

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

June 27, 2010 . 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, June 27

Saturday, June 26

5:00 pm Louis Scaglione – Family

Sunday, June 27

7:30 am Peter Rohan, Sr. – Family

9:00 am David & Donald Stefanelli – Mother

10:30 am Constant Montesano – Daughter

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, June 28

7:30 am Kjell Lee – Friend

11:30 am James Caputo (44th Anniv.) – Sister

Tuesday, June 29

7:30 am Loretta Hasse – Daughter

11:30 am Joseph Ciuba – Friend

Wednesday, June 30

7:30 am Dereck Chiu – Friend

11:30 am Angelo Carfagna – Friend

Thursday, July 1

7:30 am Teodorico Q. Flores – Children

11:30 am Collins Family – Family

Friday, July 2

7:30 am Robert M. Chagnon – Family

11:30 am Carmine Sierchio – Family

Saturday, July 3

8:30 am Michael Dobransky – Family

Sunday, July 4

Saturday, July 3

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, July 4

7:30 am Carmine Sierchio – Wife

9:00 am Josefa Martinez – Friend

10:30 am Debbie Klein – Friend

12:00 pm Ugo Matteoni – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Nancy Cariani

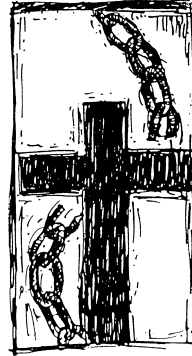
REST IN PEACE:

Mary McEnroe, Sophie Rydzewski, Della Gentile

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Albert F. Lang

**Visit our website at
www.stachurchbloomfield.com**



*13th Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Today we begin the second half of the Gospel according to Luke, the whole of which is devoted to Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

FIRST READING: Elijah's challenge to Elisha's hesitancy bears immediate fruit. Elisha makes a complete break with his past and all that bound him to it by slaughtering his oxen and his plough. Where have we experienced a challenge for a more complete and more immediate following of the Lord?

RESPONSORIAL: The Church acclaims her desire to keep her eyes fixed firmly on the Lord and to follow his way.

SECOND READING: Self-emptying, not self-indulgence, is the path of Christian freedom. Paul argues that turning toward the satisfaction of one's own needs tears apart the community and destroys the peace in which true freedom flourishes. On the other hand, when we empty ourselves in love and live in communion, we flourish in the peace true freedom brings.

GOSPEL: Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom was often met with outright rejection or with initial enthusiasm that withered in hesitancy or in another legitimate human good. In these responses we may, at moments, see ourselves. Hopefully, this realization leads us not to despair, but to a humility that asks of the Lord what we ourselves cannot supply the whole-hearted gift of ourselves.

Next Sunday is July 4th!



**Our parish will celebrate Independence Day
on Monday, July 5th, 2010.**

**Please be aware that here will be
only one Mass at 8:30 a.m.
and the Parish Center will be closed.**

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS



The STA School Community
wishes everyone a
HAPPY SUMMER!

Thank You & Good-bye to . . .

Kathy Scurman

for 18 years of loving service
to our school community

Marie Pena for 9 years of service

Kelli Magnier for 6 years of service



***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

Session Dates for Baptism 2010

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

September 12 1:00 p.m.

October 17 1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

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

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.

Why choose a Catholic School Education?

The Catholic School Advantage

From the Archdiocese of Newark

Vicariate for Education

<http://www.rcan.org/schools/advantage.html>

The Catholic School advantage is reflected in the philosophy that permeates the total education program and the lives of the faculty and students. This philosophy challenges students to improve the world by sharing Gospel values and living Christ's message of salvation. They grow to understand the roots of their faith and their responsibilities as Christians.

- Students explore their faith through classes and activities in Scripture, Sacraments, Church, and morality.
- Catholic Schools stress the value of self-discipline and commitment.
- Faculty and staff are role models who share their faith, their talents, and their time.
- While not all students who come to the Catholic Schools are Catholic, all share experiences of faith and values.
- Catholic Schools encourage each student to accept the challenges of being a Christian in tomorrow's world.

Values which promote understanding and service to the elderly and the handicapped, the poor and the ill, are an important part of the Catholic School experience. As a faith community, we emphasize those values which encourage students to accept others rather than exclude them, to understand the difference between right and wrong, and to commit themselves to serve God by serving others.

Maintaining High Standards

Catholic Schools engage in an ongoing process of evaluation, certification, and accreditation of both teachers and programs. Their accountability guarantees the maintenance of Catholic School's traditionally high standards.

- The Catholic School curriculum meets all state regulations and guidelines. In addition, diocesan guidelines require a strong religious education curriculum.
- Catholic School faculty members are fully qualified professionals committed to bringing out the best in their students as they grow in knowledge, skills, and values.
- Association with agencies such as the Middle States Association and the National Catholic Education Association, as well as with Diocesan Education Offices, helps provide programs and instruments for internal and external evaluations on an ongoing basis.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 6/28

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
Eucharistic Adoration – 12noon in Church
Respect Life – 7:30pm in Church

Wednesday – 6/30

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 7/2

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

Sisters of Charity

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth are grateful for your generous financial donation. The funds from the parishes assist in helping us to continue our ministries to the poor and to care for our aged and infirmed Sisters. We are very much aware of the strain placed on many of you during these hard economic times. Please know that the Sisters of Charity are doubly grateful for your contribution and promise you a daily remembrance in our prayers.

Total Amount Collected for 2010: \$15,087.⁷⁵

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 13, 2010:	\$17,171
AMOUNT BUDGETED:	\$20,500

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Want to skip writing checks to St. Thomas each week? Sign up for our electronic giving program. Once a month your gift to the parish is automatically charged to your designated credit or debit card. It's convenient and secure. Call the parish center to request information.

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.

RIGHT TO LIFE



For all health care professionals who conscientiously object to moral evils advocated in our nation's laws: that the Holy Spirit will be their guide and support for acting rightly and that he will lead them to peace in trying times;

We pray to the Lord

EYEGLOSS COLLECTION DRIVE

The collection drive of used eyeglasses sponsored by local Boy Scout Troop # 22 is continuing this week. Glasses donated will be given to New Eyes for the Needy, a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the vision of poor children and adults in the United States and throughout the world.

Members of Troop 22 and volunteers will be at the Church exits TODAY to collect your used eyeglasses. If you have forgotten your eyeglasses today, there is a collection box in the main vestibule of the Church which will remain until July 7. Every donation is appreciated. Thank you for your participation.

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.

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.



5th

Jubilee Celebration
for
Sister Arleen Crimmins, OP

You have been an important part of my journey here at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and I would like to invite you to join me for a celebration of the Eucharist at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, October 10th followed by an informal reception in Herron Hall.
Please, no gifts, as your presence is gift enough.

The Rosary Society invites all parishioners to join us as we pray the
Rosary for Peace



in honor of the feast of
Saint Thomas the Apostle
Saturday, July 3rd
8:00 a.m. Recitation of the Rosary
(before the 8:30 a.m. Mass)
9:00 a.m. Fellowship in the Parish Center
(with light refreshments)

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

~ ~ September Club Travel ~ ~
Bus Trip to...

Atlantic City

July 20, 2010

Price... \$30 Return... \$30

Bus departs 8:45 a.m. (approx. 6 hrs.)
Refreshments on bus.

For reservations or questions
call Ann 973-743-1831 or Valerie 973-338-8790.

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

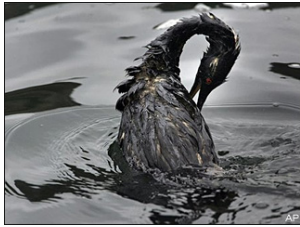
For further information, please call Jim McKittrick (973) 338-3145 or Frank Diveny (973) 748-0519.

Ministry of Spiritual Direction
Summer Directed Retreat by the Ocean
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)



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.

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.

BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS

Public Health Nursing - www.bloomfieldhealth.org
 Appointments required, please call 973-680-4058.

Free Vaccine for Adults Program

The Bloomfield Department of Health & Human Services is pleased to offer a new vaccine program for Bloomfield residents, specifically those age 19 years and over. Our office has qualified to receive stimulus funds and now have the ability to protect our adult population against certain vaccine-preventable diseases.

Vaccines Include:

TDaP - Tetanus, Diphtheria, acellular Pertusis
 - Now is used instead of Td as a 10-year booster

Target Population -

- *Anyone age 19-64 years who has never received TDaP
- *New mothers that have never received a dose of TDaP
- *To receive protection against tetanus following a severe cut or burn

TDaP is NOT recommended for anyone age 65-years and over. Current recommendations include administering one dose of TDaP. Future booster doses should be Td.

Pneumovax 23 - Pneumococcal vaccine; protects against 23 different types of pneumococcal bacteria

Target Population -

- *Adults age 65-years and over
- *Adults age 19-64 years taking a drug or treatment which lowers the body's resistance to infection
- *Adults age 19-64 years that have a disease or condition that lowers the body's resistance to infection
- *Adults age 19-64 who have long-term health problems
- *Adults age 19-64 smokers and/or have asthma

Dose #2 is recommended for those age 65 years and over if dose #1 was administered before age 65.

Dose #2 is recommended for those age 19-64 diagnosed with specific immuno-compromised conditions.

In both cases, dose #2 is to be given 5 years after dose #1

Gardasil - HPV - Human Papilloma Virus
 - Consists of a 3-dose series

Target Population -

- *Females: can prevent most cervical cancers
- *Males: can prevent genital warts
- *Females and Males: age 19 through 26 years

Menactra - Meningococcal vaccine
 - Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness
 - Is the leading cause of bacterial meningitis

Target Population -

- *Anyone age 19-55; mandatory for younger adults residing in a college dormitory

Requirements for this program:

- a. Must be age 19 and over and a Bloomfield resident
- b. Can be insured, uninsured, or underinsured
- c. Vaccine is FREE but there is a one-time registration fee-\$15 plus administration fee-\$10 per appointment
- d. Vaccines will be administered by appointment only