

# 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

May 16, 2010 . 7th Sunday of Easter

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, May 16**

**Saturday, May 15**

5:00 pm Ann Dilaura – Granddaughter

**Sunday, May 16**

7:30 am Rodolfo C. Lim – Friend

9:00 am Deceased Members of Amato Family - Family

10:30 am Gary Keating – Family

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

**Monday, May 17**

7:30 am Gloria & Pat Clark – Sister

11:30 am Rosalind Berry – Bequest

**Tuesday, May 18**

7:30 am Deceased Members of Begley Family-Bequest

11:30 am Mary Del Prete – Bequest

**Wednesday, May 19**

7:30 am Samuel E. Battista (7th Anniv.) – Daughter

11:30 am Nicholas Del Prete – Bequest

**Thursday, May 20**

7:30 am James Garner – Family

11:30 am Arthur Mc Garry – Bequest

**Friday, May 21**

7:30 am John Ricigliano – Sister

11:30 am James Collins – Family

**Saturday, May 22**

8:30 am Nicholas & Maria Marchesani – Bequest

**Sunday, May 23**

**Saturday, May 22**

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, May 23**

7:30 am Camille Pietrowski - Daughter

9:00 am Deceased Members of Klenk Family - Bequest

10:30 am Frank P. Ramirez (2nd Anniv.) – Wife & Family

12:00 pm Lino Bracco – Family

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Jack Kearney, Nancy Cariani, Bill Maione

**REST IN PEACE:**

Eileen Strazza, Felicia Juliano, Mark Catona  
Anthony C. Franklin, George Lombardi, Rosemary Frank

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Catherine Memoli

**Convent:** Janet Besida

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*Seventh Sunday  
of Easter*

We have entered the last week of the great season of Easter! We stand on the threshold between the return of Christ to the Father at the Ascension and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost. The nine days from last Thursday constitute the original novena: nine days in which the readings recount the patient waiting of the disciples.

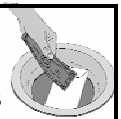
**FIRST READING:** Stephen's imitation of the Passion of Jesus extends to the surrender of his spirit into the Father's hands and his behest for the forgiveness of the sin of his persecutors. Stephen's fidelity seems empowered by a vision of God's glory that confirms Jesus' claim that he was the Son of Man. Thus, Stephen judges his persecutors with mercy as he beholds a vision of the one who comes to judge the living and the dead.

**RESPONSORIAL:** In response to Stephen's powerful vision and witness of martyrdom, the Church chants Psalm 97, proclaiming that Jesus is Lord and shares in the fullness of the Father's glory.

**SECOND READING:** Jesus proclaims to John that he is the Alpha and the Omega, and that he beckons all people to life in the kingdom. As the one who fulfills the messianic promise in the line of David, he offers life to all who accept his invitation.

**GOSPEL:** The prayer of Jesus reveals to us the depths of his heart's desire. Jesus prays for all who will come to believe in him through the preaching of the apostles. He prays for their unity that is the gift of God's indwelling, so that all may come to believe. Jesus' hunger for the salvation of all is to be made manifest in the life of the Church.

**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:** \$19,149  
**AMOUNT BUDGETED:** \$20,500

**SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS**



*CURRENTLY ACCEPTING  
REGISTRATION FOR THE  
2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR*

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

**St. Thomas the Apostle School  
Super 50/50 Raffle**

**Please return your tickets and support our school!!**

**Three chances to win**

**Drawing: May 26, 2010**

**If you need tickets, please call Kathy Piesla, 973-338-5925.**

**Religious Education**

**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 31<sup>st</sup>. Please consider volunteering to help us with this program.



**RCIA CONFIRMATIONS**

RCIA Confirmations will be held on Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 9 a.m. Mass. Please keep our candidates, Kami Collins and Philip Johnson in your prayers as they complete their final preparations for entry into the Catholic Church.

**STA 2010 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is once again offering its very popular Vacation Bible School program. This year's program is called Son Quest Rainforest. Through storytelling, arts & crafts, music, and play, the children are introduced to New Testament stories.

**KEY INFORMATION:**

- Eligibility:** Children ages 4 through 12
- Dates:** Mon., June 28<sup>th</sup> - Fri., July 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Place:** St. Thomas the Apostle School
- Registration:** Pre-registration only. One form per child, completed, and registration fee must be submitted to the Religious Education Office, located in the basement of St. Thomas School, by June 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available at the Religious Education Office or may be downloaded from [www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com). If your child is coming with a friend and they want to be together, please write a note, "My child would like to be with..." Children from all parishes and schools are welcome!
- Registration Fee:** \$50 per child (includes t-shirt, daily arts & crafts materials and snack). \$10 late fee will be charged after June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Volunteers:** The program is run by volunteers. Please sign up for all or part of the week.
- Nursery:** Provided only for parents working as volunteers in the program.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE (973) 338-7400.  
**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN JUNE!**

**Registration Form -- Please print -- One form per child**

**CHILD'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PRESENT GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**KNOWN ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONCERNS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ONE:**

- YES!** I AM WILLING TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CALL ME.
- SORRY!** I AM UNABLE TO VOLUNTEER.

Checks payable to: **St. Thomas the Apostle**

**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**

**"THIS WEEK"**

**Monday – 5/17**

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

**Wednesday – 5/19**

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

**Friday – 5/21**

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

*With joy and gratitude  
to Almighty God for  
his first year of priesthood*

***The Reverend Andrew N. Onyemaobi***

*cordially invites you to join him  
at a Mass of Thanksgiving on  
Saturday, May 22, 2010,  
the Solemnity of Pentecost,  
at five o'clock in the evening,  
St Thomas the Apostle Church  
Reception immediately following at  
St. Thomas the Apostle School  
Herron Hall*

**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  
THIS SUNDAY**

Blood pressure screenings will be held this Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

***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, July 7, 2010, 7:00 a.m.  
on the MIJO II more info to follow



**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 23<sup>RD</sup> IN CHURCH

**Golf Outing**

**St. Thomas Golf Outing**

Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

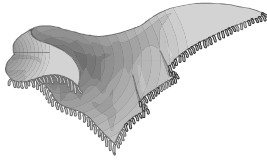


**RIGHT TO LIFE**

For our political leaders:

That they have the courage and wisdom to  
lead our country in a manner that respects  
the dignity of all human life;

*We pray to the Lord*



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Our next meeting will be Wednesday evening June 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

### 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:

- 5/16 NJ YOUTH RALLY - GA
- 5/23 PENTECOST WITH THE POTTER
- 5/30 MEMORIAL DAY - NO MEETING

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT [tdennin@live.com](mailto:tdennin@live.com)

### 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**

*"I HAVE COME THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE  
AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL!" (Jn.10:10)*

Come and experience the healing power of God's unconditional loving presence and the gift it holds for restoring your sense of well-being.

- Home cooked meals
- Air conditioned building
- Beach just 7 minutes away
- Peaceful surroundings
- Private daily meetings with a Spiritual Director
- Those generous surprises from God

**For information call:  
Anna Graziano - 973-338-9538  
Offering -\$250  
(Reservations limited)**

### 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](mailto:workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com)

**Social media and job search presentation on May 20th:** Interested in knowing more about on-line medias such as Twitter, Facebook, and blogs, but have no clue where to start? Are you finding that your job search skills are lagging and want to find new ways to promote yourself and your skills? Come to the open job seekers group where social media expert and blogger Kate Garrabrant will teach you all you need to know about becoming an expert in navigating the on-line world."

### ~ ~ 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

### 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.*

Montclair Operetta Club  
proudly presents



at  
**Bloomfield College's  
Westminster Arts Center**  
corner of Franklin & Fremont Sts.,  
Bloomfield, NJ

**May 23 at 2:00 p.m. and  
May 21 & 22 at 8:00 p.m.**

General admission: \$25 per individual  
\$22 senior 65+  
\$15 student with ID  
\$4 BC student with ID  
Group rates available for 20 or more  
For discount tickets,  
call Marian McGinty 973-338-6212

For reservations:  
973-744-3133 or [www.mocmusicals.org](http://www.mocmusicals.org)

## *Marian Day of Recollection*



**St. Valentine's Church  
Saturday, May 22, 2010  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Light Breakfast and Lunch Served  
\$5.00 Fee Church Hall  
Marian Speaker, Deacon Joe Malanga  
\*Registration required\*

Call:  
Ceil Polizzi at 973-661-1441  
Bob Miller at 973-743-0240  
St. Valentine's Rectory at 973-743-0220

### **Guidelines for Proper Disposal of Household Medication**

Over the counter and prescription medications should not be disposed down the drain because waste water treatment facilities are not designed to remove pharmaceutical compounds and they may end up in your local waterways, and may eventually be found in drinking water. Properly disposing of unwanted and expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications in the trash promotes a healthy aquatic environment and prevents accidental poisoning and intentional abuse.

#### **4 STEPS FOR PROPER DISPOSAL**

1. Keep medicine in original container. Mark out, or scratch off personal information on prescription bottles.
2. Dilute pills or liquid medicine with water then mix with undesirable substances like coffee grinds, cat litter, or dirt.
3. Place bottles in an opaque container, like a yogurt container, and secure lid; or wrap in a dark colored plastic bag.
4. Hide the container in the trash. Do NOT recycle.

***Prevent water pollution.  
Promote a healthy environment.  
Properly dispose of your unneeded  
and expired medication.***



**Rutgers University  
Newark**

will be running its  
9<sup>th</sup> annual



*Summer BASKETBALL Program* for children ages 7-17.

The program is July 12-16, July 26-30, & August 2-6, 2010 from 8:30 to 3:30pm. The cost for one week is only \$150. Discount rates if you attend two or three weeks. For more information or a brochure call Joe Loughran at 973-353-1483.

### **ARE YOU GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL? DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER IN THE HOSPITAL?**



We would like to visit our parishioners who are homebound, in the hospital or other health care facility. Because of patient confidentiality laws, however, the only way we can know is if someone informs us. Call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190, leaving your name and number so we may return your call, or you may leave the information at the Parish Desk on Sunday mornings.