

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

September 5, 2010 . 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, September 6

8:30 am Geraldine Halpin – Friends

Tuesday, September 7

7:30 am Rose Ferguson - Friend

11:30 am Patrick Martorano – Family

Wednesday, September 8

7:30 am Henry Schrader, Sr. – Family

11:30 am Catherine Healy - Family

Thursday, September 9

7:30 am Sam Laricchia - Friends

11:30 am William & Florence Corydon (Living 60th Wedding Anniversary - Friends

Friday, September 10

7:30 am Joseph Dukiet – Family

11:30 am Angelo Guglielmello - Daughter

Saturday, September 11

8:30 am Antoinette Dugar – Friend

Sunday, September 12

Saturday, September 11

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, September 12

7:30 am Charles Viau

9:00 am Eileen Hunt – Friend

10:30 am Deceased Members of the Franco & Nesto Families - Family

12:00 pm Jean Niemi - Daughter

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Nancy Cariani, Madeline Barker, Katherine Mc Shane, Barbara Savage, Lois Cunningham, Deacon Dennis Besida

REST IN PEACE:

Margaret H. Curran

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Elizabeth Rhinesmith

Convent: Arthur Ehman

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As the summer wanes and the season moves along, the cross enters more and more into the scriptures of the liturgies. We begin to understand the cost of following Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem.

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FIRST READING:

left to our own devices, the human capacity to discern God's will is thwarted by his majesty. Yet, God does not leave us to our own devices, but touches the human mind and heart with the gift of grace to illumine the path that leads to wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL:

In Psalm 90 the Church acknowledges that in every age God provides refuge for his people. God's graciousness enables in us the salvation we are helpless to attain ourselves.

SECOND READING:

Paul summons Philemon to see every aspect and relationship in his life in a new way in light of his relationship to Christ. Paul proposes that God's providence was at work in depriving Philemon of Onesimus for a time, so that Philemon might see in him a beloved brother. God's providence invites believers to view all things with the eyes of faith.

GOSPEL:

Prudent discipleship requires radical choices. Jesus invites his followers to emulate the prudent discernment of builders and warrior kings as they discern their response to his call. The cost of laying a sure foundation and being victorious in the way of discipleship is great. Both require the reprioritization of one's entire life, including one's primary relationship and definitions of success.

LABOR DAY IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

**One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am
the Parish Center will be closed.**



St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, was a carpenter by trade, and thus he has always been regarded as the patron of workers. This novena—a prayer to be said over nine days—is perfect for those times when we have an important project or assignment that we're having trouble completing.

Novena to St. Joseph the Worker

O God, the Creator of all things, you have laid the law of labor upon the human race. Grant, we beseech you, that by the example and protection of St. Joseph we may perform the work you command and attain to the reward that you promise. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

www.stthomastheapostlebloomfieldnj.com



**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

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.

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.

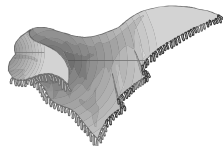
Summer teachers are reminded to drop off their teacher manuals in the Religious Education Office as soon as possible if they have not already done so.

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



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

All members are encouraged to attend our meeting on **September 19th at 11:30 am in the Parish Center's St. James Room where we will begin our new year with light refreshments and the blessing of our hands. we welcome each member as well as anyone wishing to join our Ministry.**

Any questions please contact: Alicia @ 973-473-6633
Bernadette @ 973-893-0114 or Sister Arleen @ 973-338-9190

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: \$18,336
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
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

ST. THOMAS SEPTEMBER CLUB

MEETINGS EVERY MONDAY IN THE PARISH CENTER
AT 12:30 PM

WELCOME BACK MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13TH 12:30 PM
BOARD MEETING 10:30 AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL GRACE GIANGRANDE
973-773-1990

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

Keep Sowing: What does it take to reach your goals? How do you handle the discouragement, the seemingly endless roadblocks in your journey? Why are there so many books on motivation? What's really key in sorting through all the advice being thrown at you and getting to what really works for you? Eileen Conte will share her personal story of the search process, challenging emotions, lessons learned or relearned, and the many teachers available along the way. Eileen has been a member of St. Thomas since 1963. She is the current chair of the Parish Council, a Lector, and a member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

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

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

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.