

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

August 9, 2009 . 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, August 9

Saturday, August 8

5:00 pm Ricky Rosetti - Friend

Sunday, August 9

7:30 am Bernardino Lepore - Friend

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Deceased members of the Vincent Connolly Family - Friend

12:00 pm Vincent A. Scaringello - Friend

Monday, August 10

7:30 am Deceased members of the McIntyre Family - Bequest

11:30 am Diana Panila - Friends

Tuesday, August 11

7:30 am Florence Jones - Friends

11:30 am Ferris Family - Family

Wednesday, August 12

7:30 am Anthony Giangrande, Sr. - Wife

11:30 am Fred & Amelia Reich - Friend

Thursday, August 13

7:30 am Stephen Fritz - Family

11:30 am Marjorie Burleigh - Friend

Friday, August 14

7:30 am Louis Occhetti - Family

11:30 am Edward L. Post, Jr. - Family

Saturday, August 15

8:30 am Veronica Kievit - Husband

Sunday, August 16

Saturday, August 15

5:00 pm Sal Nesto, Sr. - Wife & Family

Sunday, August 16

7:30 am Ann McGreavy - Friend

9:00 am Alphonso & Sally Niedzwiecki - Daughter

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Ellen Brady - Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Marlene Fischer,
Frank Korec, Paul Strickland, Franco & Fasone Families

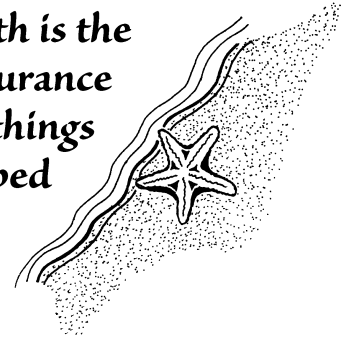
REST IN PEACE:

Estelle Jeanette Petitti, Mila Jesena,
Joan Horuzy, Cosmo Bocchini

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Joseph Foti
Rectory: Frederick Balma

Faith is the
assurance
of things
hoped
for.



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This is the third of five Sundays focused on Jesus as the bread of life.

FIRST READING: Elijah is walking in the footsteps of Moses, bound for Horeb, the mountain of God. He falters along the way, and sits under a tree, ready to die. His exclamation "I am no better than my fathers" might be read as, "I am not as good as those who came before me on this path—Moses and Joshua" (1 Kings 19:4). God's angel provides him with food, and urges him along. Elijah eats and obeys, and continues his symbolic journey. Forty days and nights bring him to the holy mountain, where he will encounter God not as his ancestors did—in terrifying fire, earthquake, and trumpet blast—but in a still, small voice, a tiny, whispering sound.

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**ASSUMPTION
OF MARY**

Saturday, August 15
A Holy day
Without Obligation
Mass: 8:30 a.m.

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That Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates Mary's entrance into heaven, body and soul. Mary is the first among the faithful to be fully redeemed because of her perpetually sinless state. Mary, because of her relationship to her Son, shares, through privileged anticipation, in the grace of the resurrection of the dead. Mary does not have to endure the suspension of eternal life until the resurrection of the dead.

The assumption of Mary was declared a dogma of faith to be believed by faithful Catholics, by Pope Pius XII on Nov. 1, 1950. The Solemnity is a holy day but *not* a holy day of obligation.

Visit our website at:
www.stachurchbloomfield.com



11 Exciting and Fun-Filled Days **October 26 to November 5, 2009**

INCLUDES

- Round Trip Bus Transportation
- Round Trip Scheduled Airline Flights
- First Class Hotel Accommodations
- Porterage & Baggage Handling at Hotels
 - Breakfast Daily
- Dinners as Indicated in the Full Itinerary
 - Professional Drivers / Guides
 - Orientation before Departure

\$2479 per/dbl. occ.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Paris City Tour
- Notre Dame - Arc de Triomphe- Eiffel Tower -
 Montmartre Artists - Sacré Coeur -
 River Boat Cruise on the Seine -
- Optional Tour of Palace of Versailles
 - Shrine of the Cure of Ars -
- Lyon the Gastronomical Capital of France -
 - Lourdes - the Grotto of Massabielle
- Visit Avignon - The Palace of the Popes
 See Provence - Beaux-de-Provence
 Optional Tour of Coast of Normandy
- Beaune - Capital of the Burgundy Wine Region
 Aries - Walk in Vincent Van Gogh's Footsteps

For Details & Color Brochure

Call: St. Thomas Church

973-338-9190



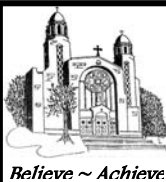
SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

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When you enroll your child, we enroll your family.



Openings in Grades

PK 3, PK 4, K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 7

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

**Full-Day or
Half-Day
Pre K 3 & 4**



**Full-Day
Kindergarten**

Middle States Accredited

Session Dates for Baptism 2009

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

August 16	10:30 a.m.
October 25	1:00 p.m.
December 6	1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

August 9	1:30 p.m.
August 30	1:30 p.m.
September 19	during 5:00 p.m. Mass
September 20	1:30 p.m.
October 11	1:30 p.m.
November 1	1:30 p.m.

Religious Education News

Important reminder for parents of children going into first grade...our sacramental program is a two year program which means that children must attend religious education in the first grade if they wish to receive the sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion in second grade. Please call the Religious Education Office at 338-7400 for a registration package. CCD classes begin the week of September 21st. Grades 5-8 meet on Mondays at 3:40 p.m. and grades 1-4 meet on Tuesdays at 3:40 p.m.

We are currently in need of first grade teachers. Please consider sharing your faith with a child, it will be an experience you will never forget. If interested call the Religious Education Office at 338-7400.

All CCD teachers mark your calendars for our Fall Teachers' Meeting on September 15th at 7:00 p.m. in Herron Hall. Books and other important information will be distributed at that time.



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: \$17,477
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.

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 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.

"THIS WEEK"

Thursday - 8/13

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

Monday - 8/15

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

St. Thomas the Apostle presents the...

A600 Club@

St. Thomas the Apostle and your Finance Committee invite you and your friends to participate in our 600 Club. You will find that this Club is better than State Lotteries, Casino Slots, or Bingo. Here is how it works...

Only 600 Tickets will be sold.

Prizes are as follows:

- First Prize is \$ 10,500.00 or 35% of tickets sold
- Second Prize is \$ 3,000.00 or 10% of tickets sold
- Third Prize is \$ 1500.00 or 5% of tickets sold

The Raffle will be held at the STA Parish Picnic on September 19, 2009

Application form

Reserve your ticket now.

_____ Ticket(s) for 600 Club @ \$ 50.00 each

Name or Names *(please print)*

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Address.....

Telephone ()

Make checks payable to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Winner need not be present to win. Send this form along with your check to:

St. Thomas the Apostle Church,
 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003
Attention: 600 Club

Ministry of Spiritual Direction

Can't get away for Retreat? Consider an...

At Home Summer Retreat

Monday, August 24 - Thursday, August 27

This "At Home Retreat" provides you with being guided in the same manner as being away at a re-treat 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

Adult Ed Events

Join Damon Owens on Sunday, September 20th, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., for full-day training in the *Theology of the Body for Teens* curriculum. Learn how this new program based on the teachings of John Paul II can provide your teens with the knowledge and understanding they desire concerning the meaning and purpose of human sexuality. This training is intended for Parents, High School teachers, DRE's, Clergy, Catechists, Youth Ministers, and anyone who works with teens or wants to learn more. The meeting will be held in the St. Peter's room. For more information contact Liliana Soto-Cabrera at 973.497.4353. Cost includes lunch and leaders guide. Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark.

Cost/Registration:

Before September 4th \$45 After September 4th \$55
Outside the Archdiocese \$55



HELP US LAUNCH GABRIEL 2

Calling all
High School Musicians

We are giving a new sound and voice to our Youth Music Ministry! Gabriel 2 has begun rehearsing - two guitarists and about 6 singers and percussion. We need YOUR voice and/or YOUR instrument [proficiency required] to help make a joyful [and rockin'] noise to the Lord! Please attend our next rehearsal. All are welcome!

► **REHEARSAL: THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH** ◀
7:00 p.m. in the Music Room - Parish Center.

If you plan to attend, please email Mr. Dennin at tdennin@att.net or call the music office at 973-338-9190 x-42, and leave a message for Nancy. Walk-ins are okay but not preferred! No commitment required.

We will be leading the singing for the first time as a new ensemble at 12:00 noon Mass on SUNDAY, AUGUST 16! Please mark your calendars. Plan to attend Mass even if you are not participating in the ensemble/choir!

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.

~ ~ September Club Travel ~ ~

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

If interested, please call for particulars.
V. Jean Molinaro, 973-777-2278.

We are also planning a bus trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA on August 19. Cost is \$19 per person.
Call Jean for details at 973.777.2278

RESPONSORIAL PSLAM 34 echoes the First Reading closely, as the "afflicted man" calls out to the Lord (34:7). Elijah tasted bread and water; the psalm invites us to "taste and see" the Lord's goodness (refrain).

SECOND READING: Ephesians gives a sad catalogue of the kind of behavior by which we not only hurt each other but "grieve" the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30). We are to be compassionate and forgiving—Christ-like. We may sometimes respond as Elijah did, feeling unworthy to follow in the footsteps of Christ, but as God's beloved children, we must pick ourselves up again and trust in God to provide.

THE GOSPEL carries us deeper into the Bread of Life discourse. We begin to see that the new bread from heaven is at the very heart of the mystery. No one can come to Jesus, the bread of life, unless God the Father first draws him. To Jesus' listeners, familiar with stories of God feeding his chosen ones, the idea of bread from heaven was familiar—comfortable. But at the end of the reading, Jesus says, "the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (John 6:51), which may have made them uncomfortable. In the readings for the next two Sundays we will ask the same question that the people of Capernaum ask: *How can this man give us his flesh to eat?*