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Saturday Eve: 5:00pm

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Saturday: 11:00am

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July 10, 2011 . 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, July 10

Saturday, July 9

5:00 pm Theresa Sawicki – Friend

Sunday, July 10

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am John Svehla – Family

10:30 am Ann Imfeld – Family

12:00 pm Alphonse Quaresimo – Family

Monday, July 11

7:30 am Augustine Branca – Friends

11:30 am Elena Borgonsoli – Son

Tuesday, July 12

7:30 am Filomena Cappaze – Friend

11:30 am Jerry Fede – Friend

Wednesday, July 13

7:30 am Carmine Forte – Friend

11:30 am Alfred Lembo, Sr. – Wife

Thursday, July 14

7:30 am Yolanda Di Matteo – Friend

11:30 am Irene Plutnicki – Friend

Friday, July 15

7:30 am Carl J. Tuosto – Wife

11:30 am Guillermo Pons – Friend

Saturday, July 16

8:30 am Daniel De Filippo – Family

Sunday, July 17

Saturday, July 16

5:00 pm Theresa Sawicki – Family

Sunday, July 17

7:30 am Paula Blackman – Friend

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Margaret & William Hamilton – Family

12:00 pm Joseph Frequenza – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Mary Pederson, Linda Forfa, Anthony LoConte

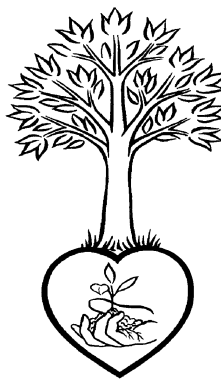
REST IN PEACE:

Sister Doris Healey

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Brian Mersereau

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**Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Today's readings are full of imagery of planting and growth. Ordinary Time, the green season, is the season of growth. And growth can sometimes be painful.

FIRST READING: The short passage from Isaiah was last heard at the Easter Vigil. It is an extended simile, comparing the power of God's word with the action of the rain and snow on the earth. The word of God has a purpose: it is supposed to change things in us, make things grow.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 65 is a song of praise of God the creator, who tenderly nurtures the earth. The antiphon is taken from today's Gospel reading.

SECOND READING: St. Paul sets up stark contrasts—body and soul, flesh and spirit—but he does not reject the body. Rather, he shows how all of creation is waiting for the revelation that is to come, when the cosmos itself will be "set free from slavery to sin" (Romans 8:21). It is not just human beings, but all of creation that will "share in the glorious freedom of the children of God" (Romans 8:21). We have a foretaste of that glory, the "firstfruits" of the harvest that is yet to come (Romans 8:23), in the Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

GOSPEL: In the first of a series of parables of the word of God, Jesus speaks of a sower, scattering seed on the ground. He casts the seed over the whole ground. The differing results are brought about not by the seed itself or the care of the sower, but by the quality of the ground. In the long form of the parable, Jesus explains that there are many things that can keep us from receiving the word—ignorance, trouble, "worldly anxiety and the lure of riches" (Matthew 13:22). But the one who receives the word with joy as well as understanding will bear fruit in incredible abundance.

Our lives are busy...

...but the purpose of our lives is all about relationships—with God as well as with each other. To neglect our relationships, especially with those who are close to us, is to not exercise good stewardship.

We must give our relationships proper time and attention - just like the gardener giving proper time and attention to his garden. Our relationships can be a lot of work, but they are crucial for our survival.

From the Pastor's Desk ...

MISSION APPEAL - FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

This weekend, July 9th and 10th, we will have a guest speaker at all the Masses offering the annual mission appeal for the Church's many-faceted missionary activities throughout the world. Foundation for Children in Need is a Catholic lay organization based in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Dr. Geetha Yeruva, co-founder of this Foundation, is very happy to visit us and share about their mission work in the interior villages in the Southern part of India. FCN sponsors 2000 children and 30 elderly. This Foundation has been responsible for building schools, boarding homes, a community health center, and a home for the elderly. They have been providing free medical check-ups and medicine to thousands of needy people and children. We welcome Dr. Geetha and encourage you to support their mission work generously. There will be a second collection taken up this weekend. To know more about their mission work, Please visit: www.fcn-usa.org

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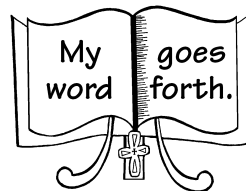
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SUMMER-BREAK PRAYER



Lord, what about you and me?
I don't want to forget you
just because I'm off my normal school-year routine.
Keep close to me, Lord, and remind me
that my relationship with you
should never take a break.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

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.

July 3 Collection: \$17,940

May collection variance:

Budget: 100,500
Actual: 84,701
Variance: 15,799

YTD

Budget: 931,200
Actual: 869,163
Variance: 62,037

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT tdennin@live.com



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.

Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program

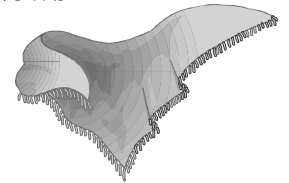
The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Mon-Fri, 9am to 8pm. Call the Parish Center 973-338-9190 ext. 120. A return call will be made within 24 hours. A Parish Nurse will provide limited confidential health counseling & referrals to Community health resources & services. Volunteers are available for errands, home visits and phone contacts.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry News

Our next meetings are
Sunday, July 17th and
Sept. 18th at 11:30AM
at the Parish Center.



Please continue to create shawls and baby blankets during the summer months. Shawls should be long and wide enough to cover the shoulders (at least 22 by 60 inches). Baby blankets should be approximately 32 by 42 inches using white or pastel colors of soft yarn.

All are welcome to work and pray with us. If you have any questions or you wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact the Ministry Sister Arleen 973-338-9190 Alicia 973-473-6633

Let us continue to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them.

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.*

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.

Going Fishing

Wednesday, August 3, 2011, at 7:00 a.m.

On the Mi – Jo II Atlantic Highlands, NJ



Cost: \$50 per person - includes bait, rod & reel

Send your check payable to St. Thomas the Apostle with your name(s) and phone number and drop off at Parish Center. Reserve your spot now as space is limited

For further information, please call:
Frank Diveny 973-748-0519,
Jim McKittrick 973-338-3145, or
Al Tizzano (973) 338-6323,



USHERS NEEDED

If interested please call:

Ken Lauer
(973) 338-7014

or

Tom Lawton
(973) 783-7358

Is it too casual for Church?

As you get dressed to go to Church, ask yourself, "Is this appropriate for Mass?"

"WWJT? What would Jesus think?"

During the summer we all enjoy a more relaxed mood, but let's not go too far when it comes to dressing appropriately for Mass. One can dress to be comfortable, but in our air-conditioned Church that should mean something different from what would be better worn at the pool or a picnic. It is a matter of respect for God in His own house, and for His people gathered for worship. The standard should be neat, clean and modest.

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.

KEEP CHRIST IN YOUR VACATION



During the summer months, let us remember to keep the Lord in our lives. The opportunity to witness His message through Scripture and to be strengthened by the Eucharist is a necessity in our relationship with God and with each other.

As you travel on vacation, take time to visit and worship the Lord in a nearby Church. For those remaining at home in your Parish, and to all visitors, the invitation for continued worship at St. Thomas's is extended and will certainly serve to enrich your summer. For Nationwide Mass Times & Locations, call 1-410-676-6000.

SUMMER

Summer Prayer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all
around me and for the opportunity to
be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I
have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

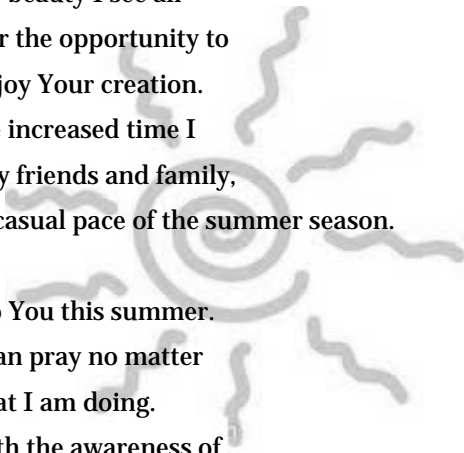
Teach me how I can pray no matter
where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of
Your presence and light my path with
Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Amen.

posted by Dilexit Prior <http://dilexitprior.blogspot.com/2006/06/summer-prayer.html>



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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.

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receiving the word—ignorance, trouble,
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PARISH REGISTRATION

*Sign
up!*

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.

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