

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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

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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

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MUSIC MINISTERS:
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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 29, 2011 . 6th Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

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 Ravago (2nd Anniv.) – Family

Monday, May 30

8:30 am Keri De Luca – Family

Tuesday, May 31

7:30 am Nancy Cariani – Friend

11:30 am Thomas G. Mc Garry – Bequest

Wednesday, June 1

7:30 am Louis & Lucy De Falco – Bequest

11:30 am Catherine Healy – Friend

Thursday, June 2

7:30 am Ernest & Leonilda De Rogatis – Family

11:30 am Frances De Franzo – Family

7:30 pm Anthony & Amelia Chicco - Family

Friday, June 3

7:30 am Dr. Andres Lao – Friends

11:30 am Joseph Bianchi & Ernest & Philomena Cordasco – Family

Saturday, June 4

8:30 am Sean Lyne – Friends

Sunday, June 5

Saturday, June 4

5:00 pm Helen Rohan – Family

Sunday, June 5

7:30 am Thomas & Lena Caputo – Family

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Nicolette & Salerno Families – Family

12:00 pm Le Goff – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Robert Colucci, Ariella Chivil, Anthony Lo Conte

REST IN PEACE:

Irene Limpert

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Anthony L. Paul

Rectory: Garrett Guerreri

Convent: Lester Patterson



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, June 2nd, 2011
A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses: 7:30, 11:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

The Ascension of the Lord

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Great feast that Easter is, one day (not even three days!) is insufficient to celebrate the fullness of the mystery of the resurrection. So, as Christians, we keep a fifty-day-long festival, punctuated by the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - the fortieth day of Easter. The feast of the Ascension, like a prism, helps us focus the wondrous colors of the Easter spectrum.

These images from the Ascension liturgy give us a sense of the hope and joy that color this feast: "Christ's ascension is our glory and hope." "The joy of the resurrection and the ascension renews the whole world." "Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow." "Christ has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us, but to be our hope." "Christ was taken up to heaven to claim for us a share in his divine life."

If we have been united with Christ through baptism in his death and resurrection, we are surely united with him in the transformation and redemption of his humanity. What we celebrate, however, is not only a past or future event. We are given glimpses of our glorious destiny even now. So, feet firmly planted on earth, the community gathers to rejoice in the life we share with the risen Lord.

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Memorial Day - May 30, 2011

One Mass only at 8:30 a.m.

St. Thomas Parish Center will be closed.

"It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion - that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

From President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address 1863

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 SUNDAY, 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

CCD reminder –

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.

**St. Thomas the Apostle's School
FINAL Calendar Raffle Winners!!!!**

- 4/18 \$ 100 Jeanne DuChemin
- 4/19 \$ 75 Patricia Bartell
- 4/20 \$ 200 Arlene C. Mallonga
- 4/21 \$ 50 Dr. & Mrs. DiCamillo
- 4/22 \$ 75 Raymond R. Miller
- 4/23 \$ 100 Eva & Kevin Lynch
- 4/24 \$1,000 Geri Nicollette
- 4/25 \$ 50 Theresa Gallucci
- 4/26 \$ 100 Felicia Gopaul
- 4/27 \$ 50 Diane Torsiello
- 4/28 \$ 75 Peter & Paulina Parelli
- 4/29 \$ 50 William Gilchrist
- 4/30 \$ 75 Joseph Testa
- 5/1 \$ 500 Edna Johansen

Congratulations!! Thank you for your support!

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**

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

“THIS WEEK”

Monday – 5/30

PARISH CENTER CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Wednesday – 6/1

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

Thursday – 6/2

Job Seekers – 7:30pm in St. Peter

*We welcome into our Community of Faith
With our prayers and good wishes,
Our newly Baptized...*



Makayla Erin Hogg

Parents: Maureen (Madden) & Jason Hogg

Lukas Richard Koutsouris

Parents: Margaret (Rebisz) & John Koutsouris

Isabella Lynn Martinez

Parents: Jamie (Kissel) & Jose Martinez

Damian Angel Rodriguez &

Alexander David Rodriguez

Parents: Jacqueline (Oese) & Christian Rodriguez

John Michael Sosa

Parents: Madalene (Adams) & Michael Sosa

Braeden Duffy Szewczyk

Parents: Lauren (Duffy) & John Szewczyk

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

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
May 22 Collection: \$19,146
YTD shortfall as of April 30: (46,237)

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 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

**"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.

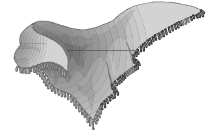
ANYONE INTERESTED IN SPENDING THIS MOST ENJOYABLE AND SPIRITUALLY SIGNIFICANT WEEKEND AT THE NEW JERSEY SHORE SHOULD CONTACT FRANK HELMSTETTER AT 973-338-5872 BY JUNE 1st 2011.

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 29, 2011 - Part 3 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.

Reading and Explaining the Word of God

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his own word, proclaims the Gospel. Therefore, all must listen with reverence to the readings from God's word, for they make up an element of greatest importance in the Liturgy. Although in the readings from Sacred Scripture God's word is addressed to all people of every era and is understandable to them, nevertheless, a fuller understanding and a greater effectiveness of the word is fostered by a living commentary on the word, that is, the homily, as part of the liturgical action. (GIRM, 29)

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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

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

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

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**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.



SUNDAY JUNE 5TH 7:00pm

held at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church