

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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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 8, 2011 . 3rd Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

Sunday, May 8

Saturday, April 7

5:00 pm All Mothers Living and Deceased

Sunday, May 8

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

Monday, May 9

7:30 am Gina Safonte – Parents

11:30 am Pasquale G. Fazzi – Bequest

Tuesday, May 10

7:30 am Margaret Curren – Friend

11:30 am Frances De Franzo – Family

Wednesday, May 11

7:30 am Damian Utkewicz – Friend

11:30 am Helen Porrazzo – Friend

Thursday, May 12

7:30 am Dolores Angelo – Family

11:30 am Barbara Ellmer – Friend

Friday, May 13

7:30 am Fred & Catherine Winters – Bequest

11:30 am Silvester & Esterina Fusco – Family

Saturday, May 14

8:30 am Keri DeLuca – Family

Sunday, May 15

Saturday, May 14

5:00 pm Caputo Family – Daughter

Sunday, May 15

7:30 am Rocco M. Donatiello – Family

9:00 am Ann DiLaura – Family

10:30 am Ceil Ofsak – Family

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Delaney Kurbyla-Cell (infant), Gerlinde Woititz
Frank Korec, Nicholas Biecksha, Billy Kleissler
Ariella Chivil, Jerome Schwartz, Dolores Jones

REST IN PEACE:

Mary Constantino

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Rosemary Frank

Rectory: Bridget & Onufre Kochuk

Convent: Mildred Masi

Third Sunday of Easter



As we enter the third week of Easter, our readings acknowledge that we are in an in-between time. We have glimpsed the joy of the Resurrection, but we do not yet possess it fully. Eucharist is our foretaste of the heavenly banquet

FIRST READING: Acts includes many speeches given by the apostles. In ancient histories, speeches had special significance and weight; they were a vehicle for expressing an interpretation of the events being described. The speeches recorded in the Acts of the Apostles are not necessarily verbatim records of ancient homilies. Instead, they express the core significance of certain events. This reading is Peter’s address following the events of Pentecost, when Jews from every nation witness the descent of the Holy Spirit in tongues of flame, and the reversal of what happened at the tower of Babel. Peter explains: the risen Jesus has made all this happen. The speech is addressed very intentionally to, “you who are Israelites” (Acts 2:14), and the passages from the Old Testament provide a context this audience can understand for the new thing God has done in raising Jesus from the dead.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 116 is cited at length by Peter in the First Reading, and now becomes our Responsorial Psalm.

SECOND READING: Our readings from 1 Peter continue with a brief passage that has much to do with time. We are in between, Peter says. This is “the time of your sojourning,” “the final time” (1 Peter 1:17,20). The Resurrection has taken place, a decisive moment in our history from which everything else will be measured. But the fulfillment is yet to come. And, so, we live in “faith and hope” (1 Peter 1:21). The central reality is Christ’s sacrifice for us and the new life we live now.

GOSPEL The story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus is told only by Luke. It is evening of that first day of the week—Easter Sunday. Two of the disciples are leaving Jerusalem in profound confusion and sadness. The terrible events of Good Friday have been followed by the inexplicable events of that morning—the women’s story of an empty tomb and angel messengers. When the disciples tell the story to a stranger they meet on the road, they end with the mysterious absence of Jesus: “him they did not see” (Luke 24:24). The stranger explains the scriptures to them, and then accepts their invitation to break bread—and when they recognize him, he vanishes. The empty tomb is the sign of life; the vanishing of Jesus is the sign of his presence. The story of Emmaus is the story of all disciples—the life of the betweentimes, Jesus is still the divine stranger in our midst.

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.

Easter collection will be announced next week
YTD shortfall as of April 30: (46,237)

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL



2011/2012 REGISTRATION FOR NEW FAMILIES

To schedule a visit, please call 973.338.8505

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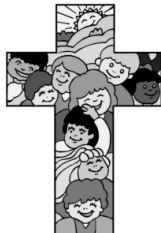
ATTENTION STA ALUMNI

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.



STA 2011 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



This summer, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will again be offering its very popular Vacation Bible School program. Through storytelling, arts & crafts, music, and play, the children will be introduced to stories from the New

Testament. The program this year, Son Surf Beach Bash, promises to be exciting for all ages.

KEY INFORMATION:

Eligibility: Children ages 4 through 12
Dates: Mon., June 27th - Fri., July 1st
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Place: St. Thomas the Apostle School
Registration: Pre-registration only. All completed forms (one per child) and registration fee must be submitted to the Religious Education Office (located in the basement of St. Thomas School) on/before June 11th. Registration forms are available at the Religious Education Office or may be downloaded from www.stachurchbloomfield.com. If your child is coming with a friend and they want to be together, please write a note, "My child would like to be with..." Children from all parishes and schools are welcome!

Registration Fee: \$50 per child (includes t-shirt, daily arts & crafts materials and snack). \$10 late fee will be charged after June 11th

Volunteers: The program is run by volunteers. Please sign up for all or part of the week.

Nursery: Provided only for parents working as volunteers in the program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE (973) 338-7400.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN JUNE!

Registration Form -- Please print -- One form per child

CHILD'S NAME: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ PRESENT GRADE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE: _____

KNOWN ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONCERNS: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- YES!** I AM WILLING TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CALL ME.
 SORRY! I AM UNABLE TO VOLUNTEER.

Checks payable to: **St. Thomas the Apostle**

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 5/9

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Wednesday – 5/11

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

Friday – 5/13

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

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 those who prepare to receive the Sacrament of Marriage: that they might embrace their role as sharers in God's creative love;

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.

Each one of them is Jesus in disguise.

~ Mother Theresa

**Adult Education
Understanding the New Translation**

On Thursday, May 26th from 7:30-9:00 p.m., Fr. Tom Dente will explain the upcoming changes in the translation of the Mass. Fr. Dente is the Head of the Office of Divine Worship for the Archdiocese of Newark. The meeting will be held in the St. Peter room of the parish center. A suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated and payable at the door. To register or for more information call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x131.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Women's
Cornerstone Reunion**

Dear Cornerstone Member,

You are invited to join us for Brunch at our Women's Cornerstone Reunion. It will take place on Sunday, June 5, 2011 immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass. Our reunion will be held in Herron Hall Cafeteria in St. Thomas the Apostle School.

We are hoping to reunite all of the women from the past six Cornerstone Retreats:

- Cornerstone I "Windows of Hope"
- Cornerstone II "Imagine"
- Cornerstone III "Journey Together"
- Cornerstone IV "Be Still"
- Cornerstone V "O God, You Search Me"
- Cornerstone VI "Anything Can Happen at the Well"

We hope that you can join us for a celebration of friendships made at Women's Cornerstone.

Please RSVP as soon as possible by calling Sister Arleen at 973-338-9190 or Marianne Sommerkamp at 973-667-9575. You can also email your response to msomni04@cvaol.com

Sincerely,
Cornerstone Team VI

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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL RETREAT

MEN'S RETREAT AT SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE, WHERE GOD AND SEA COME TOGETHER, IS SET FOR JULY 15-17.



THE THEME FOR THE 2011 WEEKEND RETREAT IS: ST. JOHN NEWMANN.

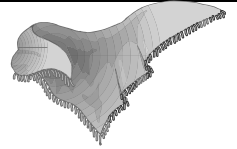
ANYONE INTERESTED IN SPENDING THIS MOST ENJOYABLE AND SPIRITUALLY SIGNIFICANT WEEKEND AT THE NEW JERSEY SHORE SHOULD CONTACT FRANK HELMSTETTER AT 973-338-5872 BY JUNE 1st 2011.

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.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet May 15th at 11:30am in the Parish Center



We welcome all who wish to work and pray with us. If you can not attend, please drop off finished baby blankets. Make sure your name is attached. Please contact us if there is someone to whom you wish to give 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*

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

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.

Visitors are asked to arrive shortly before the start time.

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.



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.

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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