

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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COMMUNITY
SERVICES
OFFERING SOCIAL
SERVICE ASSISTANCE
1(800) CCS-7413
Fax: 596-3735

August 22, 2010 . 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, August 22

Saturday, August 21

5:00 pm Susie Esposito – Family

Sunday, August 22

7:30 am Margaret Helm – Family

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Robert Westerfield – Daughter

12:00 pm Louis Meier – Family

Monday, August 23

7:30 am Helen Fitterer – Daughter

11:30 am John B. O'Connor – Dad

Tuesday, August 24

7:30 am Gertrude Clark Mathis – Friend

11:30 am Elda Maggio – Friend

Wednesday, August 25

7:30 am John Mescall – Son & Daughter-in-law

11:30 am Fagan & Taylor Family – Family

Thursday, August 26

7:30 am Pauline Hoerrner – Friends

11:30 am Nicola Cifelli – Friend

Friday, August 27

7:30 am Gregory Hornish – Friend

11:30 am Susan De Prisco (100th Birthday) – Neice

Saturday, August 28

8:30 am Tullia Ferrucci

Sunday, August 29

Saturday, August 28

5:00 pm Susie Esposito – Family

Sunday, August 29

7:30 am Antonette Lorenzo – Daughters

9:00 am Jean & Armas Niemi – Children

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Alfonso Londono – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Matthew Luisi, Una Meskel Byrn, Lois Cunningham
Katherine Mc Shane, John Bergamini

REST IN PEACE:

Dorothy Kubo, Charles Stewart

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: The Lataro Family



*21st Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Already the tone of the scriptures is beginning the change. For weeks we have been hearing parables of the kingdom, the cost of discipleship, the meaning of the coming of the messiah, and of his dying. Now the scriptures are starting to turn toward the second half of this season. As the destination of Jesus' journey comes closer—the city of Jerusalem—questions arise, as in the readings for today: Who will be saved? Who will save us? The scriptures contend that God's plan, known from the beginning of time, continues to unfold.

FIRST READING:

Isaiah prophesies God's desire and plan to gather from the ends of the earth and to graft onto the life of his chosen people, men and women of every time and place. Through a missionary proclamation of God's benevolence, many will be transported into the heart of God's holy city.

RESPONSORIAL:

In response to Isaiah's prophecy, the Church proclaims Psalm 117 and exhorts her members to embrace her missionary vocation of proclaiming the Gospel.

SECOND READING:

The letter to the Hebrews encourages believers not to flee from trials, but to endure them not as necessary evils, but as occasions of God's discipline. In God's providential care for his people, he uses every experience to form and shape us into maturity.

GOSPEL:

In teaching about the scope of salvation's reach, Jesus declares that true knowledge of the Lord and not a nominal relationship with him is at the heart of salvation. Thus, salvation is not procured by mere group affiliation, or by passivity in relationship. God's reach, in fact, extends beyond the chosen people. In his love, God provides the possibility for intimate relationship and the grace to engage it fully.

**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

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...*



Emily Danielle Anuscavage

Parents: Lauren (Romeo) & Andrew Anuscavage

Emily Rose Cleary

Parents: Cheryl (Puleo) & James Cleary

Noah James Flores

Parents: Natalia (Pizarro) & Christian Flores

Michael Gerardo Luzzi

Parents: Carmela (Sozio) & Michael Luzzi

Maximus Alexander Nash

Parents: Kelly R. (Flatley) & Elliot F. Nash

Aiden Patrick

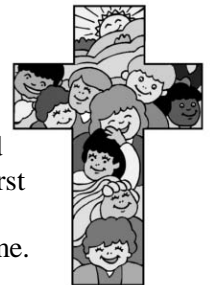
Parents: Linette (Pereiro) & Ronald Patrick

Daniel Brian Shephard

Parents: Denise (Penna) & Brian Shephard

Religious Education News

Parents are reminded that CCD classes will begin on Mon., Sept. 27 for grades 5 through 8 and Tues., Sept. 28 for grades 1 through 4. All children should report to Herron Hall which is on the first floor of the school, by 3:40. Classroom assignments will be given out at that time. Dismissal will be at 5:00 from the rear parking lot as always. Please be considerate and park only in the lot behind the church for the safety of all of the children.



If you have not yet registered your child for CCD classes please call the Religious Education Office at 338-7400 and request a registration package. This program is only open to parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle so please make sure that you have filled out the necessary paperwork in the Parish Center and are receiving envelopes.

There will be a Catechist Meeting for all Fall teachers on Tuesday, September 21st at 7:00 in the STA school library which is located on the second floor of the school. Please make every effort to attend.

Summer teachers are reminded to drop off their teacher manuals in the Religious Education Office as soon as possible if they have not already done so.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

“THIS WEEK”

Monday – 8/23

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

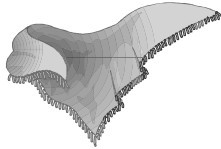
Thursday – 8/26

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew



RIGHT TO LIFE

For all marriages: That all married couples may be strengthened in faith and love and through their reverence for Christ be at the service of 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

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.

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: \$16,733
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 \$48,443 which accounts for one-time major tax deductible donations and monthly donations equal to or greater than my usual Sunday contribution. Please note this is a restricted fund solely for this purpose and therefore will not be assessed by the Archdiocese. Next month's collection date is September 26th. We thank you for your generosity and commitment to this emergent need.

Adult Education

Below is a schedule of upcoming events for St. Thomas the Apostle Adult Education. This year we will offer both morning and evening sessions for our Bible Studies on the Gospel of Luke and St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. Please also take note that our annual Faith and Family Conference will be co-sponsored this year with our *New Energies* partner, St. Valentine's Church.

Adult Education Schedule 2010-11

Date	Event
Thursday, September 23 rd	Lecture: Lord's Prayer: Dr. Greg Glazov
Thursday, October 7: a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Gospel of Luke
Thursday, October 14: a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Gospel of Luke
Saturday, October 16: at St. Valentine's	Family Conference: Tentative Date
Thursday, October 21: a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Gospel of Luke
Thursday, October 28: a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Gospel of Luke
Saturday, December 4 th	Marian Conference: Dr. Maura Heardon
Thursday, February 3 rd : a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Philippians
Thursday, February 10 th : a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Philippians
Thursday, February 17 th : a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Philippians
Thursday, February 24 th : a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Philippians
Saturday, March 19 th	Lecture: C. S. Lewis

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH CENTER FROM 7-9PM. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

9/12 KICK OFF MEETING 2010

COME JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR TO SEE OLD FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES!!! ALL ARE WELCOME.

9/19 TRUST NIGHT

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT tdennin@live.com

CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT

HELP OUT AT THE PARISH PICNIC
VOLUNTEERS SHOULD ARRIVE AT 1 PM IN VASSAR FIELD

CONFIRMATION DATES:

CANDIDATES A - K OCTOBER 17TH
CANDIDATES L - Z OCTOBER 24TH

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

Our meetings resume on Thurs., Sept. 16 with a great motivational program from one of our well-respected parishioners... details to follow - you won't want to miss it!



We welcome Fr. James McCurry, a Conventual Franciscan Friar, who will explain the needs of the Franciscan missions in Jamaica, Africa, and Latin America. Like St. Francis, Fr. James continues to preach the Gospel everywhere promoting Franciscan missions in the U.S. and abroad. We ask that you share generously the gifts that God has given to you!

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."

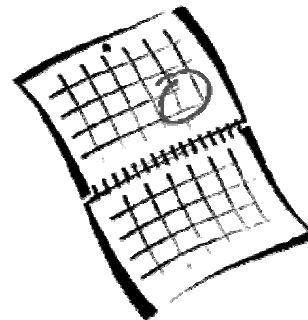


26 Aug 1910 - 5 Sep 1997

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



*Mark Your
Calendar!*

2010
Archdiocesan
Pilgrimage

Come with St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and join the 2010 Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to:

**The Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.**
Under the leadership of **Archbishop John J. Myers**

ONE DAY BUS TRIP. Bus Cost: \$40.
Saturday, October 23, 2010

Registration will begin next Sunday and registration forms will be found in next week's bulletin.

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.



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.

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.

St. Valentine Church - Bloomfield

FAMILY FESTIVAL !

St. Valentine's Annual Family Festival
September 10th, 11th & 12th
on parish grounds,
corner of E. Passaic and Hoover Avenues.

- **Friday** 6 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- **Saturday** 4 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- **Sunday** 2 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Rides • Games • Daily Super 50/50's
and a variety of home made foods!

Parking available at Franklin School on Curtis Street.

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.