

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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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

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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 18, 2010 . 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, July 18**

**Saturday, July 17**

**5:00 pm Anthony Barbalaci – Family**

**Sunday, July 18**

**7:30 am Joseph Powers – Family**

**9:00 am For the People of the Parish**

**10:30 am Elizabeth Molnar (23rd Anniv.) – Family**

**12:00 pm Estelle Horoschak – Daughter**

**Monday, July 19**

**7:30 am Helen Mooney – Friend**

**11:30 am Fred Calenda – Friend**

**Tuesday, July 20**

**7:30 am Anna Korec (10th Anniv.) – Family**

**11:30 am Civita Vezza – Family**

**Wednesday, July 21**

**7:30 am Catherine Capalbo – Friends**

**11:30 am Domenico Farro – Friend**

**Thursday, July 22**

**7:30 am Emidio DiMichele – Family**

**11:30 am Mary Roberts – Family**

**Friday, July 23**

**7:30 am Deceased Members of Klenk Family - Bequest**

**11:30 am Anthony Gatti – Friend**

**Saturday, July 24**

**8:30 am Irene Aragona – Friend**

**Sunday, July 25**

**Saturday, July 24**

**5:00 pm Marco Cieri – Family**

**Sunday, July 25**

**7:30 am Frederick Balma – Friends**

**9:00 am Anna Korec – Family**

**10:30 am For the People of the Parish**

**12:00 pm Anne Sierchio & Francis Reboa – Family**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Katherine McShane, Halle Barrett, Kevin Sutton

**REST IN PEACE:**

Sr. Katherine MacMillen

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Albert F. Lang

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[www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com)**

*16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*“Mary’s listening heart is praised above Martha’s anxious hospitality.”*

The First Reading from Genesis, the story of Abraham welcoming the three strangers at the oaks of Mamre, beautifully illustrates the idea of hospitality that permeates today’s readings. Martha and Mary do the same, each in her own way.

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis reveals God’s visitation of Abraham and Sarah, and a promise of a child to Sarah, who was thought to be barren. The presence of the three men suggests to Christians the fullness of divinity, welcomed with profound hospitality by a couple who have already opened their hearts to all that God had asked of them. The three men also symbolized God’s generosity toward all who welcome and act upon God’s call.

**RESPONSORIAL:**

Today’s refrain for Psalm 15 celebrates the just lives of Abraham and Sarah, who live in the presence of the Lord. As we raise our voices in this response, we are called to live in right relationship with God and neighbor.

**SECOND READING:**

Paul’s bold proclamation concerning the suffering he endures in relation to the suffering of Christ flows from his conviction that the Church is the body of Christ. Christ’s intimate relationship with the Church grants to the suffering Paul, and every Christian who suffers, a share in Christ’s redeeming love.

**GOSPEL:**

On this day when the hospitality of Abraham and Sarah is praised, the Church proclaims Luke’s account of the Gospel, in which Mary’s listening heart is praised above Martha’s anxious hospitality. When we draw near to the Lord to receive his counsel, we both *receive* the Lord’s hospitality and *provide* the Lord hospitality. Jesus’ blessing of Mary’s choice, which challenged the gender-based roles of his culture, highlights the priority for all disciples, women and men, to draw near and to heed the Lord’s voice.



*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. |
| December 5   | 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.                 |
| October 31   | 1:30 p.m.                 |
| November 21  | 1:30 p.m.                 |
| December 12  | 1:30 p.m.                 |

*Thanks!*

*“Give thanks to the LORD,  
for he is good.  
for his kindness endures forever!”*

*PSALM 107:1*



### **Excellence in Academic Achievement**

A Catholic education is a challenging education. High standards, strong motivation, effective discipline and an atmosphere of caring combine to foster excellence, and, a high quality of student performance is supported by the evidence.

- Catholic School students score significantly above the national averages on standardized testing.
- Research shows that because of a greater emphasis on homework and study, Catholic School students develop more effective writing skills.
- Catholic High School students attend post-secondary education at a rate in excess of 80% and are more likely to complete their program of studies.
- Catholic Schools have an excellent success rate in educating minority students.

While providing a stimulating and demanding education, Catholic Schools give students a high level of individualized attention and personal sharing. This commitment is reinforced by participation in programs for advanced students and also for those experiencing difficulties in reading, writing, and math.

### **Family and Community**

A Catholic School recognizes the parents and family as primary educators and joins with them to form a living community of shared visions.

- Catholic Schools help students understand that each person is unique and valuable.
- Catholic Schools join with the family to help students understand their special place in the family, the Church, and society.
- Catholic Schools encourage family input and involvement in the ongoing education of their children. Research shows that such a partnership results in higher attendance rates and lower dropout rates.
- Catholic Schools strive to create a special bond among the students, the home, the school, and the church, so that all share the strong sense of community.

Every child shares in an educational environment filled with love and concern -- a community joining together to help create a better world.

## STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

### **"THIS WEEK"**

**Thursday – 7/22**

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:                   \$17,380**  
**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.*



### **RIGHT TO LIFE**

For all those suffering the pain of infertility, help them know the power of your healing, and give them the strength to follow your will without anxiety;

*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.

### **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.*

### **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.

## 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 973-338-5872.

## 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)

**Thursday, August 5:**

### Staying Healthy at no cost to you!

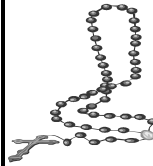
Whether in a job search, starting a new position, or busily working, in today's competitive job market it is more important than ever to practice habits that will keep you strong, healthy, and at your very best. Dr. Samuel Sbarra will review proven methods that everyone can implement on their own and at no cost. Learn ways to better manage this stressful time and turn it into a springboard for a stronger future.

Dr. Sbarra has been in private practice for 23 years. In addition he is an adjunct professor at Essex County College.

#### **Note:**

We will be having our networking meeting on August 19 and will resume our meetings on Thursday, September 16 with a great motivational program from one of our well-respected parishioners... details to follow - you won't want to miss it!

*Angel of God, my Guardian dear,  
To whom God's love commits me here;  
Ever this day, be at my side  
To light and guard; To rule and guide.*



## 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](mailto: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.

## 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 St. 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 St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

## How Do I Arrange a Wedding?

Archdiocesan policy requires that arrangements be made with a Parish Priest at least one year before the wedding date. Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Center, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. You should be a registered parishioner of St. Thomas in order to be married here.


### "Time of Marriage"

Well in advance of making other arrangements for your wedding, the time of your marriage should be arranged with one of the Parish Priests.

### 'Directives'

You should consult one of the parish priests concerning the current Church law when a Catholic is marrying a person of another faith. All procedures for Marriage Preparation must still be followed,

In preparation for Marriage here at Saint Thomas, you would ask you to be willing to follow the norms set by Canon (Church) Law, Archdiocesan and Parish Policy.



**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.

*Feel good about yourself - - Give blood*



*St. Thomas' Annual  
Blood Drive  
Sunday,  
September 26, 2010  
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in  
Herron Hall*

Our blood banks are in need of all types of blood. Please consider this as your gift for life. Come to our blood drive and donate. We welcome our “regulars” and those of you who will be “first timer donors”.

Juice, bagels, and snacks will be served.

All donors must present signed or picture ID's and know their social security number. Please eat a meal before you donate.

For more information call the blood center of New Jersey at 973-676-4700.

*10 Reasons to Donate Blood*

- Blood transfusions save lives.
- There's no substitute for human blood.
- Every three seconds someone needs a blood transfusion.
- About 60 percent of the population is eligible to donate blood, yet less than five percent do.
- A pint of blood, separated into components, can help up to three people.
- You'll make your community a safer place.
- Fulfills your desire to “give back” to the community.
- You'll receive a mini physical (blood pressure, temperature, iron level).
- You'll learn your blood type.
- It's safe, simple, and it saves lives.

**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.

***Reporting Abuse...***

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.



**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**

**Marylawn of the Oranges Academy of South Orange is celebrating its 75th Anniversary!** Mark your calendars and come join the Marylawn community in celebration at the 75th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, November 20, 2010. All alumnae, families, friends, and supporters of Marylawn are welcome! To volunteer for the 75th Anniversary Committee, add your name to the mailing list, or update your contact information, please call the Marylawn Office of Institutional Advancement at 973-762-9222 x-12 or email [marylawnsoa@gmail.com](mailto:marylawnsoa@gmail.com).