

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

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MUSIC MINISTRIES:
Nancy A. Cardone

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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 16, 2009 . 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, August 17

7:30 am Charles J. Suter - Friend

11:30 am Salvatore Calandra - Wife

Tuesday, August 18

7:30 am Edna A. Carlos - Bequest

11:30 am Joseph Simeone - Children

Wednesday, August 19

7:30 am Connie Corliss - Aunt

11:30 am Richard Adrian Sause - Wife & Family

Thursday, August 20

7:30 am Joseph Gilberto - Friends

11:30 am John Ferraro - Sister

Friday, August 21

7:30 am Jaime Colores, Jr. - Brother

11:30 am Anthony Nicosia - Friend

Saturday, August 22

8:30 am Margaret O'Keefe - Family

Sunday, August 23

Saturday, August 22

5:00 pm Amalia Pendas

Sunday, August 23

7:30 am Catherine Caputo (20th Anniv.) - Sisters

9:00 am Margaret Helm - Daughter

10:30 am James Sandella - Friend

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

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

REST IN PEACE:

Russell Monticello, Sr. Alma Virginia Maloney,
Sr. Marita Joseph Finn, Sr. Patrice Marie Moran

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Anna Saporito
Rectory: Rafael Tobias Noriega



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Try to understand” (Ephesians 5:17). These words from today’s Second Reading summarize the readings and prayers for this Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

FIRST READING: The readings today are all about understanding. In the wonderfully poetic First Reading from Proverbs, God’s wisdom is personified as a wealthy woman, who has built a grand house and spread a magnificent feast inside. She sends out her “maidens” (Proverbs 9:3) to invite the people in, and she herself goes to the heights and calls out to the whole city. She calls out to the whole city. She calls those who are “simple” (9:4) to come and taste her food and drink her wine. To share in this banquet is to “advance in the way of understanding” (9:6).

RESPONSORIAL PSLAM 34 also extends an invitation to “taste and see” (34:9) the Lord’s goodness.

SECOND READING: THE Ephesians are warned not to rest on their laurels—they have faith, but they need to live that faith worthily. They must continually “try to understand what is the will of the Lord” (Ephesians 5:17). They are to pass their days not in drunkenness, but in joyful gatherings in which they sing of God’s goodness. In community, they will find what they need to nourish their faith and make it grow.

GOSPEL: We delve deeper and deeper in the Eucharistic mystery. “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” the people ask (John 6:52). The word *flesh* scares them. Spirit is spirit, and flesh is flesh; Jesus seems to be mixing up the two. Jesus does not back down. Instead, he insistently repeats the words *flesh* and *blood*, *eat* and *drink* (6:54–56). This kind of eating and drinking leads to spiritual results. The one who eats this bread has “life” (6:53), then “eternal life,” (6:54). They will share in the resurrection on the “last day” (6:54—an abiding life in Jesus himself, a life which comes from the Father). Like Wisdom in the first reading today, Jesus issues an invitation to a banquet. We are free to accept or refuse.

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.

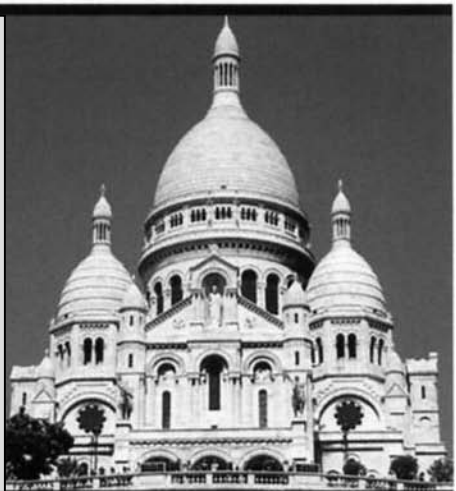
HIGHLIGHTS

- 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



Tour Info
Meeting
 Open to All!
 Saturday, Aug 9
 at 1:30pm in
 Parish Center



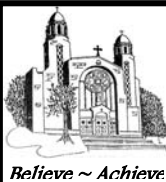
SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

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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 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.

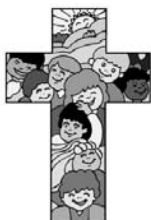
Religious Education News

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: \$17,693
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 by August 20th
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"

Monday - 8/17

September Club - 11:30am in St. Peter

Thursday - 8/20

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

St. Thomas the Apostle presents the...

“600 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 \$ 1,500.00 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

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

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.



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



**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE
SEPTEMBER 27, 2009
8:00am to 2:00pm in Herron Hall**

It's time to begin to think about giving blood. If you have never given, please consider this a gift for life. There are four and a half million Americans who would die each year without life saving blood transfusions. Think about it, pray about it, and if you are able to donate, remember the date!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

-- REMINDER -- HOLY NAME SOCIETY

THE AARP AND THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY'S AARP DRIVER'S SAFETY PROGRAM (FORMALLY THE 55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVERS PROGRAM) IS SCHEDULED FOR **AUGUST 18, AND 19, 2009** FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTER.

**THIS IS A SOLD OUT EVENT.
NO NEW REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED.**

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish "Welcome Back from the Summer"



Saturday, September 19th

**2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
in Vassar Field behind St. Thomas**

FOOD:

From Vinnie's Pizza -

Pizza, sandwiches
(meatball & eggplant parm, sausage & peppers)
Pasta (penne vodka & ravioli),
Soda & Water.

From Philippine community -

Hot dogs, burgers, and other food from the grill.

Picnic Treats -

Ice cream, popcorn, cotton candy.

\$1 tickets for food

There will be different prices,
example 2 tickets for pizza or 1 ticket for water, etc.
so buy multiple tickets.
Beer will be cash-only.

GAMES:

Traditional Picnic Style Games and Bingo

ADVANCE SALE TICKETS FOR FOOD

15 tickets for \$10

Picnic day face value: 10 tickets for \$10

ADVANCE SALE TICKETS TO BE SOLD...

Weekends of, Aug. 22/ 23 and Sept. 5/ 6 & 12/13
After all Masses except the 7:30 a.m. Masses

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WORK...

the games, the cash booth,
bingo, raffles and selling food, soda & water.

**CALL PAUL ALONGI 973-338-4665
OR THE PARISH CENTER 973-338-9190.**