

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

Rectory/Parish Center: (973) 338-9190 . Fax: (973) 338-4224 . Religious Education: (973) 338-7400

School: (973) 338-8505 . Convent: (973) 338-9118

Address: 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003 . Website: www.stachurchbloomfield.com

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 22, 2011 . 5th Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

Sunday, May 22

Saturday, May 21

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 22

7:30 am Gloria & Pat Clark – Sister

9:00 am Josephine & Anna Stevens – Family

10:30 am Nicholas & Maria Marchesani – Bequest

12:00 pm Mariann Castelano – Friend

Monday, May 23

7:30 am Deceased Member of the Klenk Family – Bequest

11:30 am William Griffing – Friend

Tuesday, May 24

7:30 am John Ricigliano – Family

11:30 am Josephine Scillieri – Family

Wednesday, May 25

7:30 am Joseph (Jo Jo) Velez – Friend

11:30 am Michael Dobransky – Family

Thursday, May 26

7:30 am Alphonse Quaresimo – Friend

11:30 am Rose Ferraro – Friend

Friday, May 27

7:30 am Laura Mc Grady – Friend

11:30 am Ismael De La Merced – Friend

Saturday, May 28

8:30 am Andrew A. Camarata – Family

Sunday, May 29

Saturday, May 28

5:00 pm Theresa Sawicki – Friend

Sunday, May 29

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Mark Catona – Friends

10:30 am Rose & Joseph Stella – Family

12:00 pm Arligh Ravage (2nd Anniv.) – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Delaney Kurbyla-Cell (infant), Gerlinde Woititz
Frank Korec, Billy Kleissler, Ariella Chivil,
Anthony Lo Conte

REST IN PEACE:

Jack O'Brien, Phylis Rivera, Sr. Mercedes Salinas

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Francisco Pizzella

Rectory: Dolores Jones

Convent: Janet Besida (5 yrs)

Fifth Sunday of Easter



**I am the way, and the truth,
and the life.**

During these latter weeks of the Easter Season, our readings turn from the narratives of the appearances of the risen Christ to our participation in the risen life of Jesus. Today's passage from the Gospel according to John invites us to participate in the love that flows between the Father and the Son.

FIRST READING: The idyllic time of harmony in the Christian community that we heard about on the Second Sunday of Easter was short-lived. Much of the Acts of the Apostles reveals that the early church was threatened by dangers but also fraught with tensions. Today's reading reveals how this spirit-filled community faced its challenges. A dispute has arisen between the Hebrews and the Hellenists (between Jews and Gentiles) because the poor widows among the latter are being neglected. The Twelve respond to this dilemma not by leaping to the most obvious solution (calling the widows together to give them their due) but by stepping back and realizing that the problem has arisen because they cannot do everything themselves. And so they call seven men into a new ministry of service, the diaconate. Notice that the Seven include both Jews and Greeks. The Twelve share the spiritual gifts they have been given, that the goods of the community might be shared.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33 is a song of praise of the God who provides for all his people. It is a fitting response to the First Reading where God's presence in the community is almost tangible.

SECOND READING: Peter is speaking to a community that is suffering persecution and rejections, and he speaks an invitation: "come to him" (1 Peter 2:4). They are "rejected by human beings" (1 Peter 2:4), but in God's eyes they are glorious—the very people of whom God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai (see Exodus 19), the royal and priestly people of God who have a glorious heritage and a glorious task: to "announce the praises" (1 Peter 2:9) of God who called them from darkness to light.

GOSPEL Jesus speaks again of his relationship into which he invites us. He is going away, but going to prepare a place for us in his "Father's house," where there is room enough for all (John 14:2). Thomas and Philip ask questions: How can we follow when we do not know the way? How will we recognize the Father, whom we have never seen? And Jesus responds to both questions in a similar way. Jesus himself is the way there, the destination and the guide. Jesus is one with his Father. We are not just passive observers of what Jesus does. "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these" (John 14:12). All disciples are called to be wonder workers.

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

STA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
WILL BE SELLING



**SHOP RITE
GIFT CARDS**



10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS:

MAY 22ND JUNE 5TH JUNE 12TH

**THE CARDS CAN BE USED
AT ANY SHOP RITE &
FOR ALL YOUR PURCHASES!**

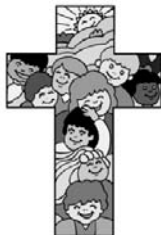
**THERE IS NO COST TO YOU!
YOU RECEIVE 100% CASH VALUE &
STA SCHOOL EARNS 5% OF EVERY
SALE!**

QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL
ROSALIE @ 973.893.8186

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Religious Education News

Congratulations to all the children who are receiving First Holy Communion this weekend. It has been a wonderful year of learning more about our faith and preparing to receive Jesus for the first time. Thank you to all the parents who have worked so hard at home with their children getting them ready for this exciting time. A special thank you to all our 2nd grade teachers – Kim and Joan Baldasare, Gerrie Michalek, Maria De Rosa, Nina Ofsak, Eileen O’ Grady, Phylliss Scimone, Monica Nader, Silvana Di Vito, and Ellen Naughton – for all their time, patience and peace throughout the year. May you continue to receive Jesus each week at Mass.



CCD reminder – This is the last week of CCD.. Registrations packages for the fall are due by May 31st. If you have not received one please call the office at 338-7400.

Summer CCD reminder – dates July 5th through July 15th 9:00 -12:30 each day.

We need adults or young adults to help lead our recreation and snack segments of Vacation Bible School. If interested and available June 27th through July 1st from 9:00-12:00 each day please call Tracey at 338-7400. Any Confirmation Candidates in need of community service hours are also invited to help with VBS. Please call the office for a permission slip.

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**



St. Thomas the Apostle School
Congratulates the 2011

National Junior Honor Society Inductees

- Stephanie Carleo*
- Anthony Conte*
- Kenneth Creer*
- Kristen Despotakis*
- Alana Frederique*
- Francesca Fusaro*
- Sarah Guy*
- Michael Iacona*
- Katharine Laplaski*
- Nicole Lennox*
- Maeve Naughton*
- Arial Nazareno*
- Callie O'Rourke*
- Jaclyn Scerbak*
- Elizabeth Simpson*
- Michael Sweetman*
- Erica Villafranca*

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 5/23

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon in Church
Respect Life Holy Hour - 7:30pm in Church

Wednesday – 5/25

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

Friday – 5/27

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 all the victims of violence and natural disasters: That the Lord will give them comfort and aid through the Church's humanitarian efforts;

We pray to the Lord

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Eucharistic Adoration this Monday, May 23, from Noon to 7:30 PM followed immediately by the Life-Awareness Holy Hour. All are invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament.



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:

- MAY 22 - SENIOR NIGHT
- MAY 29 - NO MEETING - MEMORIAL DAY
- JUNE 4-5 - CHRIS PADGETT WEEKEND
- JUNE 5 - BISHOP CRUZ

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT tdennin@att.net

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.

May 15 Collection: \$17,283

YTD shortfall as of April 30: (46,237)

MEN'S CORNERSTONE Meeting
Monday, 5/23/11 at 7:30pm
Saint Peter room

"Going Fishing - save the date
Monday, August 3, 2011, 7:00am"

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

Cornerstone Members 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 at 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@aol.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.

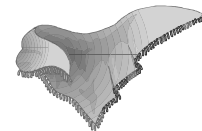
ANYONE INTERESTED IN SPENDING THIS MOST ENJOYABLE AND SPIRITUALLY SIGNIFICANT WEEKEND AT THE NEW JERSEY SHORE SHOULD CONTACT FRANK HELMSTETTER AT 973-338-5872 BY JUNE 1st 2011.

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, e-mail workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

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*



Quotes from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal



May 22, 2011 - Part 2 of 7



On November 27, 2011, the English speaking Church in the USA will begin using a new translation of the prayers used at Mass (The *Roman Missal*). A series of quotes explaining the parts of the Mass from the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM) will be posted here. These explanations are meant to help the reader participate more fully in the Sunday Mass. Please check here weekly.

The General Structure of the Mass

At Mass—that is, the Lord's Supper—the People of God is called together, with a priest presiding and acting in the person of Christ, to celebrate the memorial of the Lord, the Eucharistic Sacrifice. For this reason Christ's promise applies in an outstanding way to such a local gathering of the holy Church: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst" (Mt 18:20). For in the celebration of Mass, in which the Sacrifice of the Cross is perpetuated, Christ is really present in the very liturgical assembly gathered in his name, in the person of the minister, in his word, and indeed substantially and continuously under the eucharistic species.

The Mass is made up, as it were, of two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These, however, are so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass the table both of God's word and of Christ's Body is prepared, from which the faithful may be instructed and refreshed. There are also certain rites that open and conclude the celebration. (GIRM, 27-28)

Prepared by the OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP –
www.RomanMissalNewark.org

ST. THOMAS GOLF OUTING

MONDAY JUNE 6, 2011

GLEN RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

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 HR 5:30-6:30 DINNER & AUCTION 6:30

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TEL# _____

I WOULD LIKE _____ RESERVATIONS
@ \$250.00 totaling _____

PLEASE RESERVE _____ PLACES FOR
DINNER/AUCTION @ 75.00 totaling _____

PLAYERS IN FOURSOME

AD JOURNAL

BOOSTER @10.00-----\$ _____

1 /2 PAGE @25.00-----\$ _____

FULL PAGE @\$50.00-----\$ _____

HOLE SPONSORS

Please attach a copy of exactly how you would like
your sign to appear. Business cards can be used.

EAGLE SPONSOR (ONLY 1 SIGN ON HOLE)
\$1000.00----- \$ _____

BIRDIE SPONSOR (ONLY 2 SIGNS PER HOLE)
\$500.00----- \$ _____

PAR SPONSOR \$100 ----- \$ _____

CORPORATE SPONSOR \$1500 ----- \$ _____
(INCLUDES EAGLE SPONSOR AND FOURSOME)

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR
GOLF/DINNER/SPONSORS-----\$ _____

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
ST. THOMAS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

**The Saint Thomas the Apostle
Youth Group**

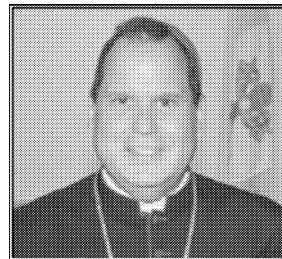
is pleased to present an evening with

The Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz
Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark

The Bishop will address our youth and those
preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

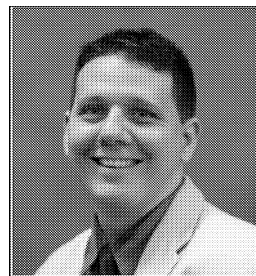
**followed by a Concert with
Catholic Musician and Speaker
Chris Padgett**

All are Welcome to Join Us!



Bishop Cruz is the first Cuban-born priest of the Archdiocese. Bishop Cruz fled to this country with his parents as revolution took hold in Cuba. Eventually, the Cruz family settled in Union City. Bishop Cruz attended the seminaries of the Archdiocese at Seton Hall University. He was

ordained a Priest in 1980 and as Bishop in 2008. He is well-known and highly regarded for his deep and strong commitment to the health and the needs of the poor. In leadership roles in chaplain service and hospital ministry he served the needs of people in the Archdiocese at their most vulnerable moments. Throughout his life as a priest, Bishop Cruz has continued to provide the very real presence of Our Lord at times when it is most needed.



A brilliant songwriter, musician, speaker and worship leader, Chris Padgett travels around the world giving talks, missions and concerts. One of the most effective champions of family life in the church today, Chris can speak from experience. He's been married to his high school

sweetheart for over 15 years and has eight children. As he likes to say, the Padgett family is taking the call to "make disciples" very seriously! Chris holds a master's in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, and has begun doctoral work in Marian studies at the International Marian Research Institute in Dayton, Ohio. His television appearances include Life on the Rock with Jeff Cavins and Living His Life Abundantly.

SAVE-THE-DATE



SUNDAY JUNE 5TH 7:00pm

held at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church