

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Parochial Vicars: Rev. Philip A. Sanders, S.T.B. • Rev. Andrew N. Onyemaobi, M.Div., M.A.  
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 & 7:30pm

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 9, 2010 . 6th Sunday of Easter

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, May 9**

Saturday, May 8

5:00 pm Gina Safonte – Parents

Sunday, May 9

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 10

7:30 am Clyde & Marge Paul – Friend

11:30 am Mildred Fabbo

Tuesday, May 11

7:30 am Mildred Bucco – Friend

11:30 am Mary & John Walters – Daughter

Wednesday, May 12

7:30 am Grace Monticello – Son

11:30 am Lois Klepchick – Friend

Thursday, May 13

7:30 am Michael Giuliano – Friend

11:30 am Gerald Rosamilia – Wife

7:30 pm Nicholas Syracuse – Wife

Friday, May 14

7:30 am Mary Catherine Douglas – Friend

11:30 am Cecelia Offsak – Daughter

Saturday, May 15

8:30 am Dolores Dyvust – Daughter

**Sunday, May 16**

Saturday, May 15

5:00 pm Ann Dilaura – Granddaughter

Sunday, May 16

7:30 am Rodolfo C. Lim – Friend

9:00 am Deceased Members of Amato Family - Family

10:30 am Gary Keating – Family

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Jack Kearney, Nancy Cariani, Eleanor McKeon, Mark Catona

**REST IN PEACE:**

Andrew A. Camarata, Harry A. Ducat

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Anne Murphy **Convent:** Mildred Masi

**Convent:** Bridget Kochuk



I am  
with you  
always.  
Mt 28:20

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Thursday, May 13th, 2010**

**A Holy Day of Obligation**

**Masses 7:30am, 11:30am & 7:30pm**

*Happy Mother's Day*

*to all of our mothers  
from the priests and staff of  
Saint Thomas the Apostle parish.*

*Our prayer is that  
the Lord may bless you  
and those you love  
on this very special day.*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

As the celebration of Easter nears its end and Pentecost approaches in 14 days, keep the joy of the Good News of the Resurrection alive. Sing the Alleluia and Gloria with joy and gusto.

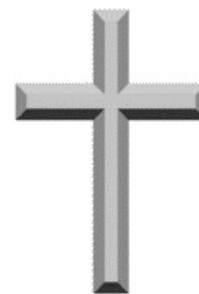
**FIRST READING:** The Jerusalem Church's resolution to send Judas and Silas with Paul and Barnabas to Antioch with the Church's decision, underscores the support and care that is to mark the relationship among the local Churches within the universal Church. A ruling that will grant freedom to Gentile converts from the practice of the Mosaic Law is not delivered as a simple proclamation, but is carried by representatives of the Church to symbolize the relational bonds of the Christian community within the one universal fellowship.

**RESPONSORIAL:** The Church sings Psalm 67 in which God is glorified for making his will known in response to the reading of the decision of the Counsel of Jerusalem. We pray in gratitude for the ways the Lord makes his will known to us in the community of the Church.

**SECOND READING:** In John's vision, the heavenly Jerusalem's gates and foundations represent the 12 tribes of Israel and the apostles, respectively. Faith in the one eternal and living God attested to among the tribes of Israel ultimately leads to an acknowledgment of Jesus Christ as the sure foundation of eternal life. The community of Israel and the community of the Twelve form a unity of faith in the living God.

**GOSPEL:** Jesus proclaims the initiation and preservation of God's indwelling. Faith in Jesus' word and a desire to live in love mark the initiation of the indwelling presence of God in the heart of believers. This presence is preserved by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that reminds us of the words of Jesus. Jesus teaches his disciples that his going away is not to be feared, but welcomed, for it will occasion the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

## *From the Pastor's Desk...*



Dear Parishioners,

### **Patient's Progress**

I am happy to report that my surgeon says that I am making good progress in recuperating from my recent accident. The broken leg and ankle are much better, but I am still limited in what I can do. I hope the weekly therapy sessions will help me return to normal activity in the not-too-distant future.

### **Thank You**

During the weeks I was in the hospital and nursing home, I received countless get-well cards, flowers, fruit baskets, letters from parishioners and friends wishing me a speedy recovery. I was not physically able to respond to them individually. So I want to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to all who were so thoughtful and caring.

I also want to thank Fathers Philip, Andrew, and Tom and all the members of the St. Thomas Staff for their extra efforts to keep all things running smoothly while I was away.

I especially want to thank Father Philip for his preparation for and coordination of the various special events and ceremonies of Lent and Easter. Many parishioners have told me how much they enjoyed celebrating Holy Week because of the beautiful services.

### **Father Philip Sanders**

However, I must sadly report that the Archbishop has informed me that he will transfer Fr. Philip this June to Our Lady of Peace Church in New Providence. I am sad for us, but happy for Father Philip, since this is an important step for him to qualify to eventually become a pastor in our Archdiocese.

### **A New Priest**

The Archbishop has also informed me that he plans to send a newly-ordained priest to our parish community to serve the needs of our people. In the meantime please pray for Father Philip and for our faith community here at St. Thomas the Apostle that this transition may go smoothly and according to God's will.

In the Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Father Charles".

Father Charles  
Pastor

**SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS**



*CURRENTLY ACCEPTING  
REGISTRATION FOR THE  
2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR*

**Please call the School Office  
at 973-338-8505 to schedule a tour**

- Pre K3 through 7th grades
- Middle States Accredited
- Full-Day or Half-Day Pre K 3 & 4
- Full-Day or Half-Day Kindergarten
- BeforeCare & AfterCare programs
- Advanced Technology
- Jr. High Science / Synergistics Program
- Physical Education for all grades
- Spanish & Italian Classes
- Art & Music Classes
- Wide Variety of Extra-Curricular Activities

**Religious Education**

***Vacation Bible School News:***

Mark your calendar for our exciting Rain Forest Adventure this summer June 28<sup>th</sup> - July 2nd! Children ages 4-12 are invited to join the fun each day from 9:00 – 12:00.



Activities include arts and crafts, a puppet show, Bible stories, snacks, and recreation. Sign up forms are on our website: [stachurchbloomfield.com](http://stachurchbloomfield.com) or by calling the office at 973-338-7400. Confirmation candidates: Sign up to help out and earn community service hours!

***Religious Education Registrations:*** Registration packages for CCD Fall 2010 have been mailed home. Likewise, we have mailed packages to parishioners with children in kindergarten who may need to go to CCD in the fall. If you have not received a package and need one, please call the office at 973-338-7400. All packages are due back by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please consider volunteering to help us with this program.

***Session Dates for Baptism 2010***

**CATECHESIS PREPARATION**

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

May 16, 2010	1:00 p.m.
June 13	1:00 p.m.
September 12	1:00 p.m.

**BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS**

June 6	1:30 p.m.
June 27	1:30 p.m.
July 18	1:30 p.m.
August 15	1:30 p.m.
September 18	during the 5:00 p.m. mass

**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**

**"THIS WEEK"**

**Monday – 5/10**

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

**Wednesday – 5/12**

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

**Friday – 5/14**

Separated Divorced Widowed – 8:00pm in St. Thomas

**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.

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$18,660**  
**AMOUNT BUDGETED: \$20,500**

**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:**

- 5/9 MOTHER'S DAY - NO MEETING
- 5/16 NJ YOUTH RALLY - GA
- 5/23 PENTECOST WITH THE POTTER
- 5/30 MEMORIAL DAY - NO MEETING

***Congratulations to the 2010 Outstanding Youth Cotillion Honorees: Marc Hanna & Kaitlyn Degnan.***

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT [tdennin@live.com](mailto:tdennin@live.com)

**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. 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.

**NATIONAL NURSE'S WEEK May 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

The Wellness Ministry would like to extend our best wishes to the nurses of the parish. We would especially like to thank the nurses who volunteer their time and talent to the Ministry.

**GOING FISHING!**

save the date

Wednesday, 7/7/10, 7:00 a.m.

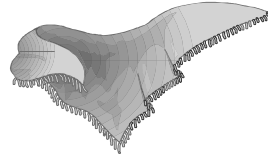
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*With joy and gratitude  
to Almighty God for  
his first year of priesthood  
The Reverend Andrew N. Onyemaobi  
cordially invites you to join him  
at a Mass of Thanksgiving on  
Saturday, May 22, 2010,  
the Solemnity of Pentecost,  
at five o'clock in the evening,  
St Thomas the Apostle Church  
Reception immediately following at  
St. Thomas the Apostle School  
Herron Hall*

# Golf Outing

## St. Thomas Golf Outing

Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> at Forest Hill Golf Club Bloomfield NJ  
\$250 per person  
Price includes Lunch, Golf, Cart, and Cocktail hour,  
Open Bar, Dinner and Sports Auction.  
Hole Sponsorship Available  
Please contact the school or Joe Re at 973-338-5960.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Our spring meeting will be Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:30AM to 2PM and Wednesday evening June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We need light prayer shawls for the summer. 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 Bernadette @ 973-893-0114, Alicia @ 973-473-6633 or Sister Arleen @ 973-338-9190.



## PENTECOST WITH THE POTTER

THE ST. THOMAS  
THE APOSTLE YOUTH GROUP  
IS PLEASED TO PRESENT

AN EVENING WITH  
RENOWNED POTTER AND SPEAKER  
RAY BOSWELL

THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE  
A SPECIAL  
"MESSAGE OF PENTECOST"

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF  
PRAYER, MUSIC AND INSPIRATION

ALL ARE WELCOME  
7PM MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> IN CHURCH

## Listening Committee

John Paul II stated that the parish is "the family of God, a fellowship afire with a unifying spirit," "a familial and welcoming home." Let us work together to enhance our parish life.

We welcome your comments, suggestions and concerns and will get back to you in a timely manner.

Send email to  
pastoralcouncil@stachurchbloomfield.com  
or Mail your letter to:  
St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
ATTN: Pastoral Council - Listening Committee  
60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

*All correspondence will be held in strict confidence.*

## Cornerstone Women

We've recently completed our fifth successful Women's Cornerstone Retreat at St. Thomas the Apostle. We would like to invite *all* women who have made a Cornerstone retreat to our Cornerstone Reunion.

**Mark Your Calendars!!!**

**The Cornerstone Reunion will be on  
Friday, May 14th, 2010 at 7:30 pm.**

**There will be wine, cheese, prayer and socializing!**

We are trying to reach as many former retreat attendees as we can via email but some are not accessible. Please help us to spread the word.

**Please respond A.S.A.P.** by calling Sister Arleen in the Parish Center at 973-338-9190 or email your response to [martylevine59@aol.com](mailto:martylevine59@aol.com) or [czieleniewski@comcast.net](mailto:czieleniewski@comcast.net)

Hope to see you all there.  
Cornerstone Team V



## RIGHT TO LIFE

For all mothers:  
That God will bless them,  
and their children will be grateful for their  
countless daily sacrifices for their families;

*We pray to the Lord*

## RCIA CONFIRMATIONS

RCIA Confirmations will be held on Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 9 a.m. Mass. Please keep our candidates, Kami Collins and Philip Johnson in your prayers as they complete their final preparations for entry into the Catholic Church.

**Saint Thomas the Apostle**

Rosary Society

## Gift Shop

**Now Open!**

**Saturday/Sunday, May 1st/2nd**  
**Saturday/Sunday, May 15th/16th**  
**St. Peter's Room (Parish Center)**  
after all masses

**Gifts for all occasions including:**



Please stop in to check out our selection!

**Baptism**  
**First Communion**  
**Confirmation**  
**Mother's Day**  
**Father's Day**  
**Graduation**

## Ministry of Spiritual Direction Summer Directed Retreat by the Ocean

**Thurs June 24 – Sun June 27 or**  
**Thurs July 1 – Sun July 4**



**The Upper Room Spiritual Center**  
**West Bangs Ave, Neptune, NJ**  
**Exit 100B off the Garden State Parkway**

*"I HAVE COME THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE  
AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL!" (Jn.10:10)*

Come and experience the healing power of God's unconditional loving presence and the gift it holds for restoring your sense of well-being.

- Home cooked meals
- Air conditioned building
- Beach just 7 minutes away
- Peaceful surroundings
- Private daily meetings with a Spiritual Director

**For information call: Anna Graziano - 973-338-9538**  
**Offering -\$250 (Reservations limited)**

## JOB SEEKERS GROUP

Looking for a job? Come to a meeting of the St. Thomas the Apostle Job Seekers on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center where you will get a chance to network, get some advice, and pray with other members of the parish who are searching for a job. For information, send an email to: [workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com](mailto:workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com)

**Social media and job search presentation on May 20th:** Interested in knowing more about on-line medias such as Twitter, Facebook, and blogs, but have no clue where to start? Are you finding that your job search skills are lagging and want to find new ways to promote yourself and your skills? Come to the open job seekers group where social media expert and blogger Kate Garrabrant will teach you all you need to know about becoming an expert in navigating the on-line world."

## ~ ~ September Club Travel ~ ~

### Upcoming 2010 Day Trips

FOR INFORMATION: CALL JEAN AT 973-777-2278

## STATUE OF LIBERTY & ELLIS ISLAND

**June 24, 2010**

### INCLUDES:

- ROUNDTrip MOTOR COACH TRANSPORTATION
- ADMISSION TO THE STATUE OF LIBERTY
- LUNCHEON SPECIAL INCLUDING: SOUP OR SALAD, RICE OR CHOCOLATE PUDDING, POTATO AND VEGETABLE WITH ENTRÉE.



### PRICE

MEMBERS: \$43.00 --- NONMEMBERS: \$45.00

## Prayer for The Year for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for

Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.

*Amen.*