

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Parochial Vicars: Rev. Andrew N. Onyemaobi, M.Div., M.A. • Rev. Camilo E. Cruz, M. Div.
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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

July 4, 2010 . 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, July 5

**8:30 am Deceased Members of the McIntyre Family
– Bequest**

Tuesday, July 6

7:30 am Matthew & Catherine Dukiet – Family

11:30 am Palma Errico – Family

Wednesday, July 7

7:30 am Howard Hayes – Family

11:30 am Dr. John Cicero – Friend

Thursday, July 8

7:30 am Patrick J. Kelly, Jr. – Family

11:30 am Anna & Jerry Parcaro – Daughters

Friday, July 9

7:30 am Joseph Pettoni – Family

11:30 am Michael Giuliano – Friend

Saturday, July 10

8:30 am Ann Imfeld – Family

Sunday, July 11

Saturday, July 10

5:00 pm James Palagano – Family

Sunday, July 11

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Louis & Mamie DeCicco – Children

10:30 am Michael Giuliano – Friends

12:00 pm Paolina Soccolich – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Helen Poneis, Lillian Bieksha

REST IN PEACE:

Patricia Thompson

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Albert F. Lang

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



FIRST READING: Isaiah envisions a restored Jerusalem as a nursing mother who nourishes and comforts her children. God's holy city is a place of rejoicing and life. Today, the Church is called to be the maternal face of God, nourishing and comforting her members.

RESPONSORIAL: In Psalm 66 the Church summons the whole earth to praise and glorify God, who has done wondrous deeds.

SECOND READING: Paul proclaims that the cross of Christ makes all things new. The cross brings life, not death, for the cross transforms humankind's relationship to the world. Through the cross Paul was set free from the narrow constraints of worldly success and set free to live for Christ.

GOSPEL: The disciples' mission of proclaiming the dawn of God's reign was met with great success. The power of Jesus' name enabled them even to expel demons. Yet, Jesus tempers their jubilation with a call to rejoice in a greater success: the inscription of their names in heaven. As we are sent by the Lord in mission, we may rejoice in our "success" or seek comfort in our "failure." Yet, it is our fidelity to his call that leads to eternal life.

Happy 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.



***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

July 18	1:30 p.m.
August 15	1:30 p.m.
September 18	during the 5:00 p.m. mass
September 19	1:30 p.m.
October 3	1:30 p.m.

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.

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"

Thursday – 7/8

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter
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 JUNE 27, 2010: \$18,850
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.

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.

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
U.S.A.



RIGHT TO LIFE

That all legislators and public officials work tirelessly to defend the right to life of every human being;

We pray to the Lord

KEEP CHRIST IN YOUR VACATION



During the summer months, let us remember to keep the Lord in our lives. The opportunity to witness His message through Scripture and to be strengthened by the Eucharist is a necessity in our relationship with God and with each other.

As you travel on vacation, take time to visit and worship the Lord in a nearby Church. For those remaining at home in your Parish, and to all visitors, the invitation for continued worship at St. Thomas's is extended and will certainly serve to enrich your summer. For Nationwide Mass Times & Locations, call 1-410-676-6000.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word has stopped for the summer months and will return again after Labor Day.



We would like to thank the team, parents and children who participated this past year.

Have a safe summer and we will see you in September.

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.



50th

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.

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

Are you considering a career change? On July 15th at 7:30 pm, Dr. Rosanne Scriffignano will share strategies for re-branding yourself while pursuing a new career during today's economic climate. A certified career and executive coach, Rosanne has helped clients to seek new opportunities that enhance their professional growth while staying focused on their aspirations, talents, and goals.

~ ~ *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

This Wednesday, July 7, 2010

On the Mi – Jo II
Atlantic Highlands, NJ

**Last
Chance**



**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.



Rosary Society Gift Shop

Items from the gift shop are available for sale. Merchandise is available for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, gifts, etc. If you would like to view an item or make a purchase please e-mail STA_Rosary_Shop@comcast.net or call Mary Ellen DeCotiis at 973-893-9625, Bernadette Lipoma at 973-893-0114 or Rosalie Mescall at 973-893-8186.


HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL RETREAT

THE MEN'S RETREAT AT SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE, WHERE GOD AND SEA COME TOGETHER, IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 24-26.



THE THEME FOR THE 2010 WEEKEND RETREAT IS:
THE YEAR OF ST. LUKE, GOD'S COMPANION.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SPENDING THIS MOST ENJOYABLE AND SPIRITUALLY SIGNIFICANT WEEKEND AT THE NEW JERSEY SHORE SHOULD CONTACT FRANK HELMSTETTER AT 973-339-5872.



Sign up!

If you are presently not on our mailing list, receiving envelopes and the various parish mailings, chances are that you are not a registered member of our parish. You are not automatically a registered member because you were married here, if you were brought up here and lived in the parish with your parents—or went to school here. Membership is by formal registration only. Just call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190 and let us know that you wish to register and the registration form will be mailed to you. Thank you.

Today is Independence day!



PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Heavenly Father
 Send forth Your Spirit
 To heal our land, and calm our fears,
 hold in Your arms all who
 have been affected by senseless violence.
 Heal the hearts and minds
 of all who have been scarred by hate.
 Welcome into the peace of Your Kingdom
 all those who have died.
 May the light of Christ shine forth
 through Your faithful people
 and become a beacon of hope.
 May the justice and peace
 that only You can bring,
 Reign in our hearts, and in the world.

AMEN R. JENSEN

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, Diptheria, 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:

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