship with you
should never take a break.

Religious Education News



We thank all the incredible volunteers who helped make Summer CCD 2009 a huge success. Nearly 300 children experienced church tours with Sr. Arleen classes on the sacraments and church history with Frs. Tom and Philip, Christian music with Nancy McLaughlin, a special visit from Bishop Donato, and a teaching mass with Fr. Miller. The children were also able to organize a canned food drive for our own St. Thomas Food Pantry, a car wash to benefit St. Jude's Hospital, a walkathon to benefit a parish family, and a trip to the Community Food Bank of NJ in Hillside. There are too many volunteers to mention them all by name but we thank each and every one of them for their time and talent. Special thanks to our classroom teachers: Lorajeane Tice, Lisa Chagnon, Silvia Rosamilia, Deanna Rubino, Maria DeRosa, Bea Farrell, Elaine Montanari, Barbara Calluori, Judy White, Diane Mautone, Destiny Sica, Dina Pizzano, Jeannine Hanna, Mary Jo D'Allesandro, Mia Celluro, Lisa McCormack, Jeannie Aiello, Sharon Kievit, and Jeanne Caso. We couldn't have done it without you!

Important Reminder – All students need to register for Religious Education classes each year. If you have not done so yet for the Fall please call our office at 338-7400. Classes for the Fall Session begin on Monday, September 21st.

Have a wonderful, relaxing summer!

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

**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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: \$18,858
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 for more info.

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 7/20

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Thursday – 7/23

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

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.

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 at 7:00 a.m.

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. **Get your deposit in now as space is limited**

For further info, call Parish Center 973-338-9190, Frank Diveny 973-748-0519 or Jim McKittrick 973-338-3145.



OUR LOST AND FOUND BOX IS LOCATED IN THE PARISH CENTER THERE ARE LOTS OF KEYS, READING GLASSES, GLOVES, ETC. STOP BY TO SEE IF ANYTHING MAY BELONG TO YOU.

Bereavement Session

SUNDAY, August 2, 2009

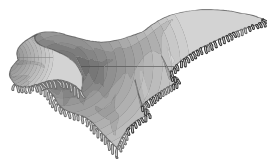
at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Thomas Room
in the parish center

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

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

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*

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 2000TH 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.

**MORNING OF REFLECTION
For Women of Wisdom 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

**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.

~ ~ September Club Travel ~ ~



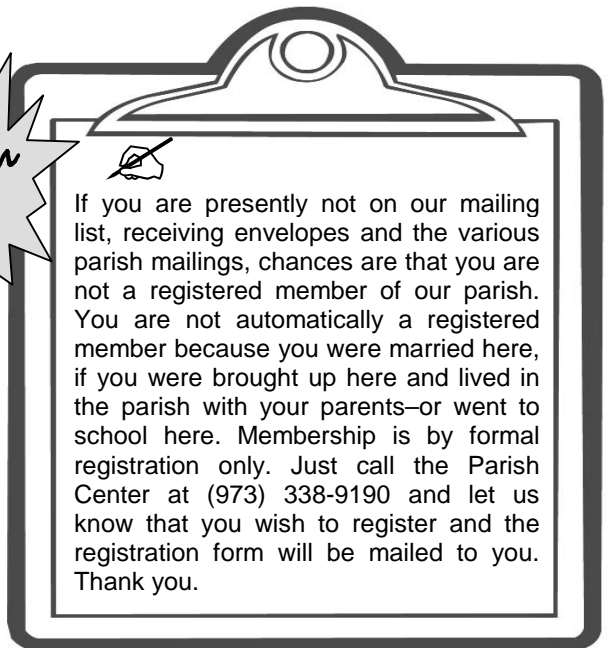
The September Club is planning a trip to Villa Roma, Catskills, NY, September 21-25, 2009.

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



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



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.



Right to Life

For couples struggling with infertility:
That God may bless them with children through adoption or by curing their infertility through morally sound treatments;

We pray to the Lord

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.



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.

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

June 19, 2009 Began the Year of the Priest

A Prayer for Priests

In this Year of the Priest, O God,
 We ask your blessing on those you have called to priestly ministry.
 May they, above all, be faithful and passionate followers of Your beloved Son, Jesus.
 May they be compassionate, as Jesus was, toward all who seek spiritual comfort and forgiveness.
 May they open wide their hearts to all in need of Your merciful embrace.
 May they be teachers, as Jesus was, steeped in Your Word and teaching, on fire with it, and breaking it open for all who are hungry for Your holy and transforming Word.
 May they be prophets, as Jesus was, speaking courageously for what is right and true, proclaiming Your kingdom to all in need of Your grace and giving voice to all Your children, especially the poor and marginalized.
 May they be prayerful, as Jesus was, hearts burning within them and set upon You above all.
 From the rising of the sun to its setting, may they be the voice of praise and thanksgiving, and of faith, hope, and love to all in their care.
 St. John Vianney, beloved priest of God, pray for us and for all your brother priests.

AMEN

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

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, 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.