

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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

Rev. Philip A. Sanders, S.T.B., Parochial Vicar • Rev. Thomas F. Blind, M. Div., In Residence

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 & 7:00pm

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:
Paul DiBianca
Kimberley Mesiti

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR FAMILY
& ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES:
Robert P. Miller

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:
Mr. Timothy Dennin

PASTORAL COUNCIL:
Tom Rossano, Chairperson
Vincent Lipoma, Vice Chairperson
Michele Sweetman, 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

Masses for the Week

Sunday, May 31

Saturday, May 30

5:00 pm Louis Berto - Friends

Sunday, May 31

7:30 am Thomas G. McGarry - Bequest

9:00 am William & Camille Ricigliano - Daughter

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Nicholas Salerno - Sister-in-law

Monday, June 1

8:30 am Teodorico Q. Flores - Children

11:30 am Elizabeth Doyle - Aunt

Tuesday, June 2

7:30 am Ernest & Leonilda De Rogatis - Family

11:30 am Edward L. Post, Jr. - Friend

Wednesday, June 3

7:30 am Juan Aggabao & Patricia Aggabao - Family

11:30 am Arthur Margeotes - Wife

Thursday, June 4

7:30 am Arthur Pozar - Family

11:30 am Joseph Niedzwiecki - Sister

Friday, June 5

7:30 am Helen Rohan

11:30 am Carmela & Jack Lipari - Daughter-in-law

Saturday, June 6

8:30 am Betty Mc Parland - Friends

Sunday, June 7

Saturday, June 6

5:00 pm Louise & John Piegaro - Son & Family

Sunday, June 7

7:30 am Thomas & Lena Caputo - Daughters

9:00 am Carlo & Anna Granata - Family

10:30 am Veronica Kievit - Husband

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Doris Ross, Anita Laurenzi, Harry & Marlene Shaw,
Fran Korec, Patricia Ingianni, Franco & Fasone Families

REST IN PEACE:

John D. Nardone, Michael Giuliano, Dorothy Bishoff,
Josephine "Tootsie" Mendolla, Sr. Alice Perpetua Tracey
Sr. Anne Marie Mc Dermott

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Frank Otersen
Rectory: Elmira Mazzone



***Pentecost
Sunday
Solemnity***

For the Jewish people, Pentecost was a feast of thanksgiving that marked the conclusion of the grain harvest; it was also a time to commemorate the giving of the law at Sinai. It was celebrated 50 days after Passover. For the first Christian believers, gathered to celebrate this feast in Jerusalem, the giving of the Holy Spirit reinvented Pentecost. It marked a new beginning: God would be present among his people not in words carved in stone, but in a whole new way, living in their hearts, and speaking through them. Just as the old feast was a time to celebrate the abundance of God's gifts by giving back to God the first fruits of the fields, so the new Pentecost celebrates the incredible abundance of God's giving, the many gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is "the joyful conclusion of the Easter season" (Proclamation of the Dates of Easter on Epiphany). It ranks with Christmas, Epiphany, and the Ascension (see GNLYC,59). It is a day to pull out all the stops, a day for incense, processions, banners, for creative expression of the truth we celebrate: the gift of the Holy Spirit has been given to us. Jesus is here!

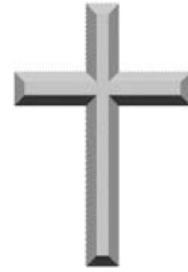
THE FIRST READING begins with the unity: "they were all in one place together" (Acts 2:1). The Holy Spirit comes in powerful signs--"a noise like a strong driving wind," "tongues as of fire" (2:2,3). Immediately, amazing things happen: filled with the Holy Spirit, they begin to speak in different languages. Jews from every nation, gathered in Jerusalem for the feast, are astounded--not by the mighty rushing wind, or the tongues of fire--but by the simple fact that they understand each other.

THE SECOND READING is from Galatians. Paul contrasts the works of the flesh and the works of the Spirit. We can recognize the presence of the Spirit by "the fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22). Paul gives a wonderful litany of these fruits: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (5:22-23). When we see these things, we know the Holy Spirit is present.

THE GOSPEL In today's reading from the Last Supper discourses, Jesus tells his disciples about the Spirit. The Holy Spirit will be their "Advocate" (John 15:26). The Holy Spirit will also be teacher and guide, telling them "the things that are coming" (16:13). The Holy Spirit will be God's very presence among them, for the Holy Spirit "proceeds from the Father" (15:26). The Holy Spirit is the gift of a recklessly generous God, the God who gives us everything: "he will take from what is mine and declare it to you" (16:15).

**Visit our website at
www.stachurchbloomfield.com**

From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas,

Last weekend our Archbishop ordained thirteen new priests for service within the Archdiocese of Newark. Today it is my happy task to inform you that Archbishop Myers has assigned one of these new priests to serve here at St. Thomas the Apostle. He is Father Andrew Onyemaobi.

Born in Ihitte, Nigeria, Father Onyemaobi, 27, attended Immaculate Conception Seminary and was a deacon at Saint Henry Parish in Bayonne. Over the years of preparation for ordination Father Andrew also had assignments at Saint Leo's Church in Irvington, Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark and Saint Aloysius Parish in Caldwell.

Father Andrew will begin his ministry here on June 17th. We welcome him to our parish and wish him many happy years as part of our faith community here at Saint Thomas the Apostle.

Love in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fr. Charles J. Miller".

Rev. Charles J. Miller,
Pastor

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

STA 2009 Vacation Bible School

Features:



WHERE KIDS BUILD THEIR LIVES ON THE ROCK: **JESUS!**

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is once again offering its very popular Vacation Bible School program, Son Rock Kids Camp. Through storytelling, arts & crafts, music, and play, the children are introduced to New Testament stories.

KEY INFORMATION:

- Eligibility:** Children ages 4 through 12
Dates: Mon., June 22nd - Fri., June 26th
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Place: St. Thomas the Apostle School
Registration: Pre-registration only. One completed forms per child and registration fee must be submitted to the Religious Education Office, located in the basement of St. Thomas School, by June 5th. 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 state in a note, "My child would like to be with..."
Registration Fee: \$50 per child (includes t-shirt, daily arts & crafts materials and snack). \$10 late fee will be charged after June 5th.
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: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ PRESENT GRADE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE: _____

KNOWN ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONCERNS: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE ... CIRCLE ONE:

YOUTH	S (6-8)	M (10-12)	L (14-16)
ADULT	S	M	L

PARENTS NAME: _____

- 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 Home & School Association

SUPER 50/50

- 1ST PRIZE 35% OF PROCEEDS
 2ND PRIZE 10% OF PROCEEDS
 3RD PRIZE 5% OF PROCEEDS

PLEASE RETURN ALL TICKETS TO THE PARISH CENTER OR SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY JUNE 1ST, 3 P.M.

Altar Servers

All parish boys and girls in grades 5 and 6 interested in becoming Altar Servers should call the Parish Center at 973-338-9190. Please leave your name and phone number and mark your calendars for training on the following dates and times:

- **Tuesday, June 2nd, 3:30 p.m. in Church**
- **Tuesday, June 9th, 3:30 p.m. in Church**

Altar Server's Prayer

*Loving Father, creator of the universe,
 you call your people to worship,
 to be with you and one another at Mass.
 I thank you for having called me
 to assist others in their prayer to you.
 May I be worthy of the trust placed in me
 and through my example and service
 bring others closer to you.
 I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
 who is Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.*

Confirmation Service Hours

~ Wednesday, June 3rd @ Spring Garden School
 Call 973-661-8983

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 6/1

MEMORIAL DAY
 Parish Center Closed

Thursday – 5/28

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 5/22

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter

Sunday – 5/31 Pentecost Sunday

John Angotti Concert 7pm in Church

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



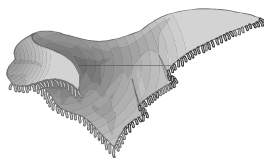
The main source of operating funds for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is our weekly offertory contribution. To assist us in being good stewards of God's gift of treasure, our contribution from last weekend is compared below to the amount we need this week to meet our budget. You may have noticed this amount will vary. This is because our budget varies by season, just as yours does.

SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$19,750
AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK: \$22,000

Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program

The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Mon-Fri, 9am - 8pm. Call 973-338-9190 ext. 20. 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.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our next meetings are scheduled for Wednesday evening June 3rd from 7 PM to 9 PM and Sunday afternoon, July 19th from 1PM. to 3 PM. If you wish to give someone a shawl, please contact the

Ministry. All are welcome to work and pray with us. If you have any questions, call Bernadette 973 893-0114, Sister Arleen 973-338-9190, or Alicia 973-473-6633.

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

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.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit



COME, Holy Spirit.

Replace the tension within us with a holy relaxation.
Replace the turbulence within us with a sacred calm.
Replace the anxiety within us with a quiet confidence.
Replace the fear within us with a strong faith.
Replace the bitterness within us with a sweetness of grace.
Replace the darkness within us with a gentle light.
Replace the coldness within us with loving warmth.
Replace the night within us with Your day.
Replace the winter within us with Your spring.

Straighten our crookedness.

Fill our emptiness.

Dull the edge of our pride.

Sharpen the edge of our humility.

Light the fires of our love.

Quench the flames of our lust.

Let us see ourselves as You see us,

That we may see You as You have promised us.

And be healed according to Your word.

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.



Father's Day Remembrance

Included in your recent packet of envelopes is a **Father's Day remembrance envelope**. The Masses on **Father's Day, June 21st**, will be offered for the living and deceased fathers of our parishioners. The envelopes with the names of fathers inscribed on them will be placed near the altar on that day. You may wish to remember grandfathers, Uncles, Godfathers, Brothers & Sons. A limited number of Father's Day cards are available at the parish center. The card shows that your designated father is being remembered in the Masses, here at St. Thomas on Father's Day.

Ministry of Spiritual Direction
Summer Directed Retreat by the Ocean
Thurs June 25 – Sun June 28 or
Thurs July 2 – Sun July 5



The Upper Room Spiritual Center
West Bangs Ave, Neptune, NJ
Exit 100B off the Garden State Parkway
For information call: Anna Graziano - 973-338-9538
Offering -\$225 (Reservations limited)

BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS

Bloomfield Nursing Division is offering the following.
Appointments required, please call 973-680-4058.

BONE DENSITY SCREENING

FOR WOMEN AND MEN
 TUESDAYS, JUNE 30, 10:00 A.M. - 12 P.M.
 BONE DENSITY - \$10 (\$8 FOR THOSE OVER AGE 55)

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 11 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
 FEE: \$12.00 (UNDER 55 YRS) - \$8.00 (OVER 55 YRS)

URINALYSIS SCREENING

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
 THIS SCREENING CHECKS FOR GLUCOSE (SUGAR),
 PROTEIN, RED BLOOD CELLS, AND WHITE BLOOD CELLS.
 COST IS \$5.00 / NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Archdiocese of Newark Anniversary Masses

It is an annual tradition to honor the couples in the Archdiocese who are celebrating five, twenty-five, fifty or more years of marriage. These liturgies are celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

- June 7 50 Anniv. (Bergen & Hudson Counties)
- June 14 25th and 5th Anniversaries (All 4 Counties)

All Masses will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m.

To register, call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190

MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

The Catholic Center for Family Spirituality will offer a two week graduate level course on the "Theology and Spirituality of Marriage and the Family." The course meets for two weeks, Monday through Thursday, June 22nd to July 2nd from 5:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at St. Henry's Parish, Bayonne, NJ. Course taught by Robert Miller. For more information call Andy Saunders at the Catholic Center for Family Spirituality at 973.313.6335.

**BERGEN CATHOLIC
 HIGH SCHOOL**

1040 Oradell Ave, Oradell, NJ 07649

Bergen Catholic High School announces its Summer Crusader Academic Camp for boys and girls entering seventh, eighth and ninth grades. Courses include CSI: BC, Math, English, Sports Writing, Spanish, Web 2.0, Robotics and more! Please check our website at www.bergencatholic.org for more information and to register for the one to four week courses.

DON BOSCO PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL

492 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, NJ 07446-2811

2009 Ironman Football, Basketball, Baseball, and Lacrosse Camps to be held throughout the summer.

Ironman Football Academy for boys ages 7-18.

- Three sessions: June 22-25, June 29- July 2, July 6-9

Ironman Basketball Camp for boys grades 2-9.

- Three sessions: June 29-July 3, July 6-10, July 13-17

Vision Lacrosse Camp for boys ages 7-18.

- Three sessions: July 20-24, July 27-31, Aug 3-7

Ironman Baseball Camp for boys ages 9-14.

- One session: July 13-16

For more information, please call during the daytime, 201-327-8003, ext. 104 or evenings, 201-444-9497 for football; 201-722-0885 for basketball; 201-925-4255 for lacrosse and 201-384-6418 for baseball.

The St. Peter by the Sea Orchestra conducted by Father Alphonse will be performing their "Broadway Review" summer repertoire in our local area! Hosted by Mt. St. Dominic Academy of Caldwell to benefit their new Performing Arts Center, the performance will take place on Friday, June 12th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Philomena R. C. Church in Livingston. Ticket prices will be \$35.00 for general admission and \$75.00 for reserved seating and a pre-concert wine and hors d'oeuvres reception. For ticket information, contact the development office at Mt. St. Dominic (973) 226-0660 ext. 1134.



**ALL BULLETIN ARTICLES
 MUST BE SENT
 TO THE PARISH CENTER BY
 MONDAY 10 A.M. PRIOR TO THE
 WEEKEND TO BE PUBLISHED.**

A Closer Look at the Catholic Church

Fr. Lawrence Porter, author of, *A Guide to the Church: It's Origin and Nature, It's Mission and Ministries*, and a professor of systematic theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary, located at Seton Hall University, will share his insightful views about the early Catholic Church Thurs., May 14 7pm at St. Mary's Church, 17 Msgr Owens Pl. in Nutley, NJ in Msgr Walsh Hall (973) 235-1100