

# 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

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September 12, 2010 . 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, September 12**

**Saturday, September 11**

**5:00 pm For the People of the Parish**

**Sunday, September 12**

**7:30 am Charles Viau – Bequest**

**9:00 am Eileen Hunt – Friend**

**10:30 am Deceased Members of Franco & Nesto Families – Family**

**12:00 pm Jean Niemi – Daughter**

**Monday, September 13**

**7:30 am Raffaella Candido – Wife**

**11:30 am Civita Vezza – Friend**

**Tuesday, September 14**

**7:30 am Dorothy Donan – Family**

**11:30 am Joseph Szajkowski – Sisters**

**Wednesday, September 15**

**7:30 am Nicholas & Maria Marchesani – Bequest**

**11:30 am Evelyn Kammel – Friend**

**Thursday, September 16**

**7:30 am Raffaella Candido – Son**

**11:30 am Joseph Raimo (42nd Anniv) – Daughter**

**Friday, September 17**

**7:30 am Pedro & Juliana Cayetano – Family**

**11:30 am Connie Corliss – Sister**

**Saturday, September 18**

**8:30 am Frances Lubben – Husband**

**Sunday, September 19**

**Saturday, September 18**

**5:00 pm Alfred Trotola – Wife**

**Sunday, September 19**

**7:30 am For the People of the Parish**

**9:00 am Vincent DeMaio – Family**

**10:30 am Frances Scardilli – Daughter**

**12:00 pm Richard Adrian Sause – Wife**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Katherine Mc Shane, Barbara Savage,  
Lois Cunningham, Deacon Dennis Besida

**REST IN PEACE:**

Rose Soprani

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Graduacion Wisco Aguda  
**Convent:** Gabriel J. Pastore

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



The focus on repentance is set by one of the favorite of the parables of Jesus: the story of the prodigal Son. The love of the father/Father is so immense the he forgives us no matter how unworthy we are and welcomes us to the feast.

**FIRST READING:**

God's promise protects his chosen people even in the midst of their infidelity. Moses appeases God's wrath against the idolatry of Israel not by proposing a plan of repentance, but by the recollection of God's promise of prosperity to Abraham, Isaac, and Israel. The embrace of God's fidelity invites us to gratitude and imitation.

**RESPONSORIAL:**

In Psalm 51 the Church offers the contrite hearts of all sinners to the Lord, and asks each for the gifts of a clean heart and a steadfast spirit.

**SECOND READING:**

Paul presents himself to Timothy as an example of God's mercy transforming a sinner into a vessel of faith, hope, and love. Paul has experienced the saving grace of Jesus Christ and is so astounded by his own conversion that he proposes his experience as a sign of hope for all people. We are all invited to be people of hope.

**GOSPEL:**

A woman diligently searches for a lost coin, and a shepherd searches for a lost sheep. A father waits in hope for the return of his lost son. Jesus spoke these parables to the religious authorities as he dined among the tax collectors and sinners. Yes, in Jesus, God has come to seek out what is lost, and in our being found God rejoices!

**Visit our website at**  
**[www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com)**

**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:**

**Kindergarten**

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.**



*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**.



***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

**Religious Education News**

CCD classes begin on Mon., Sept. 27 for grades 5-8 and Tues., Sept. 28 for grades 1-4. Children should report to Herron Hall, which is on the first floor of the school, by 3:40 p.m. Classroom assignments will be given out at that time. Dismissal is at 5:00 p.m. from the rear parking, lot as always. Please be considerate and park only in the lot *behind the church*, – **DO NOT CROSS THE CONES**– for the safety of the children.



If you've yet to register your child for CCD classes please call the Religious Education Office at 973-338-7400 to 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.

**Fall Catechist Teachers:** There will be a Catechist Meeting on Tues., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the STA school library which is located on the second floor of the school. Please make every effort to attend.

***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.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER**

*Eternal God,  
Bless all schools, colleges, and universities,  
especially St. Thomas the Apostle School,  
that they may be lively centers for sound learning,  
new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom;  
and grant that those who teach and those who learn  
may find you to be the source of all truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

*Book of Common Prayer, USA, 1979*

## STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS



### RIGHT TO LIFE

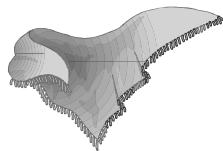
For those who are old and sick and in pain: that they might seek solace in the cross of Christ, and trust every day in our love and respect for the great gift which they are to us;

*We pray to the Lord*

## 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.



### 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*

## Adult Education Events

**Understanding the Lord's Prayer:** St. Thomas the Apostle will sponsor a lecture by Dr. Gregory Glazov on the Lord's Prayer. Dr. Glazov is professor of biblical studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary. The Lecture will be held in the St. Peter room of the parish center from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

**Faith and Family Conference:** This year's family conference will be co-sponsored with St. Valentine Church. The speaker is Mike St. Pierre, president of Morris Catholic H.S. who will speak on "The Crisis and Challenge of Living as Jesus Today." The conference is October 2 at St. Valentine, from 9 a.m. to noon.

**RCIA:** St. Thomas the Apostle will begin its RCIA classes on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you or any adult you know needs to receive Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, please call the parish center for more information.

## 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:** \$15,885  
**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.

## 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!

### 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.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – Sept. 19th

Blood pressure screenings will be held on Sunday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.



### BULLETIN DEADLINE REMINDER:

All bulletin entries **MUST** be submitted to the parish center **NO LATER** than 12 Noon on the Monday prior to the Sunday publication.  
Email to: [jwgasparini@aol.com](mailto:jwgasparini@aol.com)

## 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](mailto: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.

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### **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 CTR  
**WHEN:**  
LATE OCT. / EARLY NOV. 2010

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](mailto:tdennin@live.com)

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT**

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

**CONFIRMATION DATES:**

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

PICNIC WEEKEND  
FOOD DRIVE  
HELP US CRAM THE VAN



THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YOUTH GROUP WILL BE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD PRODUCTS AT THE PICNIC AND AFTER ALL MASSES SEPTEMBER 18TH AND 19TH ALL FOOD WILL BE DELIVERED SUNDAY AFTERNOON TO THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY IN NEWARK, NJ

**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...**

The weekend of Sept. 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.