

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.
Rev. Thomas F. Blind, M. Div., In Residence

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
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SERVICE ASSISTANCE
1(800) CCS-7413
Fax: 596-3735

August 29, 2010 . 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, August 30

7:30 am Michael P. Scarpelli – Friends

11:30 am Bernard & Catherine Healy – Family

Tuesday, August 31

7:30 am Robert Lutz – Friend

11:30 am Marlene J. Fischer – Family

Wednesday, September 1

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

11:30 am Petro Family – Friend

Thursday, September 2

7:30 am Tom Tango – Friend

11:30 am Mary Roberts – Family

Friday, September 3

7:30 am Letizia & Joseph Frusciano – Family

11:30 am Nancy Rasp – Mother

Saturday, September 4

8:30 am William H. Schwindt, Jr. – Friend

Sunday, September 5

Saturday, September 4

5:00 pm Joseph Szajkowski – Sisters

Sunday, September 5

7:30 am Helen Mooney – Friend

9:00 am Les & Roselle Ibanga (Living) – Friend

10:30 am George Orlando – Family

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Matthew Luisi, Una Meskel Byrn,
Nancy Cariani, Madeline Barker

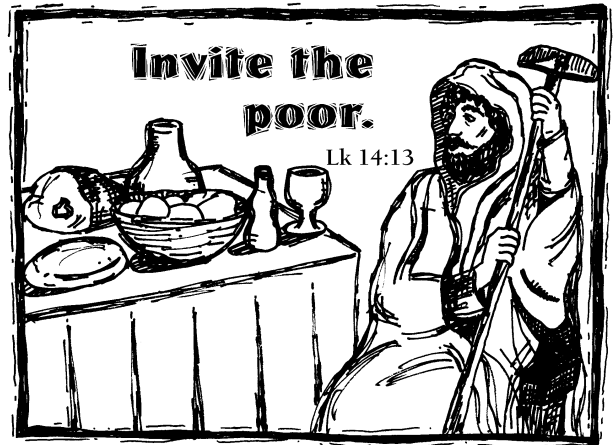
REST IN PEACE:

Fr. Thomas Confroy

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Jackie Kaplan

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the midst of our school and parish preparations for a new academic year, let us not forget the poor who are always among us. Jesus tells us to invite to the table not our relatives and wealthy neighbors, but those who do not have the means to repay us.

FIRST READING:

Sirach proposes the path of humility as the way of wisdom. Humility in relation to others, God, and one's goals in life provides human respect, God's favor, and attainable goals. The humble person has an attentive ear to listen and to learn from the experiences of life.

RESPONSORIAL:

As the Church prays Psalm 68, acknowledging God's care for the poor, she acknowledges her own poverty and need before him.

SECOND READING:

This passage from Hebrews highlights the accessibility of God who draws near to us in multiple ways. God does not stand at a distance to instill fear through our ignorance of him. Rather, in the presence of the angels, the saints in heaven, those who are being made perfect in the present moment and in Jesus, God draws near to offer access to his love and mercy.

GOSPEL:

Today's passage from Luke echoes and expands the theme of humility found in Sirach. Jesus proposes that dinner guests not seek the place of honor at the table and that a dinner's host not invite friends, relatives, and those capable of hosting a dinner in kind. Jesus proposes not a clever calculus to secure the esteem of others, but an embrace of our lowliness before God in which we discover the truth that raises us to life.

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SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

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**WELCOME BACK
TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!!!
2010-2011 School Year
Classes begin as follows:**

Grades 1-8

Thursday, 9/9, 8:10 a.m to 12:15 p.m.
Friday 9/10, 8:10 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Kindergarten

Friday, 9/10 Orientation, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Monday, 9/13, Full Day, 8:10 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Pre K 4

Monday, 9/13, Orientation 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 9/15, Regular classes begin 8:10 a.m.

Pre K 3

Tuesday, 9/14, Orientation, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 9/15, Regular classes begin 8:10 a.m.

**For more information, please call the School
Office at (973) 338-8505.**



***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

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| September 12 | 1:00 p.m. |
| October 17 | 1:00 p.m. |
| December 5 | 1:00 p.m. |

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

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| 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. |

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**.

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.

***Holy Jesus, be my Light, Shine upon my way;
Through this tempting, changing life
Lead me day by day.***

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

“THIS WEEK”

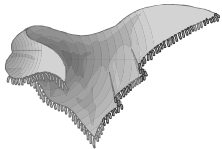
Thursday – 9/2

SCC Wednesday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew



RIGHT TO LIFE

For all political leaders: That they may honor God with their hearts by honoring God’s law and protecting the most vulnerable in our society; *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: \$16,602
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.

Rosary Society Meeting



Welcome Back!!!

We will begin our new year on Monday, Sept. 13th, with the praying of the Rosary at 7 p.m. in Church with our meeting immediately after. Please join us at this time and bring along a friend. Thank you. Any questions, please call Rosalie Mescall at 973-893-8186.

ATTENTION KEAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS



Fr. Tom Blind is the Campus Minister at Kean University. Students are welcome to be involved in the spiritual and social activities on campus. If interested, contact Fr. Blind at 908-737-4835. Campus Ministry office is located at Downs Hall, Rm 130. Look forward to hearing from you!

Adult Education Schedule 2010-11

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.

| Date | Event |
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| Thursday, September 23 | 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, November 6 | True Love Waits 2 |
| Saturday, December 4 | Marian Conference: Dr. Maura Heardon |
| Thursday, February 3: a.m and p.m | Bible Study: Philippians |
| Thursday, February 10: a.m and p.m | Bible Study: Philippians |
| Thursday, February 17: a.m and p.m | Bible Study: Philippians |
| Thursday, February 24: a.m and p.m | Bible Study: Philippians |
| Saturday, March 19 | 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

Don't let your job search get you down. St. Thomas's Work Ministry offers a free, comfortable place to find support, ideas, and inspiration.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:30 in the Parish Center. Keep checking the bulletin for our programs geared to help in your job search. All are welcome to join us if you are looking for a job or need a person to fill a position. For more info, send an e-mail to workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com

Note: We 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!

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



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

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

We will join with St. Valentine Church, our New Energies Partner, in sponsoring this day of prayer and devotion to Our Lady.

Buses will depart from Bloomfield at 5:30 a.m. Pilgrims may bring snacks and drinks for the trip down. The return trip will include a stop for dinner with pilgrims responsible for their meal.

Register now!

Make check payable to: St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

of tickets: _____ **Amt. Enclosed:** _____

Put in an envelope marked "Pilgrimage" and place it in the collection basket at Mass or drop off at parish center.



**SERRA
HOLY NAME
COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

WHERE:
SETON HALL
STUDENT CENTER

WHEN:
LATE OCT. / EARLY NOV.
2010

SERRA INTERNATIONAL IS A VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION OF ALL EXISTING SERRA CLUBS WHOSE MEMBERS HAVE JOINED TOGETHER TO FOSTER VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE AND TO FURTHER CATHOLICISM THROUGH FULFILLMENT OF THEIR OWN CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS TO SERVICE. ITS NAME WAS TAKEN FROM BL. JUNIPERO SERRA, THE NOTED SPANISH FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY WHO PLAYED A LEADING PART IN EARLY MISSIONARY WORK IN MEXICO AND THE WESTERN UNITED STATES.

JOIN US AT OUR FABULOUS BREAKFAST WITH A PROMINENT GUEST SPEAKER WHO WILL BE REVEALED AT A LATER DATE. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW. ALL ARE INVITED. PLEASE CALL JOHN RENNIE WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT 973-338-4615



Joan Ferraer, Principal of St. Thomas the Apostle School, presented Sister Joan Moore with the "Friend of St. Thomas the Apostle School Award" on June 4, 2010. This award is presented to someone who has been a true friend of the school. Sister Joan has shared her

time and talent for over 35 years. She has been referred to as 'a treasure to the school and the parish community.'

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.**