

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:
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

September 13, 2009 . 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, September 13

Saturday, September 12

5:00 pm Franco - Nesto Families - Family

Sunday, September 13

7:30 am Marra Nicola - Sister

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Al Del Guercio - Friends

12:00 pm Daniel De Filippo - Family

Monday, September 14

7:30 am Judy B. Sabatino - Friend

11:30 am Joseph Szajkowski - Sisters

Tuesday, September 15

7:30 am Nicholas & Maria Marchesani - Bequest

11:30 am Marie Mairella - Friend

Wednesday, September 16

7:30 am Judy Sabatino - Friend

11:30 am Joseph Raimo (41st Anniv.) - Daughter

Thursday, September 17

7:30 am Juliana & Pedro Cayetano - Family

11:30 am Joseph Dukiet - Family

Friday, September 18

7:30 am Philomena Miskovich - Friend

11:30 am Frances Lubben - Husband

Saturday, September 19

8:30 am Luigi Ciufalo - Friend

Sunday, September 20

Saturday, September 19

5:00 pm Frances Scardilli - Daughter

Sunday, September 20

7:30 am Louis Occhetti - Family

9:00 am Marra Liberia - Niece

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm James Noll - Friend

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Barbara Palek, Harry Shaw

Brenda Mc Donnel, Olga Mitrenga

Frank Korec, Paul Strickland, Franco & Fasone Families

REST IN PEACE:

William V. Mc Carron, Mary A. De Persio

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Joseph Finlay

Convent: Scott Kirton

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary time



Last Sunday, we saw Jesus healing the deaf man, and acclaimed by all the people: "He has done all things well" (Mark 7:37). This week, we catch a glimpse of the cross.

FIRST READING: The last time we heard this reading from Isaiah was Palm Sunday, when it prepared the way for the reading of the Passion. Today, it prepares the way for Jesus' first prediction of his Passion, death, and Resurrection. This passage comes from one of the "servant songs" of Isaiah, in which Christians hear the voice of the suffering Jesus. The faithful servant hears God's word and obeys, in spite of the physical and mental torments inflicted upon him. The servant expresses total confidence in God's ultimate vindication of him. His voice at the end of the reading is defiant: "Who disputes my right? ... who will prove me wrong?" (Isaiah 50:8, 9).

GOSPEL: Jesus reveals his identity to his disciples, but he orders them "not to tell anyone about him" (Mark 8:30). Why the secrecy? Because when people begin to think they know who Jesus is, their vision gets limited. Think of Jesus preaching in his hometown of Nazareth-the people cannot accept his wisdom because they think they know him. In today's Gospel, Peter is a case in point. When Jesus asks his disciples, "who do you say that I am?" Peter is the one who speaks for all of them: "You are the Christ" (8:29). Jesus proceeds to tell them what being the Christ really means: rejection, suffering, death, and Resurrection. This doesn't fit at all with Peter's idea of a messiah. Jesus' stern rebuke reminds him that the kingdom Jesus comes to announce turns our values upsidedown. The cross is not a mistake, a wrong answer, as Peter thinks. It is, rather, the *only way* – for Jesus, and for all those who wish to follow in his footsteps.

SECOND READING: The letter of James is a powerful illustration of the need for works of charity. The Christian believer must do more than extend good wishes – "keep warm, and eat well" (James 2:16). When we see someone in need, we must "give them the necessities of the body" (2:16). James says it bluntly: faith without works is dead. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote in *Deus Caritas Est*, "the Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word" (22).



Today, Sept. 13, is Grandparent's Day!

Your St. Thomas family wishes you a day full of love, laughter, and blessings.



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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL



WELCOME BACK
TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!!!

www.stthomastheapostlebloomfieldnj.com
2009-2010 School Year – Classes begin as follows:

Kindergarten

Monday, 9/14, Full Day, 8:10 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Pre K 4

Monday, 9/14, Orientation 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 9/16, Regular classes begin 8:10 a.m.

Pre K 3

Tuesday, 9/15, Orientation, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 9/16, Regular classes begin 8:10 a.m.

For more information, please call the
School Office at (973) 338-8505.

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: \$16,835
AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK: \$22,000

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 9/14

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Thursday – 9/14

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 9/11

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

Fall Wedding Music Showcase...

Is rescheduled for October 3rd, 2009
(originally Sept. 26th) at 6pm
after the 5pm Mass in Church.



CUB SCOUT TROOP 22 will be having its first Pack meeting Mon., Sept 28th at 7pm. The event will take place in Herron Hall in St. Thomas School. All boys from grades 1 through 4 are welcome to attend.

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



NEXT SATURDAY!

Sunday, September 19, 2009

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...

Weekend of, 12/13, after all Masses
except the 7:30 a.m. Mass

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 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

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

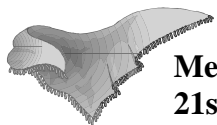
CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT : PARISH PICNIC

Adult Ed Events

Join Damon Owens for full-day training in the *Theology of the Body for Teens* curriculum on Sunday, September 20th, from 1-6 p.m. 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 information contact Liliana Soto-Cabrera at 973.497.4353. Cost includes lunch and leaders guide. Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark. After September 4th \$55 Outside the Archdiocese \$55

Men's Day

A Men's Conference titled *Jesus the Man: The Call, The Crisis, and the Challenge of Living as Jesus Today* will be held on Sat., Oct. 10th 9am-12:30pm. Presenters include Allan Wright speaking on *Living our Vocation as Priest, Prophet, and King* and Robert Miller who will speak on *The Image of Christ's Manhood*. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x29.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry Members will meet Sunday, 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 1-5 day trips. There's so much to do. If you would like more information, please call Grace Giangrande, at 973-773-1990.

BEREAVEMENT

We Remember in Prayer

September 27, 2009 – 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Center

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE TEAM MEETINGS

Sept. 14 & 28, 2009 at 7pm in the parish center

Looking forward to seeing everyone.



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

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – Next Week!

Blood pressure screenings will be held next weekend, Saturday, September 19, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, September 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.



Rosary Society News

Welcome Back Meeting Mon, Sept, 14, 7pm. We will pray the rosary in Church followed immediately by our meeting. We welcome all. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to bake for the Parish Picnic. Please call Bernadette Lipoma 973-893-0114.

Annual Communion Breakfast

Sunday, Oct. 4th immediately following 9am Mass

All women of the parish are invited.

Held at the **FOREST HILL FIELD CLUB**
at 9 Belleville Ave., Bloomfield.

\$30 Per person - reservations due Friday, Sept. 25th
PLEASE CALL BERNADETTE LIPOMA WITH QUESTIONS 973-893-0114

RESERVATION FORM - PLEASE RETURN TO PARISH CENTER
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: STA ROSARY SOCIETY

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Please seat me with: _____