

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Charles J. Miller, M. Div., Pastor

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Andrew N. Onyemaobi, M.Div., M.A.

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

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

May 1, 2011 . 2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

Masses for the Week

Sunday, May 1

Saturday, April 30

5:00 pm Marco Cieri – Family

Sunday, May 1

7:30 am Rocco & Tony Ciampi – Family

9:00 am Josefa Agilda Agruña – Friends

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Rose Passero – Friend

Monday, May 2

7:30 am Paul De Rogatis – Daughter

11:30 am Lucy & Salvatore Cerbone – Family

Tuesday, May 3

7:30 am Alex De Rogatis – Family

11:30 am Josephine Battista – Family

Wednesday, May 4

7:30 am Frank Flynn – Friends

11:30 am Chapel & Bieksha Families – Family

Thursday, May 5

7:30 am Mike Gedeon – Friend

11:30 am Nicholas Sottolano – Family

Friday, May 6

7:30 am Marie Migliore – Family

11:30 am John & Catherine O’Grady – Family

Saturday, May 7

8:30 am Ernesto Gencarelli – Friend

Sunday, May 8

Saturday, April 30

5:00 pm All Mothers Living and Deceased

Sunday, May 1

7:30 am All Mothers Living and Deceased

9:00 am All Mothers Living and Deceased

10:30 am All Mothers Living and Deceased

12:00 pm All Mothers Living and Deceased

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Delaney Kurbyla-Cell (infant), Gerlinde Voititz
Frank Korec, Nicholas Bieksha, Billy Kleissler

REST IN PEACE:

Pamela Walsh, Helen Flannery, Marie Sherman
Michael Cofone, Michael De Palma, Joseph Kievit
Ralph A. Pompilio, Sr. Catherine Kehoe

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Michael D. Colasurdo

Rectory: Gerlinde Voititz

Convent: Emily Besida

Second Sunday of Easter



The history of the Easter octave reaches back to the fourth century. In Rome, this week was called the week “in albis”—referring to the white garments the neophytes wore for eight days following their baptism. The octave was a time for mystagogia, not only for the neophytes but for the entire Christian community. These days were set apart for rejoicing, but also for exhortation. During the Easter octave, the community was reminded of what it means to have new life in Christ; we train our eyes to recognize him when he comes among us.

Since 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter has also been known as Divine Mercy Sunday, so called by Pope John Paul II, St. Faustina Kowalska of Poland is the saint of the Divine Mercy; to her, Christ revealed himself with white and red rays streaming from him, recalling the blood and water that flowed from his pierced side as he hung upon the cross.

FIRST READING: This account of the early Church comes like a brief interlude of peace in the dramatic ups and downs described in the Acts of the Apostles. Notice the sequence—the believers devote themselves to “the teaching of the apostles,” to the “communal life,” to “the breaking of the bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). Learning, living together, and liturgy are the focus of their lives. And out of this way of life flow “awe,” “wonders and signs,” amazing generosity, and a miraculous growth (Acts 2:43–44). The Holy Spirit, newly given to the Church, finds in this “devoted” community willing and eager collaborators.

SECOND READING: The community rejoices to have found “new birth” in Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:3). And yet there are shadows—for they have already experienced “various trials,” which will prove their faith as gold is tried in a furnace (1 Peter 1:6). The paradox of the Christian life—already rejoicing in the risen life, even though we do not yet possess it fully—is clearly expressed here. The last words of today’s passage, about seeing and believing, offer a fitting commentary on today’s Gospel reading.

GOSPEL In all three lectionary cycles, we hear the story of the doubting Thomas and his faith. The timing is perfect—the Gospel tells us that it is a week after Easter, “that first day of the week” (John 20:19), when Jesus appears to Thomas and the disciples again. Thomas was absent when the risen Lord appeared and breathed his gift of peace upon the others, and now he stubbornly refuses to believe their testimony. Even seeing will not be enough for Thomas—he wants to put his finger into the nail marks in Jesus’ hands and his hand into his pierced side. Jesus grants his prayer and Thomas abandons doubt and grief and proclaims Jesus as Lord and God. The conclusion of the reading is addressed to each of us—the words of the Gospel are written for us, that hearing may lead us to faith, and faith to life through Jesus Christ.

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL



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- Wide Variety of Extra-Curricular Activities



ATTENTION STA ALUMNI

**Please check out the
Alumni Registration page on our website
www.stthomastheapostlenj.com**

Religious Education News

We are looking for volunteers for our annual Vacation Bible School who can help with setting up, decorating, and art work. We want to transform the school into a beach party for the kids so come share your gifts and talents with our children!

This work can be done at night, at home, or even on the weekends – think about it. Call Tracey at the Religious Education Office at 338-7400.



MOTHERS DAY PLANT SALE

To Benefit St Thomas the Apostle Parish School

**Saturday, May 7th
4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

At the Front Entrance to
St Thomas the Apostle Church

HANGING BASKETS * GIFT PLANTERS

- *A Lovely Selection of Gift Planters and Herb Pots*
- *Whimsical and Chic Decorated Combo Pots and Hanging Baskets*

Questions? Carolyn Howell 973 771 9398

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 5/2

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
Rosary – 7:00pm in Church

Wednesday – 5/4

SCC Wednesday/Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Andrew

Thursday – 5/5

Job Seekers – 7:30pm 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.

Amount Budgeted:	20,500
April 17 collection:	24,024
Easter collection will be announced next week	
YTD Amount as of Feb. 28:	(-47,025)

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. 120. 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.



Right to Life

For all who despair of God's forgiveness, especially those who have been involved in an abortion: may they trust in God's mercy and find peace again through the Sacrament of Reconciliation;

We pray to the Lord

BRIAN MURPHY, HOLY NAME MAN OF THE YEAR

The Holy Name Society of St. Thomas invites you all to the annual Essex-West Hudson Federation of Holy Name Societies for Mass and Dinner honoring Brian Tuesday, May 17, 2011. The Mass begins at 7pm at St. Valentines and dinner following at The Essex Manor, Broughton Avenue, Bloomfield. Cost is \$35 per person. Make all checks to St. Thomas.

Needless to say. we are very proud of Brian, (soon to be Deacon) for his dedication and commitment to our Faith, Church And Community. He is an outstanding awardee and truly deserves your prayers and thanks for all he does on our behalf.

For reservations, call Paul Alongi Sr. at 973-338-4665 or the Parish Center, 973-338-9190.

Saint Thomas the Apostle Rosary Confraternity's

GIFT SHOP

(located in the Parish Center)
will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
THIS SUNDAY May 1st

A variety of gift items is available including First Communion items (prayer books, rosaries, veils, ties, accessories & gifts for prayer partners.)

If you have any questions, please call Bernadette at 973.893.0114 or Mary Ellen at 973.893.9625.



Moving?

Please let us know.

Within the parish – to update
Out of parish – to discontinue

Call the Parish Center at
(973) 338-9190.

JOB SEEKERS GROUP

Don't let your job search get you down. St. Thomas' Work Ministry offers a free, comfortable place to find support, ideas and inspiration. We meet on the first and third Thur. of every month at 7:30 in the Parish Center. Keep checking the bulletin for our programs geared to helping your job search. All are welcome to join us if you are looking for a job or need a person to fill a position. We ask any parishioner who knows of an opening at their company to send the open position information to us to be shared with our job seekers, (it will be shared anonymously). For more info, send an e-mail to workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com.

ROSARY SOCIETY INSTALLATION MEETING

Join us as we pray the Rosary on Monday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in Church with our meeting following immediately after. We will have the installation of our officers for 2011-2012 at this meeting. Bring a friend. New members are always welcome. Thank you. Any questions, please call Rosalie Mescall at 973-893-8186.

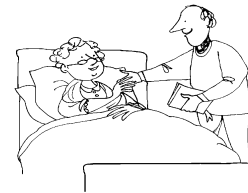
PLANNED GIVING

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.

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION



If you are presently not on our mailing list, receiving envelopes and the various parish mailings, chances are that you are not a registered member of our parish. You are not automatically a registered member because you were married here, if you were brought up here and lived in the parish with your parents—or went to school here. Membership is by formal registration only. Just call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190 and let us know that you wish to register and the registration form will be mailed to you. Thank you.

Our Lady of Pompeii arrives at St. Lucy's Church 118 Seventh Ave., Newark, NJ

Marian Mission of the Rosary brings Our Lady of Pompeii to visit the USA!

June 16th, 17th, and 18th

Help us welcome our Lady to St. Lucy's

Evening Mass 6:30 p.m. followed by a short procession Thursday June 16th & Friday June 17th.

Mass and procession at 12:00 noon June 18th
Societies are requested to carry their banners in honor of Our Lady

Food stands will be available. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact:

Alba Collucci 973-803-4200

Valerie Kerr 973-704-4505

Diane DeBlasio 973-865-4853

Grace Ann Belfiore 973-271-6304

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.

"Talking to Your Teens About Sex" Seminar for Parents

LIFENET, in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Newark, is presenting an adult training seminar for parents, grandparents and people with a heart for youth called, "**Talking to Your Teens About Sex**" a program to help adults talk to their teens about saving sex for marriage. Come discover effective communication strategies, the consequences of sex outside of marriage, the Church's beautiful teaching on love, marriage and sex, the teen brain, setting boundaries, and the amazing power of parents. The date is Saturday, April 30th, 2011 from 9:15 AM to Noon at Immaculate Conception Church (Madonna Hall), 30 N. Fullerton Ave., Montclair, NJ. Cost is \$10. To register or for more information, call (201) 804-8331 or visit www.lifeneteducation.org.

QUEEN OF PEACE HIGH SCHOOL

191 Rutherford Place, North Arlington, NJ
Admission office: 201-998-8227, ext. 30

Queen of Peace High School, twice honored Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, will host a Spring Open House on Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

This is a timed program so visitors are asked to arrive shortly before the start time.

Mount St. Dominic Academy

3 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, NJ 07006

www.msdacademy.org

Open House for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls and their families Wednesday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

Call 973-226-0660 ext. 1122 with any questions.

*When we hold our tongues and listen,
we communicate our care;
For an open ear speaks volumes
to a heart that is in despair.*

~ Sper

ST. THOMAS GOLF OUTING

**MONDAY JUNE 6, 2011 * GLEN RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB * GLEN RIDGE , NJ
GOLF, CART, LUNCH, DINNER AND SPORTS AUCTION \$250.00
COCKTAIL HOUR – DINNER AND SPORTS AUCTION-- \$75.00**

**REGISTRATION & LUNCH 11:00 – 12:30
SHOTGUN START AT 1:00 PM
COCKTAIL HOUR 5:30-6:30 DINNER AND AUCTION 6:30**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

TEL# _____ TEL# _____

I WOULD LIKE _____ RESERVATIONS @\$250.00 _____

PLEASE RESERVE ____ PLACES FOR DINNER/AUCTION@ 75.00 _____

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