

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

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

May 2, 2010 . 5th Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, May 3

7:30 am Paul De Rogatis – Daughter

11:30 am Alex De Rogatis

Tuesday, May 4

7:30 am Deceased Members of McIntyre Family – Bequest

11:30 am Sottolano Family – Family

Wednesday, May 5

7:30 am Linda Zazzara – Friend

11:30 am Fred & Catherine Winters – Bequest

Thursday, May 6

7:30 am Marie Migliore – Family

11:30 am Robert J. Stivala – Mother

Friday, May 7

7:30 am Ellen & Albert Stackhouse – Family

11:30 am Josepha Martinez – Family

Saturday, May 8

8:30 am Pasquale G. Fazzi – Bequest

Sunday, May 9

Saturday, May 8

5:00 pm Gina Safonte – Parents

Sunday, May 9

7:30 am All Mothers Living and Deceased

9:00 am All Mothers Living and Deceased

10:30 am All Mothers Living and Deceased

12:00 pm All Mothers Living and Deceased

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Nancy Cariani, Eleanor McKeon,
Mark Catona, George Scott

REST IN PEACE:

Dominic A. La Sala

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Catherine Frances Healy

Convent: Catherine Piegaro

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Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia



Love one another.

Jn 13:34

During the second half of the Easter season, the Gospel is drawn from the farewell discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper, in John's account. How interesting to hear some of the words we had heard on Holy Thursday through the lens of the Resurrection and the filter of five weeks of mystagogical reflection.

FIRST READING: The ministry of Paul and Barnabas is marked by a deep care for the Churches the established and visited. Their care is evidenced in encouragement and setting a part members for ongoing local leadership. Aware of the suffering and hardship that accompany Christian faith, Paul and Barnabas give encouragement to the Churches by speaking the truth and providing faithful leaders.

RESPONSORIAL: In Psalm 145 the Church sings of God's mighty deeds in union with the whole of creation. In this Easter season the Church rejoices, for all creation is made new in Christ.

SECOND READING: At the heart of John's vision of a new heaven and earth in the New Jerusalem, the place of God's dwelling among humankind. John emphasizes God's gift of preparing the city in which death is vanished and fullness of life is given. In Christ, God dwelt among us, the guarantee of future glory in the kingdom.

GOSPEL: In the face of Judas' impending betrayal, Jesus proclaims a word of fidelity and love. Judas' betrayal does not thwart God's love, but becomes the occasion of its deepest manifestation; the death of Jesus on the cross. Jesus is glorified in revealing the Father's love and in calling us to love as he has loved us. Jesus proposes his manner of loving as the standard of our behavior, for his love manifests the love of God.

Mother's Day Remembrance



Included in your recent packet of envelopes is a Mother's Day remembrance envelope. **The Masses on Mother's Day, May 9th, will be offered for the living and deceased Mothers of our Parishioners.** The envelopes with the names of Mothers inscribed on them will be placed near the altar on that day. Remember Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, Sisters, and Daughters.

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



Coronation of Mary
Saturday, May 8, 2010 4:45 p.m.
(15 minutes before 5:00 p.m. Mass)
All parishioners are invited to attend.

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

APRIL		
26	\$75	Connie Sozio
27	\$50	Mary Ellen Doyle
28	\$100	Jeanie Ubhaus
29	\$50	Monica Simpson
30	\$75	Diane DeAngelo
May		
1	\$500	Pat Hopkins

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.

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

Wednesday – 4/28

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Religious Education

First Communion:

Congratulations to all the children who've 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.



All First Communicants are invited to attend the May Crowning at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on May 8th. Children should wear their First Communion outfits,
ARRIVE BY 4:45
and sit in the section reserved for them and their families.

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 are on our website: stachurchbloomfield.com or by calling the office at 973-338-7400. Confirmation candidates: 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.

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: \$18,120
AMOUNT BUDGETED: \$20,500

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:

- 5/ 2 SENIOR NIGHT I
- 5/ 9 MOTHER'S DAY - NO MEETING
- 5/16 NJ YOUTH RALLY - GA
- 5/23 PENTECOST WITH THE POTTER
- 5/30 MEMORIAL DAY - NO MEETING

Congratulations to the 2010 Outstanding Youth Cotillion Honorees: Marc Hanna & Kaitlyn Degnan.

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

THE ARCHDIOCESE YOUTH STATUE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE WILL VISIT OUR PARISH THIS WEEKEND. THE STATUE TRAVELS FROM YOUTH GROUP TO YOUTH GROUP AS A REMINDER TO YOUNG PEOPLE TO PRAY THE ROSARY.



PENTECOST WITH THE POTTER

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YOUTH GROUP IS PLEASED TO PRESENT

AN EVENING WITH RENOWNED POTTER AND SPEAKER RAY BOSWELL

THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE A SPECIAL "MESSAGE OF PENTECOST"

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF PRAYER, MUSIC AND INSPIRATION

ALL ARE WELCOME
7PM MAY 23RD IN CHURCH

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.

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.

NATIONAL NURSE'S WEEK May 6th - 12th

The Wellness Ministry would like to extend our best wishes to the nurses of the parish. We would especially like to thank the nurses who volunteer their time and talent to the Ministry.

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

GOING FISHING!

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

Listening Committee

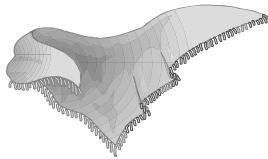
John Paul II stated that the parish is "the family of God, a fellowship afire with a unifying spirit," "a familial and welcoming home." Let us work together to enhance our parish life.

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.



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. 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.

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Rosary Society

Gift Shop

Now Open!

Saturday/Sunday, May 1st/2nd
Saturday/Sunday, May 15th/16th
St. Peter's Room (Parish Center)
after all masses

Gifts for all occasions including:



Please stop in to check out our selection!

Baptism
First Communion
Confirmation
Mother's Day
Father's Day
Graduation

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 A.S.A.P. 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

STA Respect Life and Good Counsel Homes

www.goodcounselhomes.org

A Note of Thanks



Dear Rev. Philip Sander & St Thomas the Apostle parishioners,

Just a quick note of thanks for conducting a baby bottle campaign for our Good Counsel homes.

This past weekend (April 17 & 18) we collected \$3,092!!!!

This greatly blesses the 75 mothers and babies in our care. Please know of our prayers for you, your pastor and all at St. Thomas the Apostle!

Sincerely in Christ,

Joe Quattrocchi

Joe_quattrocchi@goodcounselhomes.org



RIGHT TO LIFE

For all the victims of violence and natural disasters: That the Lord will give them comfort and aid Through the Church's humanitarian efforts;

We pray to the Lord

Ministry of Spiritual Direction

Summer Directed Retreat by the Ocean

Thurs June 24 – Sun June 27 or

Thurs July 1 – Sun July 4



The Upper Room Spiritual Center

West Bangs Ave, Neptune, NJ

Exit 100B off the Garden State Parkway

For information call: Anna Graziano - 973-338-9538

Offering -\$250 (Reservations limited)

~ ~ *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

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.

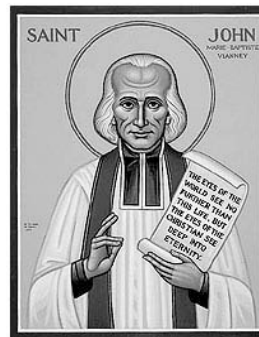
Prayer for The Year for Priests

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.**

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



Church Envelopes

Envelopes for tithing have been delayed in the mail. You should receive the May 9th through July 4th packet by Monday, May 3rd. If you do not receive envelopes by Wednesday, May 5th, please call the parish center at 973-338-9190.