

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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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

Masses for the Week

Sunday, May 30

Saturday, May 29

5:00 pm Frank Pellico – Family

Sunday, May 30

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Christian Helm – Family

10:30 am Lee Mongelli – Friend

12:00 pm Antonette Brown – Friend

Monday, May 31

8:30 am Thomas G. McGarry – Bequest

Tuesday, June 1

7:30 am Robert M. Chagnon – Family

11:30 am Teodorico Q. Flores – Children

Wednesday, June 2

7:30 am Ernest & Leonilda DeRogatis – Family

11:30 am Delaney Family – Family

Thursday, June 3

7:30 am Joseph Sedlak – Bequest

11:30 am John Miller – Father

Friday, June 4

7:30 am Catherine Sedlak – Bequest

11:30 am Boni Facia & Theodora Mendoza – Family

Saturday, June 5

8:30 am The Levy–Morici–Cucinello Families – Family

Sunday, June 6

Saturday, June 5

5:00 pm Frank & Blache Colucci (Anniv.) – Family

Sunday, June 6

7:30 am Helen Rohan – Family

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Frank Otersen – Family

12:00 pm Anthony Mingo – Friend

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Joanne Barrett, Bill Maione, Marie Jacobson

REST IN PEACE:

Col. John McHugh, Catherine McKenna, Helen Porrazzo

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Joseph A. Kelleher **Rectory:** Naomi Sumter

Convent: Eileen Strazza

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The Most Holy Trinity

Today is the first of the three doctrinal feasts celebrated after Pentecost, which commemorate not a person but a theological tenet, doctrine, or devotion. Today's solemnity celebrates the doctrine of the Triune God, one God in three divine persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In the fourth century, the Church underwent a serious crisis when Arius, a priest of Alexandria, denied the divinity of Christ, and as a consequence, faith in the Trinity and the equality of the three divine Persons. The heresy, called Arianism, was condemned by the councils of Nicaea (325) and Constantinople (381). The result was the formulation of the Creed that we recite at Mass today.

In celebration of the Eucharist, notice how frequently we articulate our belief in the Trinity: with the sign of the Cross, the Doxology at the end of the presidential prayers, the Gloria, the Profession of Faith, and the Eucharistic Prayer culminating in the Great Doxology above, and finally with the Solemn Blessing at the end of Mass.

FIRST READING: The book of Proverbs, known for its collection of wise sayings, speaks today not of a distillation of human wisdom but a bold revelation concerning the wisdom of God. God's wisdom, begotten before all ages, was his master craftsman in the creation of all things, rejoicing and delighting in his presence. Eternal wisdom delights in the creation that he would be called to redeem in the fullness of time.

RESPONSORIAL: The Church sings Psalm 8 in praise of God who created all that is and has bestowed a profound honor upon humankind. The honor with which God holds humankind is expressed in the mystery of the Incarnation.

SECOND READING: Paul announces to the Romans two causes for their boasting: faith and suffering. Christians boast of their faith, for they received the gift of righteousness from God. Christians may boast of their suffering, for it leads us to continue to place all our hope in the gift of salvation communicated to us in the power of the Holy Spirit. All our boasting is in the Lord and what he has done for us.

GOSPEL: Jesus tells his disciples that the promised gift of the Holy Spirit will guide them into all truth and glorify Jesus. The truth is not a series of venerable propositions or claims about reality, but a relationship with the one who exists in the communion of love that is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Memorial Day – May 31, 2010

One Mass only at 8:30 a.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle School and Parish Center will be closed.

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
Congratulates the 2010
National Junior Honor Society Inductees

- Declan Berutti*
- Catherine Bialkowski*
- Christina Campos*
- Matthew Capobianco*
- Angelica Del Vecchio*
- Kris Edquilag*
- J.P. Garcia*
- Anthony Garner*
- Ariyana Grandpierre*
- Kristen Gassler*
- Veronica Herzog*
- Katelynn Kondreck*
- Daniel Levine*
- Regina Lustre*
- Andrew Mauro*
- Lea Mendolla*
- Cara O'Rourke*
- Megan Piesla*
- Amanda Re*
- James Sause*
- Jaclyn Soter*

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 28th - Fri., July 2nd
- 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 11th. Registration forms are available at the Religious Education Office or may be downloaded from 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 11th
- 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 – 5/31 MEMORIAL DAY

Wednesday – 6/2

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

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.

COLLECTION MAY 16TH:	\$16,320
COLLECTION MAY 23RD:	\$18,987
AMOUNT BUDGETED:	\$20,500

PLANNED GIVING

Here are some other ways You can help St. Thomas the Apostle Church continue its mission of serving God's people. Give a gift of cash or check for general use or a specific purpose. Give a gift of stocks or bonds. There could be a significant tax advantage to you if there has been appreciation in their value and they are transferred to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

A bequest in your will assures that your possessions are distributed as you desire. When making a bequest, use the full legal name and address: Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Make Saint Thomas the Apostle Church partial or primary beneficiary of a life insurance policy that is no longer needed for family security. Ask the insurance company for the forms necessary to change the beneficiary or to transfer the ownership to Saint Thomas the Apostle Church.

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.

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.

Going Fishing

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

On the Mi – Jo II Atlantic Highlands, NJ



**Cost: \$50 per person -
includes bait, rod and reel**

Send your check payable to St. Thomas the Apostle with your name(s) and phone number and drop off at Parish Center. Reserve your spot now as space is limited

For further information, please call Jim McKittrick (973) 338-3145 or Frank Diveny (973) 748-0519.

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.

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH YOUR LOSS

Anyone experiencing a loss
is invited to attend St. Thomas Bereavement.

We will gather on
Sunday, June 20th at 1:00 p.m.
in the Parish Center

Our theme will be:
A Father's Love Cannot be Measured

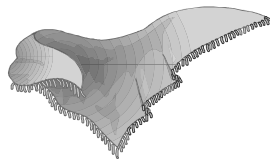
Questions? Please call Sister Arleen at 973-338-9190



RIGHT TO LIFE

For all who suffer with depression, grief or anguish following an abortion: That they will turn to the Lord who will wipe away all their tears through an outpouring of his merciful love;

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 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.

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:

5/30 MEMORIAL DAY - NO MEETING

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT 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)**

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE

The new team for Women's Cornerstone VI will meet Monday, June 21st at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. We are grateful to all the women who have said "Yes!" to being part of the Retreat Team. Any questions, feel free to call Sister Arleen at (973) 338-9190 ex. 34.

~ ~ 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

*Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish
cordially invites you to
A Farewell Celebration*

in honor of



Rev. Philip Sanders

*in thanksgiving for
his years of ministry
in our parish community*

Sunday, June 13th

12:00 pm Mass

*Reception immediately
following in Herron Hall*

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

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Rutgers University
Newark



will be running its 9th 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.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Florence Nightingale had only instituted female nurses a decade before the Crimean War, so the idea of women tending to wounded soldiers was extraordinary. The medical and sanitary conditions on the battlefields were appalling, and the sisters were nearly all teachers. Few had any medical training beyond what they had learned as youngsters in the family. Anti-Catholic prejudice was so deeply entrenched in America that sisters could not wear their habits in public. These sisters were the first, and people on both the Union and Confederate sides soon began to marvel at their bravery, efficiency, and respect for Protestant soldiers. More than six hundred sisters from twenty-one communities went to war, serving in wretched conditions. They were tough and single-minded, efficient and fearless.

After the war, sisters could appear in public everywhere in the reunited nation, and often received the praise and gratitude of grateful soldiers and family members on behalf of their sister nurses.

"They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His name a drink of water to the thirsty."

"Nuns of the Battlefield" Monument, Washington D.C.

MEMORIAL DAY 2010



*"Nor shall their story be forgot
While fame her record keeps."*

**"That we might enjoy liberty
in a united republic.
Those whose bodies lie here died.
Their devotion
to country and posterity
was a noble sacrifice."**

www.usmemorialday.org

O God, our Father,
endless source of life and peace, welcome into Your merciful embrace the fallen of the war that raged here, the fallen of all wars that have bloodied the earth. Grant that they may enjoy the light that does not fail, which, in the reflection of Your splendor, illumines the consciences of all men and women of good will. You, Who in Your Son Jesus Christ gave suffering humanity a glorious witness of Your love for us, You, Who in our Lord Christ gave us the sign of a suffering that is never in vain, but fruitful in Your redeeming power, grant those who yet suffer for the blind violence of fratricidal wars the strength of the hope that does not fade, the dream of a definitive civilization of life, the courage of a real and daily activity of peace. Give us your Paraclete Spirit so that the men of our time may understand that the gift of peace is much more precious than any corruptible treasure, and that while awaiting the day that does not end we are all called to be builders of peace for the future of Your children. Make all Christians more convinced witnesses of life, the inestimable gift of Your love, You Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

- Pope Benedict XVI