

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
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Tracey Rennie

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Sister Arleen Crimmins, O.P.

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Nancy A. Cardone

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MUSIC MINISTERS:
Kimberley Mesiti

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& ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES:
Robert P. Miller

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:
Mr. Timothy Dennin

PASTORAL COUNCIL:
Eileen Conte, Chairperson
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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

August 8, 2010 . 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, August 9

7:30 am Thomas P. Mahon, Jr. – Parents

11:30 am Frank Natale – Family

Tuesday, August 10

7:30 am Geraldine Guarino – Friend

11:30 am John E, Walters, Jr. – Sister

Wednesday, August 11

7:30 am Jean Strubbe – Friends

11:30 am Mila Jesena – Friends

Thursday, August 12

7:30 am Muriel Hoffman – Family

11:30 am Sally Lazzaro – Friends

Friday, August 13

7:30 am Anthony Giangrande, Sr. – Wife

11:30 am Lucy Bartone – Daughter

Saturday, August 14

8:30 am Irene Aragona – Friend

Sunday, August 15

Saturday, August 14

5:00 pm Anna & Joseph Stevens – Daughter

Sunday, August 15

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Michael Giuliano – Friend

10:30 am Veronica Kievit – Family

12:00 pm Asuncion A. Flores – Children

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Katherine McShane, Lois Cunningham,
Matthew Luisi, Jack Kearney

REST IN PEACE:

Jennifer English, Sister Madeline Jose,
Jaime Hugo Kingalahua

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Patty Kuhn Bispo
Rectory: Thomas Greenfield
Convent: Ronald Simon

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**You
must
be
ready.**



As the last weeks of summer vacation approach, teachers if not students, are beginning to prepare their return to school. Let your lamps be burning ready, Jesus tells us. Be ready! Be Prepared!

FIRST READING:

The book of Wisdom suggests that God's deliverance of his people from the snares of darkness, as in the Passover and Exodus, are expected in the lives of believers in every generation. God's merciful listening to our cry for deliverance and his powerful intervention on our behalf set us free.

RESPONSORIAL:

In Psalm 33 the Church exhorts us to keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, whose kindness leads us to trust in his promise to deliver us from the lands of our enemies.

SECOND READING:

The letter to the Hebrews tells us that faith is marked by confidence and conviction in God's desire and power to save. As Abraham and Sarah trusted in God's benevolence, believers in every age are called to place their trust, not in their own power to believe, but in the benevolence of God who invites us to faith. Just as Abraham and Sarah's faith produced numerous offspring, so the faith of every believer bears great fruit.

GOSPEL:

Jesus invites the disciples to live without fear and to trust in God's benevolence in calling them to the kingdom. Yet, he suggests that living without fear is not the same as living without passions for God and for his kingdom. In a sense, we are called to fear all that is not of God, those "realities" that lead us into darkness. On the other hand, we are called to embrace with passion God's desire for our lives.

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

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



***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**.

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

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.

*We welcome into our Community of Faith
With our prayers and good wishes,
Our newly Baptized...*



Aaron William Brown

Parents: Elizabeth (Begnoche) & Larry Brown

Hayden Anne Ethirveerasingam

*Parents: Jennifer (Mitschke) & Nahulan
Ethirveerasingam*

Emma Grace Hanson

Parents: Krystle (Colasuonno) & David Hanson

Tyler Joseph Scurman

Parents: Tracey (Mulvaney) & Michael Scurman



***ASSUMPTION
OF MARY***

***Sunday, August 15
A Holy day***

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The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates Mary's entrance into heaven, body and soul. Mary is the first among the faithful to be fully redeemed because of her perpetually sinless state. Mary, because of her relationship to her Son, shares, through privileged anticipation, in the grace of the resurrection of the dead. Mary does not have to endure the suspension of eternal life until the resurrection of the dead.

The assumption of Mary was declared a dogma of faith to be believed by faithful Catholics, by Pope Pius XII on Nov. 1, 1950. The Solemnity is a holy day but *not* a holy day of obligation.

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*Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.*

*In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory
to be with him in heaven.*

*May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.*

Amen.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"


Monday – 8/9

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Thursday – 8/12

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: \$16,932
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.

HEALTH MATTERS

8 Lifestyle changes to prevent Alzheimer's disease

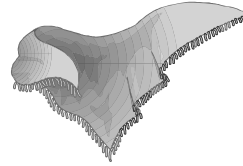
1. Eat more fruits and vegetables.
2. Eat berries each day.
3. Eat fish high in omega-3 fatty acids.
4. Take folic acid supplementation or eat foods high in folate.
5. Drink a glass of red wine or purple grape juice with your evening meal.
6. Follow a Mediterranean style diet.
7. Control your blood pressure.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



RIGHT TO LIFE

For women in crisis pregnancies: That they may see the goodness of the Lord in the support they receive from their loved ones and from the Church, and so choose life;

We pray to the Lord



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meetings resume Sept. 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.

BLOOMFIELD HEALTH-RELATED SEMINARS

The Bloomfield Library is presenting a series of health-related seminars in the library conference room.

The next topic, "The Art of Longevity," is scheduled for Wed., Aug. 11 at 7pm. Angel Duncan of Senior Helpers plans to discuss research regarding healthy aging, negating aging perceptions and how to find empowerment.

Future topics are as follows:

- Taking Care of the Caregiver - Wed., Sept. 8.
- Creating connections (communicating with loved ones who have Dementia) - Wed., Oct. 13.

Registrations and walk-ins welcome. To register, call 973-566-6200, ext. 502, email: reference@bplnj.org or register on Facebook.

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

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!



The collection drive of used eyeglasses sponsored by local Boy Scout Troop #22 collected over 850 pairs of glasses with 425 pair from St. Thomas the Apostle parish.

The donated glasses will be sent to missions and clinics in needy countries worldwide.

Thank you to St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners for your generous participation.



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.



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.

Mother Teresa Missionaries of Charity

In my own words

"Whoever the poorest of the poor are, they are Christ for us - Christ under the guise of human suffering."

26 Aug 1910 - 5 Sep 1997

Come celebrate the centennial of Mother Teresa's birth on August 28, 2010 at St. Augustine Church 170 Sussex Ave., Newark, NJ at 5:00 p.m.

For additional information, contact:

Brian Murphy (973) 454-7289

John Rennie (973) 338-4615



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.

Prayer for Caregivers

*"Love one another with mutual affection;
anticipate one another in showing honor."
(Romans 12:10)*

Lord, bless my caregivers for theirs is a difficult job.

Guard me against making unreasonable demands of them.

Renew their strength when they are weary and exhausted.

*Let them be patient when I am impatient,
cheerful when I am gloomy,
hopeful when I have lost hope,
encouraging when I am discouraged.*

Keep me mindful of my caregivers' feelings, Lord.

Make me as perceptive of their needs as they are of mine.

Help me to be understanding when they cannot be all that I want them to be or do all that I ask of them.

Thank you for my caregivers' loyal vigilance, their countless sacrifices, and their enduring compassion.

**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.**