

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.

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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 23, 2009 . 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, August 24

7:30 am Theresa Di Palo - Friends
11:30 am Connie Corliss - Aunt

Tuesday, August 25

7:30 am Marie Lataro - Family
11:30 am Robert Olson (3rd Anniv.) - Family

Wednesday, August 26

7:30 am John Heeney - Wife
11:30 am Gertrude M. Norton - Bequest

Thursday, August 27

7:30 am Robert Westerfield - Daughter
11:30 am Kathleen Lataro - Family

Friday, August 28

7:30 am Tullia Ferrucci - Family
11:30 am Antonette De Lorenzo - Daughters

Saturday, August 29

8:30 am Angela Saucelli - Friend

Sunday, August 30

Saturday, August 29
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, August 30

7:30 am Anthony Nicosia - Friend
9:00 am Bernard & Catherine Healy - Family
10:30 am Rose Nisivoccia - Friend
12:00 pm Alfonso Londono - Grandchildren

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Harry Shaw, Frank Korec,
Paul Strickland, Franco & Fasone Families

REST IN PEACE:

Mary Stewart, Mae Keeley, Elda Maggio
Sr. Mary Catherine Brennan

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Martine La Bruzzo

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



In Leonardo da Vinci's famous representation of the Last Supper, Jesus is the calm center in a storm of activity. His apostles lean away from him; some have jumped up from their seats, others whisper among themselves. This scene is echoed in today's Gospel. Jesus comes to the conclusion of the Bread-of-Life discourse, and many cannot accept it; some of his disciples leave him. The Eucharist is challenging on every level—mind, spirit, and body—and it demands a response.

FIRST READING: The reading from Joshua marks a turning point in the history of the chosen people. They have taken possession of the Promised Land, and at last there is peace. Before he dies, Joshua urges them to make a decision. Will they continue to serve the Lord? Or will they follow other gods? "As for me and my household," he says in the memorable phrase, "we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). The people also commit themselves to be faithful to God's covenant.

OUR RESPONSORIAL is the same as the last two weeks, providing another link among these bread-of-life Sundays (Psalm 34).

GOSPEL: We hear of another turning point—this time, in the ministry of Jesus. His teaching on the bread of life has alienated many of his disciples. "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" they ask (John 6:60). Jesus tells them that acceptance of this statement is a matter of grace. Jesus asks the Twelve whether they, too, wish to leave him. Peter speaks up, as Joshua did, with a profession of faith. He does not say he understands the teaching any more than the others, but he knows that this is where he belongs. There are other teachers, but only one has the "words of eternal life" (6:68).

SECOND READING: The reading from Ephesians is one of the most difficult for contemporary Christians to hear. The shorter version, which emphasizes the mutuality of marriage, is probably a good choice. It is good to note the conclusion of the reading, where Paul says, "I speak in reference to Christ and the church" (Ephesians 5:32). For Paul, marriage is a great metaphor for Christ's relationship with the Church, his bride.



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.

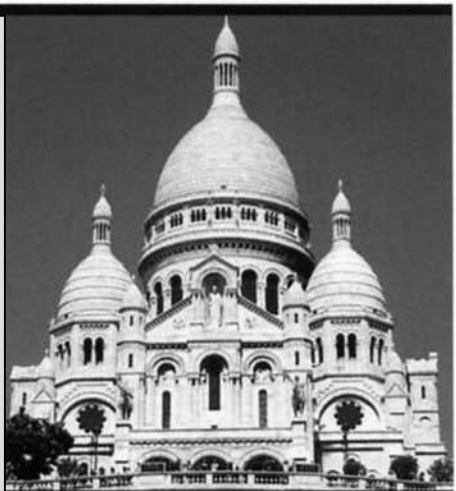
HIGHLIGHTS

- 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



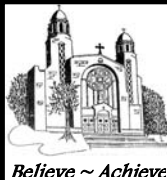
Tour Info
Meeting
 Open to All!
Saturday, Aug 29
 at 1:30pm in
Parish Center



SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

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PARISH SCHOOL**

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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

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

"THIS WEEK"

Thursday – 8/20

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



Right to Life

For all marriages: That all married couples may be strengthened in faith and love and through their reverence for Christ be at the service of life;

We pray to the Lord

**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: \$20,094
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.

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



Emma Rose Waldron

Parents: Shiloh (Oufiero) & William J. Waldron

Charlotte Eileen Zemel

Parents: Noreen (Ruane) & Mathew Zemel

Dominick Michael Fiorentino

Parents: Mika A. (Covello) & Nicholas D. Fiorentino

Michael Thomas Garth

Parents: Maria (Villacrers) & Allen Garth

Mason James Hriczov

Parents: Elizabeth A. (Marra) & Nicholas A. Hriczov

Christopher Thomas Janevski

Parents: Tina (Veneroso) & Dennis M. Janevski

Joseph Charles Payne

Parents: Vickie (Pedulla) & Timothy Payne

Gabriella Marie Misner

Parents: Nicolette (Schellato) & Greg Misner

Benjamin Noah Pilipski

Parents: Suzanne M. (Martin) & Seth C. Pilipski

Gianna Marie Tortorello

Parents: Jennifer M. (Payerl) & Michael A. Tortorello

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

CHURCH ID # 42-519770

RAFFLE LICENSE #RA 2936

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH CENTER FROM 7-9PM. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

KICK-OFF MEETING!!!!

9/13 WELCOME OLD AND NEW MEMBERS TO ANOTHER GREAT YOUTH GROUP YEAR.

9/22 CONFIRMATION - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT tdennin@att.net

CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT : PARISH PICNIC

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

Feel Good About Yourself - Give Blood

SUNDAY, SEPT., 27th 8AM - 2PM IN HERRON HALL

OUR BLOOD BANKS ARE IN NEED OF ALL TYPES OF BLOOD. PLEASE COME TO OUR BLOOD DRIVE AND DONATE. ALL ARE WELCOME. JUICE AND SNACKS WILL BE SERVED. ALL DONORS MUST PRESENT PHOTO I.D. AND KNOW THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. PLEASE EAT A MEAL BEFORE DONATING.

COMPLIMENTARY CHOLESTEROL SCREENING FOR ALL BLOOD DONORS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE BLOOD CENTER OF NJ 973-676-4700

~ ~ September Club News ~ ~

September 14, 2009 starts a new year for St. Thomas the Apostle's September Club.

Are you 55 years of age or older?

Are you lonely?

Come and join us for a cup of coffee or tea. Meetings are held every Monday. Men and women are welcome. Holidays are celebrated. We go on trips (one or five-day trips). There's so much to do. Remember, as a senior, you should remain active. Staying active helps keep you healthy. The St. Thomas September Club has existed over 40 years! If you would like more information, please call me, Grace Giangrande, at 973-773-1990.

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.