

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

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

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1(800) CCS-7413
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August 1, 2010 . 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, August 1

Saturday, July 31

5:00 pm James Castrovilla – Family

Sunday, August 1

7:30 am Ann Murphy – Friend

9:00 am Sadie Davis – Friend

10:30 am Alvin Trautfetter – Wife

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, August 2

7:30 am Mary Alberti – Friend

11:30 am Reich Family – Friend

Tuesday, August 3

7:30 am Gail K. Pilsbury – Husband

11:30 am Joseph Michalek – Daughter

Wednesday, August 4

7:30 am Kenneth Sharry – Family

11:30 am George Mc Garry – Bequest

Thursday, August 5

7:30 am Dr. Philip Rispoli – Friend

11:30 am Vito Michael Capio

Friday, August 6

7:30 am Michael Dobransky – Family

11:30 am Thomas Mc Garry – Bequest

Saturday, August 7

8:30 am Joseph Frequenza – Friends

Sunday, August 8

Saturday, August 7

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, August 8

7:30 am John & Laura Lackey – Friend

9:00 am Sally Anne Lazzaro – Friend

10:30 am Vincenzo Testaverde – Family

12:00 pm Giovanni Soccolich – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Katherine McShane, Lois Cunningham,
Kevin Sutton, Virginia Scully, Matthew Luisi,
Lisa Ricciardelli, Nancy Cariani

REST IN PEACE:

John Downey, Sr. Eileen Bradshaw, Norma Fodero,
Jerome Judd, Robert J. Ganter, Sr.

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Vincent Montagna

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www.stachurchbloomfield.com**

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Seek the things
that are above.**

Col 3:1

The tone of the readings is set by the verse for Ecclesiastes, "Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" (1:2). Jesus disparages greed and materialism in his parable of the rich man. In modern parlance we would say, "You can't take it with you."

FIRST READING:

Qoheleth proclaims human existence pointless, void of meaning or purpose. In so doing he strikes a deep cord in the experience of many, creating a home in God's word for those who struggle with these same thoughts and questions. Human emotion embraced in faith, especially the deep yearning of the heart, leads to fuller life.

RESPONSORIAL:

In Psalm 90 the Church prays for the grace to be fully open to hear and respond to God's voice. We are invited to repent of our past "Meribah" and "Massah" moments.

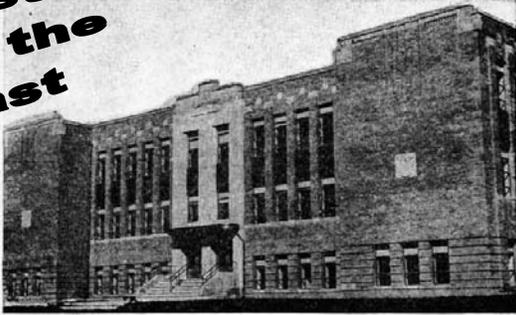
SECOND READING:

Paul exhorts the Colossians to embrace the full meaning and purpose of their life in Christ. Since Christ orients them to eternal life, their daily lives ought to be transformed by this transcendent goal. This transcendent goal grants a new perspective to our relationship with our own bodies and to everybody. Thus, we receive the call to purity and to put an end to barriers of religion, social status, and gender.

GOSPEL:

Jesus echoes Qoheleth's sentiment concerning the futility of earthly existence without a transcendent horizon. The erection of storage bins to secure a merely earthly future is futile for death's arrival, though unpredictable in time, is inevitable. On the other hand, the building of a storehouse of heavenly treasure through good deeds engaged in for love of God and neighbor will reap a harvest of an eternal reward.

**Blast
from the
Past**



AUGUST 6, 1939

Ground was broken for construction of the St. Thomas the Apostle School building.



***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
MOMMY & ME
PLAYGROUP***

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish School would like to offer a free, weekly *Mommy & Me Playgroup* this Fall.

- ☺ The playgroup will serve children from 2 to 4 years of age.
- ☺ The playgroup aims to promote new and lasting friendships for both children and their parents.
- ☺ Parents will be responsible for the supervision of their children at all times.
- ☺ Creation of this playgroup is dependent on the number of interested families.
- ☺ If you or a friend are interested in participating or if you have any questions, please call the school office at **973-338-8505**.

**SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL**

Written in 1942

Saint Thomas the Apostle School opened on September ninth, 1940, with an enrollment of 376 pupils, and a teaching staff of eight Sisters of Charity and one lay teacher. Nine of the twelve ideal class rooms were utilized by the kindergarten and regular grades.

Saturday, October fifth, 1940, the Convent of Saint Thomas the Apostle was dedicated. The children of the school paid tribute to Archbishop Walsh. They were represented by Jane Regan, an eighth grade student, who delivered an address and they in turn sang, "God Bless America" and "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name".

Shortly after the opening of school, we organized a choir which consisted of pupils of the seventh and eighth grades, and at the same time a chancel choir representing our fifth and sixth grade boys. Under the direction of William P. Stanley, these two groups rendered their first accomplishment in the singing of the Gregorian Mass of the Missa Brevis at the "Forty Hours Devotion," in Nov., 1940.

The societies of the Junior Children of Mary, Junior Holy Name, Sacred Heart, Angels and the Girls and Boy Scouts have been organized and are functioning admirably. On May twenty-first two hundred children were confirmed by Bishop Boland. On May twenty-fifth there was a solemn May procession in pageant form to our blessed Lady. The children represented the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary. The crowning of our Lady was done by one of the kindergarten pupils.

Our first graduation of twenty-three pupils took place on Sunday evening, June twenty-second. On that morning the graduates enjoyed a Communion breakfast in the cafeteria as guests of the parish priests.

September eighth, 1941, school opened with an enrollment of 438 pupils. The enrollment is now 470. We now have in the grades a faculty of eight Sisters, and two lay teachers. We also have two special teachers, one for Physical Education and the other for Vocal Training.

May nineteenth will be our first Kindergarten Graduation which will be followed by a Physical Education and Entertainment given by the pupils of the Primary and Grammar departments.

Our second graduation of forty-three pupils will take place on Sunday, June twenty-first. This great progress in our infant school is a clear manifestation of perfect cooperation of our good pastor, Father Herron, his worthy assistants, parents, pupils, and teaching staff.

All working as a living unit for God and country have helped to attain the great progress made by the school in her religious and social activities.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

“THIS WEEK”

Thursday – 8/5

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

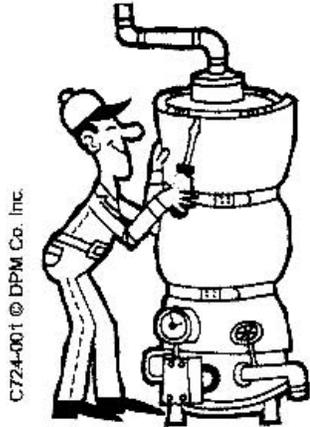
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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.

LAST WEEKEND COLLECTION: \$18,139
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.



New
Church Boiler Fund

* UPDATE *

We are on track to meet our goal of \$100,000 by the end of the year. So far we have collected \$34,482 which accounts for one-time major tax deductible donations and monthly donations equal to or greater than my usual Sunday contribution. This month's collection date is August 8th. We thank you for your generosity and commitment to this emergent need.

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.



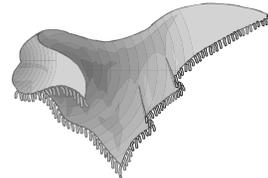
RIGHT TO LIFE

For all who promote the culture of death: That through Jesus Christ the law of the spirit of life may set them free from sin and death;
We pray to the Lord

HEALTH MATTERS

8 Lifestyle changes to prevent Alzheimer's disease

1. Eat more fruits and vegetables.
2. Eat berries each day.
3. Eat fish high in omega-3 fatty acids.
4. Take folic acid supplementation or eat foods high in folate.
5. Drink a glass of red wine or purple grape juice with your evening meal.
6. Follow a Mediterranean style diet.
7. Control your blood pressure.
8. Have strong social support.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry
will resume meeting
September 19 at 11:30 AM
at the Parish Center**

We welcome all who wish to work and pray with us. The Ministry has several lightweight shawls and lap robes. Please contact us if you wish to give someone a shawl.

Sister Arleen @ 973-338-9190 Alicia @ 973-473-6633

Let us continue to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Bountiful God, you are boundless with your blessings and faithful to your promises.

Through our ancestors in faith we have come to know and to trust in your guidance on our life's journey.

At Jesus' baptism you confirmed Him in His mission.

Commission us through our baptismal graces to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Open our hearts to recognize your holy calling.

Bless our Church with devoted married couples, committed single men and women, and dedicated deacons, priests, sisters, and brothers.

Guide those who are discerning how best to serve you.

With your favor, we set out to proclaim your reign through Jesus, your beloved Son in the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

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!



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.



Rosary Society Gift Shop

Items from the gift shop are available for sale. Merchandise is available for First 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.

God, Father of All Humanity



Let us celebrate
"The Feast of GOD THE FATHER"
Sunday, August 8, 2010

- 12:00 p.m. Holy Mass
- 1:00 p.m. Consecration to God our Father
Formal Chaplet & Litany
- 2:00 p.m. Fellowship (Parish Center)

For information, please Gary Ilustrisimo
973-338-8011 or visit our website:
www.twoheartsnj.com

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.

**14th Annual "LA FESTA ITALIANA" in honor of
Our Lady of Mount Virgin**

**Special guest performance by
JOEY DEE AND THE STARLITERS**

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ (Mac Arthur Ave & Frederick St off Harrison Ave) is honoring its Italian heritage with their 14th annual "La Festa Italiana" on their church grounds. This traditional Italian street festival runs nightly from Thurs., Aug. 12 through Sun., Aug. 15.

There will be Italian and other ethnic foods including homemade sausage & peppers, eggplant & meatball sandwiches, homemade pasta & salad, pizza, shish-ka-bobs, burgers, hotdogs, zeppoles, and an Italian café with homemade cakes and cannolis, games, rides, raffles, plus live bands and DJ music throughout.

Liturgical & spiritual celebrations:

- * Mass followed by Private Devotion, Thurs. 8/12 @ 7pm
- * Mass followed by Private Devotion, Fri. 8/13 @ 7pm
- * Mass followed by Private Devotion, Sat. 8/14 @ 5pm
- * Solemn Mass in Italian & English, Sun. 8/15 @ 11:30am followed by a Solemn Procession through the streets of Garfield and Lodi with the Statue of Our Lady of Mount Virgin.

Feast hours:

Thursday,	Aug 12	6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday,	Aug 13	6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Sat.,	Aug 14	4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Sun.,	Aug 15	2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
"Welcome Back from the Summer"**



Saturday, September 18th

**2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
in Vassar Field behind St. Thomas**

FOOD:

From Vinnie's Pizza -

Pizza, sandwiches
(meatball & eggplant parm, sausage & peppers)
Pasta (penne vodka & ravioli),
Soda & Water

From Philippine community -

Hot dogs, burgers, and other food from the grill

Picnic Treats -

Ice cream, popcorn, cotton candy

\$1 tickets for food

**There will be different prices,
example 2 tickets for pizza or 1 ticket for water, etc.
so buy multiple tickets.
Beer will be cash-only.**

GAMES:

Traditional Picnic Style Games and Bingo

ADVANCE SALE TICKETS FOR FOOD

15 tickets for \$10

Picnic day face value: 10 tickets for \$10

ADVANCE SALE TICKETS TO BE SOLD...

**Weekends of, Aug. 21/22 & 28/29 & Sept. 4/5 & 11/12
After all Masses except the 7:30 a.m. Masses**

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WORK...

the games, the cash booth,
bingo, raffles and selling food, soda & water.

**Kindly call PAUL ALONGI at 973-338-4665 or the
PARISH CENTER at 973-338-9190 to volunteer for
advance ticket sales and picnic participation.**