

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

Rectory/Parish Center: (973) 338-9190 . Fax: (973) 338-4224 . Religious Education: (973) 338-7400
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Rev. Charles J. Miller, M. Div., Pastor

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Philip A. Sanders, S.T.B. • Rev. Andrew N. Onyemaobi, M.Div., M.A.
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

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
Michael 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

April 25, 2010 . 4th Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

Sunday, April 25

Saturday, April 24

5:00 pm Michael & Fannie Bove – Family

Sunday, April 25

7:30 am Rosa & Antonio De Rogatis – Family

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Georgette Nader – Friend

12:00 pm Teresa & Varick Maggiolo – Parents

Monday, April 26

7:30 am Emma & Michael Willean – Daughter

11:30 am Fred & Catherine Winters – Bequest

Tuesday, April 27

7:30 am Frank Pinela – Family

11:30 am Edward & Jennie Bonanno

Wednesday, April 28

7:30 am Catherine Robertiello – Friend

11:30 am Francis Accardo – Daughter

Thursday, April 29

7:30 am Paul De Rogatis – Daughter

11:30 am George Spatola – Family

Friday, April 30

7:30 am John & Mary Shea – Family

11:30 am Mary Zampino – Family

Saturday, May 1

8:30 am Fred & Catherine Winters – Bequest

Sunday, May 2

Saturday, May 1

5:00 pm Josephine Battista – Daughter

Sunday, May 2

7:30 am Luz Maria Estrada – Friend

9:00 am Rose & Joseph Stella – Parents

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Salvatore & Lucy Cerbone – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Mark Catona, George Scott

REST IN PEACE:

Joan Richter

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Basil (John) Francis Mc Cann

Convent: Emily Besida



*“I am the Good Shepherd;
I know my own and my own know me.”*

John 10:14



The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter comes from John in each year of the Lectionary cycle, in which Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd. This gives today its common designation, Good Shepherd Sunday.

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, established in 1964.



FIRST READING: Paul and Barnabas’ pastoral missionary visit to Antioch was an occasion for the encouragement of the faith of the Jewish converts and an opening up of the life of faith to the Gentiles. In some sense, every effort of evangelization contains both an opportunity to encourage the faith life of those who already believe and to welcome new members into the community of faith.

RESPONSORIAL: In proclaiming Psalm 100, the Church extols the Lord for gathering a people to himself. As a response to the reading from Acts, the Church acclaim her inclusion of all who believe.

SECOND READING: John’s vision of the heavenly community of salvation underscores the universal, liturgical, and ministerial dimensions of the Church on earth. John’s vision reminds us that the Church on earth welcomes all who believe, worships the Lord in spirit and truth, and serves the Lord, not as isolated individuals, but as a reconciled community of faith.

GOSPEL: Jesus links the guarantee of the salvation of his sheep to his unity with the Father. As his sheep listen to his voice and follow him, any attempt to wrestle the sheep away from him will be thwarted by the power of God. To hear the voice of Jesus is to dwell in communion with the living God. God’s gift of salvation embraces us within the sheepfold of his beloved Son, the Church.

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS



*CURRENTLY ACCEPTING
REGISTRATION FOR THE
2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR*
(WAIT LIST FOR GRADES 3 & 7)

Please call the School Office at
973-338-8505 to schedule a tour

Pre K3 through 7th grades
Middle States Accredited

Full-Day or Half-Day Pre K 3 & 4
Full-Day or Half-Day Kindergarten
BeforeCare & AfterCare programs
Advanced Technology

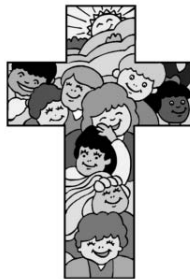
Jr. High Science / Synergistics Program
Physical Education for all grades
Spanish & Italian Classes
Art & Music Classes

Wide Variety of Extra-Curricular Activities

Religious Education

First Communion:

Congratulations to all the children who received First Holy Communion this weekend. We are so happy for each of you and your families and teachers who have worked so hard to prepare you for this wonderful day.



Parishioners who would like to send a note to their Prayer Partner may leave it in one of the boxes at the entrances to the church by May 2nd. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School News:

Mark your calendar for our exciting Rain Forest Adventure this summer June 28th – July 2nd! Children ages 4-12 are invited to join the fun each day from 9:00 – 12:00. Activities include arts and crafts, a puppet show, Bible stories, snacks, and recreation. Sign up forms will be available May 1st on our website: stachurchbloomfield.com or by calling the office at 973-338-7400. Confirmation candidates may also sign up to help out and earn community service hours.

Religious Education Registrations:

Registration packages for CCD Fall 2010 have been mailed home. Likewise, we have mailed packages to parishioners with children in kindergarten who may need to go to CCD in the fall. If you have not received a package and need one, please call the office at 973-338-7400. All packages are due back by May 31st. Please consider volunteering to help us with this program.

**St. Thomas the Apostle School
2010 Calendar Sweepstakes Winners!**

APRIL

19	\$50	Dr. & Mrs. John DiCamillo
20	\$100	Marie DiSanto
21	\$75	Dolores Mazzillo
22	\$200	Angela M. Salinger
23	\$50	Mr. & Mrs. James A. Battaglino
24	\$75	Gregg Aarons
25	\$100	Sister Mary Benedette

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!!!

Session Dates for Baptism 2010

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

May 16, 2010	1:00 p.m.
June 13	1:00 p.m.
September 12	1:00 p.m.
October 17	1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

May 2, 2010	1:30 p.m.
June 6	1:30 p.m.
June 27	1:30 p.m.
July 18	1:30 p.m.
August 15	1:30 p.m.
September 18	during the 5:00 p.m. mass

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 4/26

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
Respect Life Holy Hour - 7:30pm in Church

Wednesday – 4/28

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 4/30

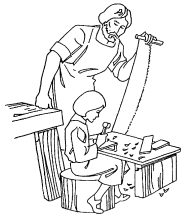
SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

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 SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$18,066
AMOUNT BUDGETED: \$20,500



**Saturday, May 1st
Prayer to
St. Joseph the Worker**

*God our Father and Creator,
you bestow on us gifts and talents
to develop and use
in accord with your will.*

*Grant to me,
through the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker,
as model and guide,
employment and work,
that I may, with dignity,
provide for those who depend on me
for care and support.*

*Grant me the opportunities
to use my energy, talents and abilities
for the good of all and the glory of Your name.*

AMEN

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.

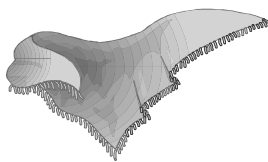
SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- 4/23 ARCHDIOCESE COTILLION
- 4/25 VOCATIONS - FR. JOHN GABRIEL
- 5/ 2 SENIOR NIGHT I

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT tdennin@live.com



Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Let us continue to pray for
those making shawls and
those who receive them.*

Our spring meeting will be Sunday May 16th from 11:30AM to 2PM and Wednesday evenings May 5th and June 2nd. We need light prayer shawls for the summer. Shawls should be long and wide enough to cover the shoulders (at least 22 inches by 60 inches). Lapghans should be approximately 36" wide and 40" in length. All are welcome to work and pray with us. If you have any questions or you wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact the Ministry Bernadette @ 973-893-0114, Alicia @ 973-473-6633 or Sister Arleen @ 973-338-9190.

HOLY NAME MAN OF THE YEAR

TUESDAY, MAY 18TH, 2010

HONORING

PAUL SEFJACK

A WELL DESERVING HONOREE

MASS AT ST. VALENTINE, 7PM
DINNER AT THE ESSEX MANOR SHORTLY
THEREAFTER

COST \$35 PER PERSON- RESERVATIONS CONTACT
PAUL ALONGI 973-338-4665
OR PARISH CENTER 973-338-9190

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Invites all interested parishioners

SPECIAL MEETING

Wed April 28th, 7:30 pm, Parish Center

Speaker, **Frank Cannata**,
Past National President of Unico & noted Historian

Subject:

Pacific Theater, World War II-and Unico
documentary on Hero

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Refreshments will be served. No reservations
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FURTHER THAT NIGHT...

Special Honor and Recognition
will be presented to our parishioner
and Holy Name Member,

John A. Holle

for his gallant and heroic action
in the Pacific War Theater.

Marine Corporal John A. Holle was awarded the Bronze
Star Medal for his bravery on Iwo Jima in March of 1945.

We of the Holy Name Society are very proud of him and
are privileged to recognize his service
to God and Country.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be **NO** Eucharistic Adoration this Monday, April 26th as regularly scheduled but there **will be** Respect Life Holy Hour at 7:30pm. All are invited to join us in prayer to respect life.



Moving? Please let us know.

Within the parish – to update new address
Out of parish – to discontinue mailings

Call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190.

~ ~ September Club Travel ~ ~

Upcoming 2010 Day Trips

FOR INFORMATION: CALL JEAN AT 973-777-2278

STATUE OF LIBERTY & ELLIS ISLAND

June 24, 2010

INCLUDES:

- ROUNDTrip MOTOR COACH TRANSPORTATION
- ADMISSION TO THE STATUE OF LIBERTY
- LUNCHEON SPECIAL INCLUDING: SOUP OR SALAD, RICE OR CHOCOLATE PUDDING, POTATO AND VEGETABLE WITH ENTRÉE.



PRICE

MEMBERS: \$43.00 --- NONMEMBERS: \$45.00

Cornerstone Women

We've recently completed our fifth successful Women's Cornerstone Retreat at St. Thomas the Apostle. We would like to invite *all* women who have made a Cornerstone retreat to our Cornerstone Reunion.

Mark Your Calendars!!!

**The Cornerstone Reunion will be on
Friday, May 14th, 2010 at 7:30 pm.**

There will be wine, cheese, prayer and socializing!

We are trying to reach as many former retreat attendees as we can via email but some are not accessible. Please help us to spread the word.

Please respond by calling Sister Arleen in the Parish Center at 973-338-9190 or email your response to martylevine59@aol.com or czieleniewski@comcast.net

Hope to see you all there.

Cornerstone Team V

Cornerstone Women

Cornerstone Team V will meet in the parish center Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks,
Sister Arleen



RIGHT TO LIFE

For all those responsible for the medical care of elderly relatives: That they may be guided in all their medical decisions by the voice of the Eternal Shepherd;

We pray to the Lord

Loyola House of Retreats

161 James St, Morristown, N.J. (973) 539-0740

Healing & Wholeness Body, Mind & Spirit

**Weekend Retreat for Men and Women
April 30 - May 2**

Presenters

Anna Graziano, cSD and Fr. Bill Rakowicz, S.J.

For more information call: Anna Graziano (973) 338-9538 or Loyola House of Retreats (973) 539-0740

JOB SEEKERS GROUP

Looking for a job? Come to a meeting of the St. Thomas the Apostle Job Seekers on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center where you will get a chance to network, get some advice, and pray with other members of the parish who are searching for a job. For information, send an email to: workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com

For the Earth

*Creator God,
help us to harness the wind, the water,
the sun, and all the ready and renewable
sources of power.*

*Teach us to conserve, preserve, and
use wisely the blessed treasures
of our wealth-stored earth.*

*Help us to share Your bounty,
not to waste it or pervert it into peril,
for our children and our global neighbors.*

*You, who are life and energy and blessing,
teach us to revere and respect
Your tender world.*

By Thomas John Carlisle from The Fire of Peace Edited by Kownacki

Golf Outing

St. Thomas Golf Outing

Monday June 7th at Forest Hill Golf Club Bloomfield NJ
 \$250 per person
 Price includes Lunch, Golf, Cart, and Cocktail hour,
 Open Bar, Dinner and Sports Auction.
 Hole Sponsorship Available
 Please contact the school or Joe Re at 973-338-5960.

BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS

Bloomfield Health Department is offering the following.

STROKE SCREENINGS

Date: May 18, 2010
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Location: Bloomfield Health Department
 One Municipal Plaza, Bloomfield, NJ
Fees: \$30; \$20 for those 55 and older
To register, please call 973-680-4058

Mount St. Dominic Academy Spring Open House

It is time again for our Spring Open House for sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls and their families.

Mount Saint Dominic Academy
 3 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, NJ 07006
www.msdacademy.org

Open House Wednesday, May 5th
 at 6:30 p.m. in the Athletic Center
 Call (973) 226-0660, ext. 1122 with questions.

Sacred Heart Parish is having its **Annual**

C - A - S - I - N - O N - I - G - H - T

5:30 p.m. to Midnight Saturday, May 15th at the Sacred Heart School Auditorium
 683 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, NJ

\$60 per person (21 and older only) Includes buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda, dessert, DJ music, \$60 worth of chip with which to play at the Gaming Tables, and TRICKY TRAY prizes!

You don't need to know how to play the games; the dealers will help you learn the games!

For tickets and info, call Terry Lurker (973) 743-3230, Andrea Anuscavage (973) 429-9221 or Don Wettengel (973) 749-5959. Tickets also available at Rectory office.

Listening Committee

John Paul II stated that the parish is "the family of God, a fellowship afire with a unifying spirit," "a familial and welcoming home." Let us work together to enhance our parish life.

We welcome your comments, suggestions and concerns and will get back to you in a timely manner.

Send email to

pastoralcouncil@stachurchbloomfield.com

or Mail your letter to:

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

ATTN: Pastoral Council - Listening Committee
 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

All correspondence will be held in strict confidence.

GOING FISHING!

save the date

Wednesday, 7/7/10, 7:00 a.m.
on the MIJO II more info to follow"

Queen of Peace High School, a twice honored

Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, is hosting an Open House for 7th & 8th grade students on Tuesday, May 4th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. This is a timed program so visitors should arrive by 7:00 p.m.

191 Rutherford Ave., North Arlington, NJ 201-998-8227

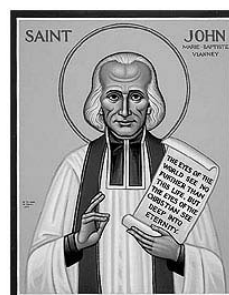
Prayer for The Year for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.

Amen.



**St. John Vianney, pray for us;
 obtain for us
 many and holy priests.**