

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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

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 23, 2010 . Pentecost

Masses for the Week

Sunday, May 23

Saturday, May 22

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 23

7:30 am Camille Pietrowski – Daughter

9:00 am Deceased Members of Klenk Family - Bequest

10:30 am Frank P. Ramirez (2nd Anniv.) – Wife & Family

12:00 pm Lino Bracco – Family

Monday, May 24

7:30 am Silvester & Esterina Fusco – Family

11:30 am Ernesto Canlas – Brother

Tuesday, May 25

7:30 am Gerard F. Zoppi – Friend

11:30 am Michael Dobransky – Family

Wednesday, May 26

7:30 am James Golden – Friend

11:30 am Marie Mairella – Friend

Thursday, May 27

7:30 am Frank Fiorentino – Friend

11:30 am John Nardone – Friend

Friday, May 28

7:30 am Gerard F. Zoppi – Friend

11:30 am Sally Anne Lazzaro – Friend

Saturday, May 29

8:30 am Mila Bracco – Family

Sunday, May 30

Saturday, May 29

5:00 pm Frank Pellico – Family

Sunday, May 30

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Christian Helm – Family

10:30 am Lee Mongelli – Friend

12:00 pm Antonette Brown – Friend

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Jack Kearney, Nancy Cariani, Bill Maione

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: David O'Boyle

Convent: Pauline Benenato

Rectory: Keri De Luca

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Pentecost Sunday

The Greek word for Pentecost (*Pentekostē*) means "fiftieth," and in early Christianity it referred to the entire Fifty Days of Easter.

The roots of Pentecost can be found in the Jewish festival of Weeks (Shavu'ot), the 50-day celebration following Passover (Exodus 23:16). It was a harvest festival in which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in gratitude. It eventually became associated with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Early Christians reinterpreted the Jewish festival as a commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, since Acts records that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples when the festival of Pentecost was fulfilled.

FIRST READING: Tongues of fire mediate the gift of the Holy Spirit, enabling a bold and life-giving proclamation of Good News. The apostles break forth from their chamber of fear and announce a proclamation spoken in a single language, but grasped in many for the Holy Spirit brings one hope out of the chaos of sin.

RESPONSORIAL: As the Church rejoices in the gift of the Holy Spirit, she proclaims Psalm 104, acknowledging that in every age it is the gift of the Holy Spirit that renews the face of the earth.

SECOND READING: The Holy Spirit that enables us to recognize the divine nature of Jesus forms us into the one body of Christ and showers us with gifts for the building up of that body. Thus, our faith in Jesus is inseparable from the life of the Church and continues to be deepened in and communicated to us through the gifts shared by others with us in the fellowship of faith.

GOSPEL: As the risen Christ sends the apostles in mission, he bestows the gift of the Holy Spirit upon them for the forgiveness of sin. He entrusts to them not only his mission, but the fruit of that mission, redemption, and forgiveness. The apostles, having received the blessing of the Lord's peace, are to be its ministers. As a communion of reconciled sinners, the Church shares the gift she has first received.

Memorial Day – May 31, 2010

One Mass only Monday, May 31, at 8:30am

St. Thomas the Apostle School and Parish Center will be closed.



From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Parishioners,

First Communion

I am happy to report that we have completed this year's First Communion ceremonies. They were a wonderful success thanks in great part to **Tracey Rennie**, our Pastoral Associate for Catechetics, who worked so hard along with the catechists and parents to prepare our young people for this important step. I thank Tracey and all who assisted her in preparing the first communicants for so many months. First Communion is a very important marker in the journey of faith for each child, their own families, and for our parish family.

RCIA Reception into the Church

This Pentecost we are blessed to have two candidates, **Kami Collins** and **Philip Johnson**, who will be officially received into the Catholic Church. The reception of their profession of faith will take place at Mass during which they will also celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have been preparing for many months under the guidance of **Bob Miller**, our Pastoral Associate for Adult Formation, and the members of our parish R.C.I.A. Team. I thank all of you for sharing your time, talents and faith with these two new members of our faith community.

Father Philip Sanders

As previously announced, the Archbishop 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. Father Philip will celebrate his farewell Mass of Thanksgiving on **Sunday, June 13th** at 12:00 p.m. in the Church with a reception in Herron Hall following the Mass. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Holy Name Honors Paul Sefjack

Congratulations to **Paul Sefjack** who was named the "*Man of the Year*" by the Holy Name Society. The awards were presented at a special mass for all the parishes of Essex County, which was celebrated earlier this week at Saint Valentine Church here in Bloomfield. We are very happy for Paul as he celebrates this special honor along with all the members of the St. Thomas the Apostle Holy Name Society.

In the Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Father Charles". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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**

**St. Thomas the Apostle School
Super 50/50 Raffle**

Please return your tickets and support our school!!

Three chances to win! Drawing: May 26, 2010

If you need tickets, please call Kathy Piesla, 973-338-5925.

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



Natalia Lynn Mangiarelli

Parents: Christina (Berger) & Dominic Mangiarelli

Cassidy Lynn Simpson

Parents: Suzanne (Callery) & James Simpson

Marco Alejandro Battaglia & Karina Battaglia

Parents: Doris (Abreu) & Giovanni Battaglia

Christian Thomas Giampietro

Parents: Jeanine (Corvi) & Steven Giampietro

Kaylee Grace Garrison

Parents: Suzanne (Drexler) & John Garrison

Jason Adam Griffin

Parents: Jacqueline (Chilquillo) & Brian Griffin

Makayla Elizabeth Luzzi

Parents: Michelle (Alfano) & Roger Luzzi

Sarah Evelyn Schatteman

Parents: Alicia (Schutt) & Matthew Scatteman

STA 2010 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is once again offering its very popular Vacation Bible School program. This year's program is called Son Quest Rainforest. 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 28th - Fri., July 2nd
- Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Place:** St. Thomas the Apostle School
- Registration:** Pre-registration only. One form per child, completed, and registration fee must be submitted to the Religious Education Office, located in the basement of St. Thomas School, by 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 – 5/24

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
Eucharistic Adoration – 12noon in Church
Respect Life – 7:30pm in Church

Wednesday – 5/26

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 5/28

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Eucharistic Adoration this Monday, May 24th, 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.



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.

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 Saint 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 Saint Thomas the Apostle 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.



GOING FISHING!

Save the date!

Wednesday, July 7, 2010, 7:00 a.m.
on the MIJO II more info to follow

Golf Outing

St. Thomas Golf Outing

Monday June 7th 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.



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

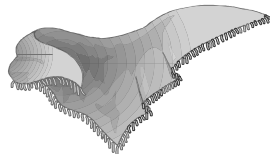
ALL ARE WELCOME
7PM MAY 23RD IN CHURCH



RIGHT TO LIFE

For our political leaders:
That they have the courage and wisdom to
lead our country in a manner that respects
the dignity of all human life;

We pray to the Lord



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Our next meeting will be Wednesday evening June 2nd.
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.

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:

5/23 PENTECOST WITH THE POTTER
5/30 MEMORIAL DAY - NO MEETING

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

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

~ ~ 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

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
- Those generous surprises from God

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

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

cordially invites you to

A Farewell Celebration

in honor of

Rev. Philip Sanders

in thanksgiving for

his years of ministry

in our parish community

Sunday, June 13th

12:00 pm Mass

Reception immediately

following in Herron Hall