

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Roman Catholic Church

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Congratulations Saint Thomas the Apostle Class of 2010

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Ariyana Grandpierre

Andrew Mescall

Catherine Bialkowski

Veronica Herzog

Mark Miller

Steven Branagan

Dylan Hughes

Cara O'Rourke

Christina Campos

Katelynn Kondreck

Iris Ortiz

Jessica Campos

Daniel Levine

Megan Piesla

Matthew Capobianco

Thomas Logue

Kieran Purcell

Sean Cedeno

Regina Lustre

Amanda Re

Andrew Childers

Richard Maiella

Frederic Rosier

Nina Delos Reyes

Jason Mallonga

Nicholas Ruthsatz

Angelica Del Vecchio

Matthew Martinez

Stephanie Saporito

Kris Edquilag

Andrew Mauro

James Sause

Jose Garcia

Hope Mehra

Jaclyn Soter

Anthony Garner

Danielle Melillo

Michael Svehla

Kristen Gassler

Kacey Yeo

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 6, 2010

Masses for the Week

Sunday, June 6

Saturday, June 5

5:00 pm Frank & Blanche Colucci (Anniv.) – Family

Sunday, June 6

7:30 am Helen Rohan – Family

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Frank Otersen – Family

12:00 pm Anthony Mingo – Friend

Monday, June 7

7:30 am Thomas, Lena, & Catherine Caputo – Daughters

11:30 am Sally Anne Lazzaro – Friend

Tuesday, June 8

7:30 am Grace Monticello – Son

11:30 am James N. Perry – Friends

Wednesday, June 9

7:30 am Ronald Brosowski – Family

11:30 am Florence Ward – Family

Thursday, June 10

7:30 am Gail K. Pilsbury – Husband

11:30 am Charles Buddenberg – Father

Friday, June 11

7:30 am Loretta DiMichele – Family

11:30 am Harry Scardilli – Daughter

Saturday, June 12

8:30 am Jayne Fortune DelGuercio – Cousin

Sunday, June 13

Saturday, June 12

5:00 pm Lottie Szajkowski – Daughters

Sunday, June 13

7:30 am John D. Revene – Daughter

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Nicolette & Salerno Families – Family

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Helen M. Wardell (17th Anniv.) – Daughter

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Joanne Barrett, Marie Jacobson

REST IN PEACE:

William Brennan

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Thomas Fasuto

Rectory: Virginia Mandra

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

To the question “What exactly is a feast day?” Joseph Jungmann, ^{SJ}, responded, “Just as one can say that an altar is a piece of earth raised a little towards heaven, so one can say of a feast day that it is a piece of time which touches eternity” (Joseph Jungmann, ^{SJ}). Today’s solemnity is another doctrinal feast that touches eternity, highlighting “the relationship between the Eucharist banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Father’s Kingdom” (GIRM, 281).

In France this is called *la Fête-Dieu*, the feast of God. Some may remember this solemnity under its old Latin name, *Corpus Christi*. The sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ has been revered from the earliest days of the Church, although the veneration of Eucharist outside Mass did not fully develop until the eleventh century. By the High Middle Ages, because of penitential practices, few of the faithful received Holy Communion at all, and the cup had been withdrawn from the laity altogether. The Fourth Lateran Council in 1215 issued the so-called “Easter Duty” decree: that Catholics receive Holy Communion at least once a year at Easter. A law was put into effect to oblige them to receive because people no longer felt worthy to do so.

Devotion to the reserved Eucharist flourished during and outside Mass. Those who did not receive could at least gaze on the Blessed Sacrament as it was elevated for them to see at the ringing of the bells, or as Eucharistic processions went by. *Corpus Christi* became a universal feast in 1246.

FIRST READING: Melchizedek’s offering of bread and wine in thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and redemption in Abram’s life is a foretaste of Jesus’ offering at the Last Supper. Like Melchizedek, Jesus announces God’s victory over our enemies. Unlike Melchizedek, Jesus offers in thanksgiving his own life, the gift of self-emptying love on the cross.

RESPONSORIAL: In chanting Psalm 110 the Church praises God for Jesus, the great high priest, who offered himself on the cross as priest and victim for the forgiveness of sin.

SECOND READING: Paul Assures the Church at Corinth that the celebration of Eucharist is no mere human precept or practice, but is the command and will of Jesus. The Church’s celebration of the Eucharist is first and foremost an act of obedience. Certainly, our obedience to all that God asks for is for our benefit and growth in holiness, especially obedience in celebrating Eucharist. The celebration of Eucharist is an acknowledgment of the sovereignty of Christ in our lives. In our obedience we adore him, present in Eucharist.

GOSPEL: The disciples’ pragmatic assessment leads them to suggest to Jesus that he should send the crowd away. After all, their resources were not adequate to feed the vast crowd. Jesus, however, raises his eyes to heaven and gives thanks, and feeds the crowd in a manner that not only satisfies, but in which abundance remains. A small host and a small sip of wine from a pragmatic perspective are not able to satisfy. Yet, the Lord, who breaks the bread and shares the cup in our midst, feeds us and satisfies us with an abundant gift, his body and blood, for the life of the world.

From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Parishioners,

Father Philip Sanders

As previously announced, the Archbishop will transfer **Fr. Philip** this June 16th to Our Lady of Peace Church in New Providence. We are 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.

Father Cruz to Arrive

I am happy to announce that the Archbishop has assigned a newly-ordained priest, Father Camilo Cruz, to our parish. Born 28 years ago in Columbia, Father Camilo attended Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University. Recently he served as deacon at St. Aloysius Church in Caldwell, NJ. In previous years he has worked at St. Elizabeth Parish in Wyckoff and at St. Leo Parish in Irvington.

Father Cruz celebrated his first mass on May 30th and will move into Saint Thomas the Apostle rectory. We welcome him to our parish family and pray that he may have many happy years of pastoral service among God's people here at St. Thomas.

Pray for your Priests

In this *Year of the Priest* I invite you to take a moment or two to pray for your priests:

Rev. Charles Miller – Ordained 1972

Rev. Philip Sanders – Ordained 2005

Rev. Andrew Onyemaobi – Ordained 2009

Rev. Thomas Blind – Ordained 1981

that the Holy Spirit may guide them to joyfully serve all God's people in our community here at St. Thomas.

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

St. Thomas the Apostle School SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE
Thank you for your support and making our raffle a success!
First Prize: Rosalie D'Andrea - \$3295.25
Second Prize: Elizabeth Shea - \$941.50
Third Prize - Marilyn Rigo - \$470.75

**St. Thomas the Apostle School
Congratulates the 2010
National Junior Honor Society Inductees**

- Declan Berutti*
- Catherine Bialkowski*
- Christina Campos*
- Matthew Capobianco*
- Angelica Del Vecchio*
- Kris Edquilag*
- J.P. Garcia*
- Anthony Garner*
- Ariyana Grandpierre*
- Kristen Gassler*
- Veronica Herzog*
- Katelynn Kondreck*
- Daniel Levine*
- Regina Lustre*
- Andrew Mauro*
- Lea Mendolla*
- Cara O'Rourke*
- Megan Piesla*
- Amanda Re*
- James Sause*
- Jaclyn Soter*

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 – 6/7

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Wednesday – 6/9

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 6/11

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

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.

COLLECTION MAY 30TH:	\$16,439
AMOUNT BUDGETED:	\$20,500



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.

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – June 13th

We will have our final blood pressure screenings for the season on Sunday, June 13th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the parish center. Screenings will resume in September.

Going Fishing

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

On the Mi – Jo II Atlantic Highlands, NJ



Cost: \$50 per person - includes bait, rod and 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 Jim McKittrick (973) 338-3145 or Frank Diveny (973) 748-0519.



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.

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH YOUR LOSS

Anyone experiencing a loss is invited to attend St. Thomas Bereavement.

We will gather on
Sunday, June 20th at 1:00 p.m.
in the Parish Center

Our theme will be:

A Father's Love Cannot be Measured

Questions? Please call Sister Arleen at 973-338-9190



RIGHT TO LIFE

For all who suffer from chronic illness or disease and for those who care for them: that through the healing power of Christ's body and blood they will be given strength and hope for a full recovery;

We pray to the Lord

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)**

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE

The new team for Women's Cornerstone VI will meet Monday, June 21st at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. We are grateful to all the women who have said "Yes!" to being part of the Retreat Team. Any questions, feel free to call Sister Arleen at (973) 338-9190 ex. 34.

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

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*

Rutgers University Newark

will be running its 9th annual *Summer BASKETBALL Program* for children ages 7-17. The program is July 12-16, July 26-30, & August 2-6, 2010 from 8:30 to 3:30pm. The cost for one week is only \$150. Discount rates if you attend two or three weeks. For more information or a brochure call Joe Loughran at 973-353-1483.

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.