

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
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Tracey Rennie

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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

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August 30, 2009 . 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, August 31

- 7:30 am Bob Baker - Friends
- 11:30 am Alice Cerbone - Family

Tuesday, September 1

- 7:30 am Deceased Members of the McIntyre Family - Bequest
- 11:30 am Frank Ramirez - Friend

Wednesday, September 2

- 7:30 am Ned Ganning - Mother
- 11:30 am Mary Roberts - Family

Thursday, September 3

- 7:30 am Latizia & Joseph Frusciano - Family
- 11:30 am The Lyne Family - Family

Friday, September 4

- 7:30 am Philomena Miskovich - Friend
- 11:30 am Joseph Szajkowski - Sisters

Saturday, September 5

8:30 am Al Del Guercio - Friend

Sunday, September 6

Saturday, September 5

5:00 pm Marra Falice - Sister

Sunday, September 6

- 7:30 am For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 am William Stepich - Friend
- 10:30 am Paul Brady - Family/Friend
- 12:00 pm Edward L. Post, Jr. - Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

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

REST IN PEACE:

Helen Webb, Mildred McCabe, Marlene Fischer

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Claire Mykowski

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus condemns those whose religion is nothing but an empty form. Those involved in preparing the liturgy know how absorbing the details can get; we debate about rubrics with a passion that causes our friends to smile and shake their heads. Rubrics are important, but we mustn't let them become the *liturgy* for us. The rituals are vessels that hold something much larger: The worship of the Christian people, which God fills with grace.

FIRST READING: Moses calls on Israel to keep the commandments God has given them. Moses' address bears close reading. The Israelites' observance of the commandments—not the commandments themselves—is what will “give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations” (Deu 4:6). Moses reminds the people that they are special because God is close to them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 15 offers a poetic summary of the law. To do justice, to be true in thought and word, to hurt no one and to scorn no one, to be honest in money dealings: this is what it means to follow the law.

SECOND READING: Having completed our sequence of readings from Ephesians, we turn to the letter of James. It is written in a simple, direct manner, quite different from the theological splendors of St. Paul. James' message is clear: faith in Jesus must be lived. We must be “doers,” not just “hearers” (Jm 1:23). Pure religion is lived both externally, in service of the afflicted, and internally, in remaining “unstained by the world” (1:27).

GOSPEL: The Pharisees challenge Jesus, as they often do, with details from the law. Having heard the First Reading, in which Moses presented the law as justice, it is astonishing to hear the law redefined by the Pharisees as a matter of ritual purity, the cleansing of “cups and jugs and kettles and beds” (Mk 7:4). Clearly, some-thing is askew, and Jesus speaks to it directly. The Pharisees constantly guard themselves against contamination from the outside. But defilement comes from within, from our own sinfulness. Moses urged the people to write the law on their hearts; Jesus urges us to go deeper, to examine our consciences, and to live a life of inner integrity.

Labor Day is Monday, September 7, 2009
One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m.
Parish Center will be closed.



St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, was a carpenter by trade, and thus he has always been regarded as the patron of workers. This novena—a prayer to be said over nine days—is perfect for those times when we have an important project or assignment that we're having trouble completing.

Novena to St. Joseph the Worker

O God, the Creator of all things, you have laid the law of labor upon the human race. Grant, we beseech you, that by the example and protection of St. Joseph we may perform the work you command and attain to the reward that you promise. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



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



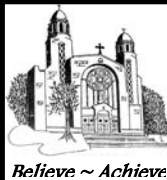
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Openings in Grades

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**



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Religious Education News

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.



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: \$17,866
AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK: \$22,000

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE TEAM MEETINGS

Sept. 14 & 28, 2009 at 7pm in the parish center
Looking forward to seeing everyone.
Hope the summer is going well!

**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**

ENTERTAINMENT:

Parishioner Joe Milano, owner of Midnight DJ Productions, will donate his equipment and services to the Picnic. His music selection and communication ability is well known.

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.

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

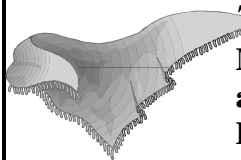
CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT : PARISH PICNIC

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



The Prayer Shawl Ministry Members will meet Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21st at the Parish Center at 1PM.

All are welcome to work and pray with us. If you wish to give someone a shawl, or you have any questions please 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

~ ~ 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.

"THIS WEEK"

Thursday – 9/3

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

GIVING MADE EASY

Want an easier way to give to St. Thomas? Join 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 information.

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



Sacraments of Initiation?

This may be your opportunity to respond!

- If you are not Catholic and have thought about becoming Catholic...
- If you were baptized Catholic but have not received the Eucharist and/or Confirmation...
- If you know of someone in the above two groups...

YOU ARE INVITED TO:

Meet with others in similar circumstances to discuss your spiritual journey, to pray together, and to learn more about the Catholic Faith. The wonderful journey in RCIA begins on Sunday, October 4th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and will continue each Sunday morning.

For more information, please contact Bob Miller, RCIA Coordinator at St. Thomas, 973-338-9190 x29 or visit the parish center to fill out an RCIA Interest Form.

MORNING OF REFLECTION 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