

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

June 13, 2010 . 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, June 13

Saturday, June 12

5:00 pm Lottie Szajkowski – Daughters

Sunday, June 13

7:30 am John D. Revene – Daughter

**9:00 am Deceased Members of the
Nicolette & Salerno Families – Family**

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Helen M. Wardell (17th Anniv.) – Daughter

Monday, June 14

7:30 am Judy Bud Sabatino – Husband

11:30 am Bob Devine – Family

Tuesday, June 15

7:30 am Peter Kelly – Friend

11:30 am Marie Mairella – Friend

Wednesday, June 16

7:30 am Margaret D. French – Friend

11:30 am Andrew Molnar (39th Anniv.) – Family

Thursday, June 17

7:30 am John Giglia – Family

11:30 am Eileen Hunt – Friend

Friday, June 18

7:30 am Veronica Davis – Friend

11:30 am George A. Delaney – Wife

Saturday, June 19

8:30 am Marie Bautista – Family

Sunday, June 20

Saturday, June 19

5:00 pm John & Louise Piegaro – Son & Family

Sunday, June 20

7:30 am All Fathers Living and Deceased

9:00 am All Fathers Living and Deceased

10:30 am All Fathers Living and Deceased

12:00 pm All Fathers Living and Deceased

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Joanne Barrett, Marie Jacobson

REST IN PEACE:

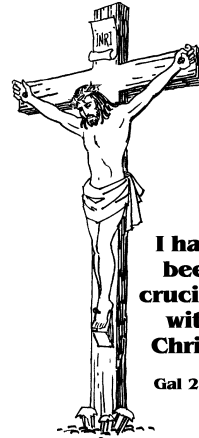
Sister Ellen Maureen Mc Intyre

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Samuel Gallucci

Rectory: Janet Besida

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**I have
been
crucified
with
Christ.**

Gal 2:19

***11th Sunday
in Ordinary Time***

For those who participate in the Sunday Mass exclusively, today marks the complete return of the Sunday cycle of Ordinary Time. Today may be the first time that some will notice the return to the green vestments of the season.

FIRST READING: Nathan, the prophet, publicly denounces David's sin, and prescribes for David's household the punishment he himself decreed in an analogous case. David's sin, committed in the dark for none to see, was exposed to all in the light of day. The depth and breadth of David's sin was met by the depth and breadth of God's desire to be merciful. Nathan proclaims God's forgiveness of David, whose life was spared and whose descendants would receive a Savior to rescue them from the punishment due to sin.

RESPONSORIAL: In response to God's forgiveness of David's sin, the Church proclaims Psalm 32, which celebrates the joy experienced by the forgiven. We surrender our sinful lives to the Lord, who already knows our sin and desires to shower us with mercy.

SECOND READING: Paul proclaims that the cross of Christ accomplishes in the life of believers what attempts at fidelity to the Law of Moses could never accomplish. Believers are made righteous before God, by the self-emptying death of Christ and uniting them to his sacrifice on the cross, we place our trust not in ourselves but in his love for us.

GOSPEL: Jesus tells a parable to the Pharisees so that the life of a forgiven woman would be a parable for us all. The Pharisees' insight that the person who was forgiven more will love the one who forgives more is taken up by Jesus in announcing the forgiveness of the woman's sin. Her act of generous love toward Jesus in washing his feet with her tears and drying them with her hair indicates that she has already known in Jesus what he announces—forgiveness. Jesus has forgiven our sins by his death on the cross. What does that forgiveness invite us to today?



**Monday
June 14, 2010
is Flag Day!**

**Wave 'em high!
Wave 'em proud!**

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 JUNE 6, 2010: \$16,610
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.

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

SUMMER-BREAK PRAYER

Lord, what about you and me?

I don't want to forget you
 just because I'm off my normal school-year routine.

Keep close to me, Lord, and remind me
 that my relationship with you
 should never take a break.

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 – 6/14

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Wednesday – 6/16

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 6/18

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

RIGHT TO LIFE



For all priests as we approach the end of the Year for Priests:

That they will be guarded in truth and love by our Blessed Mother and always have the strength to stand in the defense of life from conception to natural death;

We pray to the Lord

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 – June 13th

We will have our final blood pressure screenings for the season on Sunday, June 13th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the parish center. Screenings will resume in September.

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.

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.



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

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

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.

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

June 17 - LinkedIn.com

How to Set up a Profile and Conduct a Job Search

Lysa Delefeti will be discussing the basics of how to set up your professional profile to get noticed to prospective employers as well as how to utilize LinkedIn.com to conduct a job search using your network.



**Free Ministry to Traveling Catholics
For Nationwide Mass Times & Locations
visit www.masstimes.org.**

Enter the city and state or zip code for your destination and this site will list all Catholic churches in the area, then follow the links to the individual parish websites where you can obtain directions and Mass times.

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)*

- 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)**

**St. Thomas the Apostle
 Mission Statement**

The Roman Catholic faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle recognizes God's call to be a sign of His Kingdom in the communities we serve. We respond to this call by:

- † Leading people to a deeper relationship with Christ by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, renewal, education, the celebration of the Sacraments, and the worship of God in the sacred liturgy;
- † Encouraging a commitment to justice and to service of those in need;
- † Promoting good stewardship of our time, talent and treasure;
- † Building a community of hospitality and support in the daily living out of Christian ideals by nourishing mutual respect and understanding within our Church, our families, our community, and other faith traditions.

THIS IS MY PARISH

*It is composed of people like me.
 We make it what it is.
 It will be friendly, if I am.
 Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them.
 It will make generous gifts to many causes
 if I am a generous giver.
 It will bring other people to worship and fellowship
 if I bring them.
 It will be a church of loyalty and love,
 of fearlessness and faith,
 and a church with a noble spirit.
 if I, who make it what it is,
 am filled with these qualities.
 Therefore, with the help of God
 I shall dedicate myself
 to the task of being all things
 that I want my parish to be.*

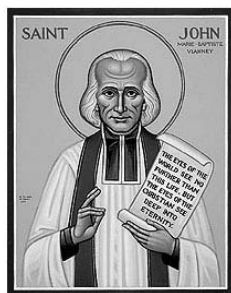
Prayer for The Year for Priests

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.

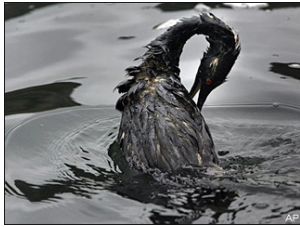
Amen.



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

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.



Oil Spill Prayer

Our LORD, Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer,
You alone are sovereign over creation.
You alone created the heavens and the earth.
You alone sustain and hold all things together.
You alone are the redeemer and re-creator.

We praise You for Your wonderful creation,
But now plead with You for your intervention.
In the face of great tragedy, we turn to You.
We ask that You step in with works of restoration.

Be with the families of those who were killed.

May they be comforted with Your peace.

Be with those who were injured.

May they experience Your healing.

Be with those whose jobs are affected.

In an already tough economy,

May they receive Your provision.

Be with those who are working to contain and clean up.

May they be guided and directed.

What a shame that Your creatures should suffer!

Lord, please protect and heal them.

What a shame that Your creation should be damaged!

Lord, please protect and restore it.

As we ourselves are somewhat complicit in this tragedy,

Forgive us for our role in this crisis.

Teach us to reduce our own consumption,

That we might better care for and protect Your creation.

We again acknowledge Your sovereignty.

We pray that Your restorative work would be manifest,

That Your kingdom come

and Your will be done here and now,

That Your name might be glorified in all the earth.

We pray all this in the name of our LORD,

The Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer of all things.

Amen.

June 17, 1939, Father Thomas J. Herron received the letter designating him pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.



First Mass said by Pastor Fr. Herron in the tent June 25th, 1939. If you've ever heard the name the "tenter" used at St. Thomas, it comes from the early years where Mass was said in an actual tent!

June 1975 - Jose Barrios became the first man from the Newark Archdiocese to the permanent diaconate and was assigned to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

Check out our website for more fun facts at:
www.stachurchbloomfield.com



YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG

by George M. Cohan

You're a grand old flag,
You're a high flying flag
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of
The land I love.
The home of the free and the brave.
Ev'ry heart beats true
'neath the Red, White and Blue,
Where there's never a boast or brag.
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

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



We would like to visit our parishioners who are home-bound, 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 Center Desk.