

# 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  
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1(800) CCS-7413  
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January 9, 2011 . Baptism of the Lord

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, January 9**

**Saturday, January 8**

5:00 pm Ann Riley – Bequest

**Sunday, January 9**

7:30 am Millie Ciampi – Family

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Ted Wohlbold – Wife

12:00 pm Joseph Marcheel – Family

**Monday, January 10**

7:30 am Joseph Shelesky – Family

11:30 am Brian Mescall – Family

**Tuesday, January 11**

7:30 am Frank Gabriel – Family

11:30 am Rose Sharp (8th Anniv.) – Friend

**Wednesday, January 12**

7:30 am Joan Lim – Friend

11:30 am Ann Zingaro (3rd Anniv.) – Family

**Thursday, January 13**

7:30 am Daniel Lardieri – Family

11:30 am Sal & Dorothy Alesi – Family

**Friday, January 14**

7:30 am Catherine Caputo – Family

11:30 pm Jamie Lynn & Paige Kathrin Malone – Friends

**Saturday, January 15**

8:30 am Josefa Agilda Agruña – Friends

**Sunday, January 16**

**Saturday, January 15**

5:00 pm Lottie Szajkowski – Family

**Sunday, January 16**

7:30 am GeorgeAnn Sabato – Family

9:00 am Barbara Ellmer – Husband

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Taryn Zingaro Fisher (3rd Anniv.) – Family

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Robert Colucci

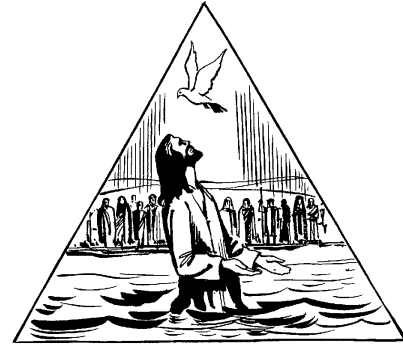
**REST IN PEACE:**

Mario Paz, John J. McGovern, James Balot  
Felix Milani, Dorothy Bevins

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Charles Blind

*The Baptism of the Lord*



*After Jesus was baptized,  
he came up from the water and behold,  
the heavens were opened (for him),  
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove  
(and) coming upon him.  
And a voice came from the heavens, saying,  
"This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased."*

*(Matthew 3:16-17)*

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a bridge between Christmas and Ordinary Time. It is the conclusion of the Christmas season, but the Lectionary also calls it the First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Baptism of the Lord is yet another powerful revelation (manifestation or epiphany) of Christ's identity: God's beloved Son, on whom his favor rests. Like the visit of the Magi and the wedding feast of Cana, the baptism of Christ by John in the River Jordan is an experience of God's action and presence revealed in Christ.

***Prayer***

*Almighty, eternal God,  
when the Spirit descended  
upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan,  
you revealed him as your own beloved Son.  
Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit,  
faithful to our calling.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.*



***Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.***  
Next Monday, January 17, 2011  
One Mass only at 8:30 a.m.  
School and Parish Center closed.

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

**SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS**



**Hosted by  
St Thomas the Apostle  
Home & School Assoc.**

**Performed by Surfliht Theatre  
Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011 @ 3:00 p.m.  
in the Auditorium** \* Doors open 2:30 p.m.  
Limited seating. Order your tickets today!  
All orders due by January 23, 2011

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: Adults @ \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Children 12 & under @ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to: STA Home & School Assoc.  
Mail to: St. Thomas the Apostle School Office  
Att: Marilyn Sartori or Barbara Espinal  
50 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003  
Ticket Questions ? Call Marilyn @ 973-634-7789  
or Barbara @ 973-224-0480

**St. Thomas the Apostle School**  
**MOMMY 'n ME PLAYGROUP**  
Tuesday Mornings  
11:00 a.m. till 11:45 in the school gym

- ☺ The playgroup will serve children from 2-4 years old
- ☺ 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.
- ☺ If you, or a friend, have any questions, please call the school office at **973-338-8505**.

**Free program!**  
[www.stthomastheapostlenj.com](http://www.stthomastheapostlenj.com)

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL  
INVITES YOU TO OUR  
OPEN HOUSE**



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

**&  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

- **PARISHIONERS**, please stop by and see how your contributions help our school.
- **ALUMNI**, please stop by and say hello.
- **NEW FAMILIES**, please stop by and explore our wonderful school:

Pre K3 through 8th 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 Varsity of Extra-Curricular Activities



**ATTENTION STA ALUMNI**

Please check out the  
Alumni Registration page on our website  
[www.stthomastheapostlenj.com](http://www.stthomastheapostlenj.com).



Saint Thomas the Apostle School seeks a

**Full-Time  
Teacher Aide  
for**

**Pre K 3 & 4 year olds.**

Early Childhood college credits preferred.  
Candidates should fax resumes  
to the attention of Ms. Joan Ferraer, 973.338.9565.  
Please, no phone calls.



**Reminder:** Please register or re-register your Stop & Shop Card for the A+ Bonus Bucks School Rewards Program. You must re-register every year. The program only runs through March 25, 2011. All you have to do is: Log on to [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) to register online OR Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone. The St. Thomas the Apostle School ID # is 08625.

Thank you for your support!

## STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

### **"THIS WEEK"**

#### **Monday – 1/10**

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

#### **Thursday – 1/6**

Job Seekers – 7:00pm in St. Peter

### **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. The year to date (YTD) amount compared to the budget is also shown below. This line will be updated monthly.

### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

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

**TONIGHT 6PM ADVENT MASS IN CHURCH FOLLOWED BY DINNER AND GIFT EXCHANGE**

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

JANUARY 9TH KICK-OFF MEETING FOR 2011

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT [tdennin@att.net](mailto:tdennin@att.net)

### **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 – Sun., Jan. 16th**

Blood pressure screenings will be held on Sunday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Fellowship will be sponsored by the Filipino Community.

### ***Right to Life***

For the leaders of our country:  
That they will govern with wisdom  
and respect for the dignity of all human  
beings, Including the unborn and those  
nearing the end of life;

*We pray to the Lord*



### **RCIA Rite of Welcoming**

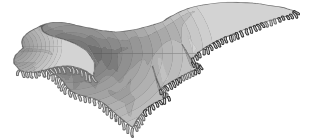
On Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Thomas the Apostle will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming at the 9 a.m. mass for RCIA candidate Michelle Catona. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues her journey toward the reception of First Eucharist and Confirmation.

### **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)

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *Let us continue to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them*



All are welcome to work and pray with us. We are again in need of shawls. Our present project is to again, make red scarves measuring 7 inches by 60 inches for the Aids patients at Broadway House. Our Youth Group will give the scarves, along with cookies they will make for Valentine's Day. Wishing you a blessed and happy New Year! If you have any questions or you wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact the Ministry Bernadette at 973-893-0114, Sister Arleen at 973-338-9190 or Alicia at 973-473-6633

### **Save the Date !!!**

*Don't Miss The 40th Reunion of the Class of 1971*



*St. Thomas the Apostle*

*Saturday March 12, 2011 7:00pm*

*50 Burd Avenue Bloomfield NJ*

*\$50.00 per person*

The Graduating Class of 1971 is having its 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion on March 12, 2011. It is scheduled to be held in Herron Hall. We are still in the process of locating some of our classmates. If you were a member of that class, or know someone who was, and have contact information, please call **Chris Helm at 973-951-7669** or email him at [chrishelm@optonline.net](mailto:chrishelm@optonline.net)

## Women & Spirit:

### Catholic Sisters in America

Catholic Sisters in America, a traveling exhibit sponsored by the Leadership Council of Women Religious (LCWR) is at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, Statue of Liberty National Monument through January 22, 2011. This creative and compelling exhibit illustrates the enormous impact the lives of these remarkable women have had and continue to have on both our church and our nation's history. Visit [www.womenandspirit.org](http://www.womenandspirit.org) for more information.

*Every time you smile at someone,  
it is an action of love,  
a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.*

- Mother Teresa

## St. Thomas the Apostle Mission Statement

The Roman Catholic faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle recognizes God's call to be a sign of His Kingdom in the communities we serve. We respond to this call by:

- † Leading people to a deeper relationship with Christ by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, renewal, education, the celebration of the Sacraments, and the worship of God in the sacred liturgy;
- † Encouraging a commitment to justice and to service of those in need;
- † Promoting good stewardship of our time, talent and treasure;
- † Building a community of hospitality and support in the daily living out of Christian ideals by nourishing mutual respect and understanding within our Church, our families, our community, and other faith traditions.



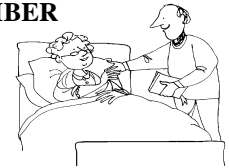
LOST AND FOUND BOXES ARE LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AS WELL AS IN THE PARISH CENTER. THERE ARE READING GLASSES, GLOVES, KEYS ETC. STOP BY TO SEE IF ANYTHING MAY BELONG TO YOU.

“When the family is weakened, it is inevitably children who suffer. If the dignity of women and mothers is not protected, it is the children who are affected most.”

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Jan. 1, 2009

“Message for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace,”

## ARE YOU GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL? DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER IN THE HOSPITAL?



We would like to visit our parishioners who are homebound, in the hospital or other health care facility. Because of patient confidentiality laws, however, the only way we can know is if someone informs us. Call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190, leaving your name and number so we may return your call, or you may leave the information at the Parish Desk on Sunday mornings.

## PLANNED GIVING

Here are some other ways You can help St. Thomas the Apostle Church continue its mission of serving God's people. Give a gift of cash or check for general use or a specific purpose. Give a gift of stocks or bonds. There could be a significant tax advantage to you if there has been appreciation in their value and they are transferred to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

A bequest in your will assures that your possessions are distributed as you desire. When making a bequest, use the full legal name and address: Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Make St. Thomas the Apostle Church partial or primary beneficiary of a life insurance policy that is no longer needed for family security. Ask the insurance company for the forms necessary to change the beneficiary or to transfer the ownership to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.



## Moving?

### Please let us know.

- Within the parish
- to update new address
- Out of parish
- to discontinue mailings

**Please call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190.**

## 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.

Contact the Youth Group  
For Free Tickets!!!  
For John Angotti  
At Carnegie Hall



Bringing together more than 350 voices from around the U.S., John Angotti and Steve Petrunak have joined together to produce a historic Catholic choral event featuring Angotti's inspirational music. Dove award nominee Steve Petrunak made his debut as Artistic Director of the "Voices in the Hall" series at Carnegie Hall in 2007. He invited award-winning Catholic artist John Angotti for this next event to be held January 14, 2011 at 8:00 pm. Choirs from around the country have been invited to participate.

**LEARNING TO LIVE  
WITH YOUR LOSS**

We will gather on  
Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011 – 1:00-2:15 p.m.  
in the Parish Center

Our theme will be:  
**We Are God's Work of Art**

Questions?  
Please call Sister Arleen at 973-338-9190 ex.133

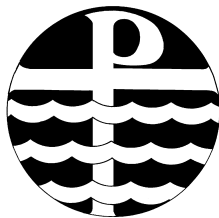
**THIS IS MY PARISH**

*It is composed of people like me.  
We make it what it is.  
It will be friendly, if I am.  
Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them.  
It will make generous gifts to many causes  
if I am a generous giver.  
It will bring other people to worship  
and fellowship if I bring them.  
It will be a church of loyalty and love,  
of fearlessness and faith,  
and a church with a noble spirit.  
if I, who make it what it is,  
am filled with these qualities.  
Therefore, with the help of God  
I shall dedicate myself  
to the task of being all things  
that I want my parish to be.*

**HEALTH MATTERS**

**Did you know?**

- The average child get less than 15 minutes of vigorous activity a day.
- The average child gets approximately 43 minutes of moderate physical activity a day.
- The average child spends 20% of his or her waking time watching T.V.
- 9 out of 10 parents think their children are fit, when only 1 out of 3 truly is fit.



***Prayer for Peace***

Christ, Prince of Peace, as we celebrate your coming anew, open us to the moral wisdom of our Pope. Help us discern in his words your call for Peace on Earth.  
Give us the grace to support international cooperation to build the common good. Help us speak out with courage and conviction on matters of justice and peace as a way to affirm that we are all brothers and sisters, all members of your human family.