

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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## 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  
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1(800) CCS-7413  
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July 11, 2010 . 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, July 11**

**Saturday, July 10**

**5:00 pm James Palagano – Family**

**Sunday, July 11**

**7:30 am For the People of the Parish**

**9:00 am Louis & Mamie DeCicco – Children**

**10:30 am Michael Giuliano – Friends**

**12:00 pm Paolina Soccolich – Family**

**Monday, July 12**

**7:30 am Helen Mooney – Friend**

**11:30 am Ellen Briscoe – Family**

**Tuesday, July 13**

**7:30 am Irene Aragona – Friend**

**11:30 am Gaetana DeLena – Family**

**Wednesday, July 14**

**7:30 am Carole Kennedy – Daughter**

**11:30 am Joanne Cerreto – Niece**

**Thursday, July 15**

**7:30 am Carl J. Tuosto – Wife**

**11:30 am Joseph Michalek – Wife**

**Friday, July 16**

**7:30 am Grace Monticello – Son**

**11:30 am Virginia Martorano – Family**

**Saturday, July 17**

**8:30 am Fred Calenda – Friend**

**Sunday, July 18**

**Saturday, July 17**

**5:00 pm Anthony Barbalaci – Family**

**Sunday, July 18**

**7:30 am Joseph Powers – Family**

**9:00 am For the People of the Parish**

**10:30 am Elizabeth Molnar (23rd Anniv.) – Family**

**12:00 pm Estelle Horoschak – Daughter**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Lillian Bieksha

**REST IN PEACE:**

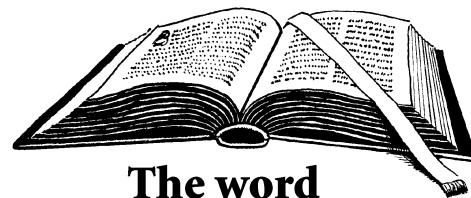
Alphonse Quaresimo, Helen Poneis, John Downey, Sr.  
Rev. John Ballweg, Sister Catherine Maurice Reilly

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Adrienne Wardell

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[www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com)**

*15th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*



**The word  
is very near to you.**

The parables of Jesus are some of the most beloved of all his sayings, especially today's parable of the good Samaritan.

**FIRST READING:**

Moses assures the people that God's commands are not mysterious or remote or beyond their capacity to fulfill. God is not capricious and whimsical in his desire for our lives. God draws near in constancy and in his commandments that call forth the good in us, enhancing our dignity and fulfilling our lives.

**RESPONSORIAL:**

In Psalm 69 the Church prays that all who are touched by pain and affliction will turn to the Lord and live.

**SECOND READING:**

Paul proclaims that in Christ Jesus, humankind beheld the image of the invisible God and the image of perfect humanity. As firstborn of creation and as firstborn of the dead, Jesus revealed his divinity present and active in the creation and redemption of the world. Created and redeemed in Christ, we are summoned to recognize his primacy in all things and to be reconciled in him.

**GOSPEL:**

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, it is the one, who lives outside the law, whose relationship with God is not just quite "right," who lives in accord with his command of love. In every age this parable challenges the Church and her members not only to be neighbor, as the Samaritan was neighbor, but also to acknowledge and reverence the other who may live with even greater fidelity than we do the heart of God's love.



There is a Lost and Found Box located in the Parish Center. There are reading glasses, keys, gloves, etc. Stop by to see if anything may belong to you.



***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**

***Session Dates for Baptism 2010***

**CATECHESIS PREPARATION**

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

September 12	1:00 p.m.
October 17	1:00 p.m.

**BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS**

July 18	1:30 p.m.
August 15	1:30 p.m.
September 18	during the 5:00 p.m. mass
September 19	1:30 p.m.
October 3	1:30 p.m.

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



***Daniel Andrew Kielblock, Jr.***  
*Parents: Joann (Mazur) & Daniel A. Kielblock, Sr.*

***Gabriella Emily Revello***  
*Parents: Jenifer (Gamero) & George Revello*

***Theresa Maria Snee***  
*Parents: Eileen (Neilan) & Thomas Snee*

**The Catholic School Advantage**

From the Archdiocese of Newark  
Vicariate for Education  
<http://www.rcan.org/schools/advantage.html>

**The Catholic School advantage is reflected in the philosophy that permeates the total education program and the lives of the faculty and students. This philosophy challenges students to improve the world by sharing Gospel values and living Christ's message of salvation. They grow to understand the roots of their faith and their responsibilities as Christians.**

- Students explore their faith through classes and activities in Scripture, Sacraments, Church, and morality.
- Catholic Schools stress the value of self-discipline and commitment.
- Faculty and staff are role models who share their faith, their talents, and their time.
- While not all students who come to the Catholic Schools are Catholic, all share experiences of faith and values.
- Catholic Schools encourage each student to accept the challenges of being a Christian in tomorrow's world.

Values which promote understanding and service to the elderly and the handicapped, the poor and the ill, are an important part of the Catholic School experience. As a faith community, we emphasize those values which encourage students to accept others rather than exclude them, to understand the difference between right and wrong, and to commit themselves to serve God by serving others.

**Maintaining High Standards**

**Catholic Schools engage in an ongoing process of evaluation, certification, and accreditation of both teachers and programs. Their accountability guarantees the maintenance of Catholic School's traditionally high standards.**

- The Catholic School curriculum meets all state regulations and guidelines. In addition, diocesan guidelines require a strong religious education curriculum.
- Catholic School faculty members are fully qualified professionals committed to bringing out the best in their students as they grow in knowledge, skills, and values.
- Association with agencies such as the Middle States Association and the National Catholic Education Association, as well as with Diocesan Education Offices, helps provide programs and instruments for internal and external evaluations on an ongoing basis.

## STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

### "THIS WEEK"

Thursday – 7/15

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter  
SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

### 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 JUNE 27, 2010: \$16,932**  
**AMOUNT BUDGETED: \$20,500**

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

Want to skip writing checks to St. Thomas each week? Sign up for our electronic giving program. Once a month your gift to the parish is automatically charged to your designated credit or debit card. It's convenient and secure. Call the parish center to request information.

### 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.

### 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. *Send email to:*

[pastoralcouncil@stachurchbloomfield.com](mailto: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.*



### RIGHT TO LIFE

For victims of violence and those who minister to them, grant swift healing to those in pain, and grant them all the grace and love to persevere;

*We pray to the Lord*

### 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.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word has stopped for the summer months and will return again after Labor Day.



We would like to thank the team, parents and children who participated this past year.

Have a safe summer and we will see you in September.

### St. Thomas the Apostle Food Pantry



We will continue to collect food for our Food Pantry throughout the summer months. We ask that if you plan to donate please check expiration dates as we have had to dispose of some donated food items. We thank you for your generosity and concern in this matter.

### 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.



50<sup>th</sup>

Jubilee Celebration  
for  
Sister Arleen Crimmins, OP

*You have been an important part of my journey here at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and I would like to invite you to join me for a celebration of the Eucharist at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, October 10th followed by an informal reception in Herron Hall. Please, no gifts, as your presence is gift enough.*

~ ~ September Club Travel ~ ~

Bus Trip to...

Atlantic City

July 20, 2010 Price... \$30 Return... \$30

Bus departs 8:45 a.m. (approx. 6 hrs.)  
Refreshments on bus. For reservations or questions

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL RETREAT

THE MEN'S RETREAT AT SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE, WHERE GOD AND SEA COME TOGETHER, IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 24-26.



THE THEME FOR THE 2010 WEEKEND RETREAT IS:  
THE YEAR OF ST. LUKE, GOD'S COMPANION.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SPENDING THIS MOST ENJOYABLE AND SPIRITUALLY SIGNIFICANT WEEKEND AT THE NEW JERSEY SHORE SHOULD CONTACT FRANK HELMSTETTER AT 973-339-5872.

**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)

**Are you considering a career change?**

On July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, Dr. Rosanne Scriffignano will share strategies for re-branding yourself while pursuing a new career during today's economic climate. A certified career and executive coach, Rosanne has helped clients to seek new opportunities that enhance their professional growth while staying focused on their aspirations, talents, and goals.




**Rosary Society Gift Shop**

Items from the gift shop are available for sale. Merchandise is available for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, gifts, etc. If you would like to view an item or make a purchase please e-mail [STA\\_Rosary\\_Shop@comcast.net](mailto:STA_Rosary_Shop@comcast.net) or call Mary Ellen DeCotiis at 973-893-9625, Bernadette Lipoma at 973-893-0114 or Rosalie Mescall at 973-893-8186.

**Treasures from our Tradition**

In 1794, a young Irishwoman befriended two widows aboard a ship while emigrating to America. They bought a house in Philadelphia and began to live a community life under the direction of a priest. Soon they relocated to Washington. There the "pious ladies," as the neighbors called them, were asked by their priest friend, by then, the president of Georgetown University, to begin a religious community. In 1799 they established a branch of the Visitation Order founded by St. Jane de Chantal and St. Francis de Sales in the 1620's.

The unique vision of this order followed a sensible routine, less arduous and more flexible than most traditions, and also accepted widows and older women. Amazingly, this American outpost of the Visitation began without reference to the "rule" of the Order. Most of the European convents had been lost under the "reign of terror," and the rules and customs of the community could not be obtained. A copy of the rule was discovered in 1812, and in 1816 the pope officially established the monastery. By then, some French nuns had regrouped, and they sent a habit and cross to be copied. (No religious wore the habit in public in the U.S. until after the Civil War.) From the beginning, the Georgetown nuns had an educational mission, even though they discovered in the "rule" that such work was officially off-limits for the contemplative life. In America, the nuns depended on a school for their livelihood, so the rule was adapted. Today, the Academy of the Visitation is a thriving example of excellence in Catholic education, and the adjacent monastery is the oldest monastic foundation in the original thirteen United States.



**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.

**SUMMER...**  
 God our Creator,  
 You have blessed us,  
 As you do each year  
 With the long, bright days of summer –  
 Days when the sun rides high in the sky,  
 And the light seems to last forever.  
 Thank you for these days –  
 Days of warmth and gladness,  
 life and growth.  
 Thank you for this tiny vision  
 of celestial land,  
 Which needs no sun nor moon;  
 Where you and Christ the Lamb,  
 Provide continuous light,  
 And never ending day.  
 - Peter Mead

**GOD’S WORK**

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers, priests, missionaries or charity workers engaged full-time in works formally identified as “God’s work.” But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God’s work. We each have our own role to fill in the world and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. What is “God’s work?” “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent” (John 6:29).

**BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS**

Public Health Nursing - [www.bloomfieldhealth.org](http://www.bloomfieldhealth.org)  
 Appointments required, please call 973-680-4058.

**Free Vaccine for Adults Program**

The Bloomfield Department of Health & Human Services is pleased to offer a new vaccine program for Bloomfield residents, specifically those age 19 years and over. Our office has qualified to receive stimulus funds and now have the ability to protect our adult population against certain vaccine-preventable diseases.

**Vaccines Include:**

**TDaP** - Tetanus, Diphtheria, acellular Pertusis  
 - Now is used instead of Td as a 10-year booster  
 Target Population -  
 \*Anyone age 19-64 years who has never received TDaP  
 \*New mothers that have never received a dose of TDaP  
 \*To receive protection against tetanus following a severe cut or burn  
*TDaP is NOT recommended for anyone age 65-years and over. Current recommendations include administering one dose of TDaP. Future booster doses should be Td.*

**Pneumovax 23** - Pneumococcal vaccine; protects against 23 different types of pneumococcal bacteria  
 Target Population -  
 \*Adults age 65-years and over  
 \*Adults age 19-64 years taking a drug or treatment which lowers the body’s resistance to infection  
 \*Adults age 19-64 years that have a disease or condition that lowers the body’s resistance to infection  
 \*Adults age 19-64 who have long-term health problems  
 \*Adults age 19-64 smokers and/or have asthma  
*Dose #2 is recommended for those age 65 years and over if dose #1 was administered before age 65.  
 Dose #2 is recommended for those age 19-64 diagnosed with specific immuno-compromised conditions.  
 In both cases, dose #2 is to be given 5 years after dose #1*

**Gardasil** - HPV - Human Papilloma Virus  
 - Consists of a 3-dose series  
 Target Population -  
 \*Females: can prevent most cervical cancers  
 \*Males: can prevent genital warts  
 \*Females and Males: age 19 through 26 years

**Menactra** - Meningococcal vaccine  
 - Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness  
 - Is the leading cause of bacterial meningitis  
 Target Population -  
 \*Anyone age 19-55; mandatory for younger adults residing in a college dormitory

**Requirements for this program:**  
 a. Must be age 19 and over and a Bloomfield resident  
 b. Can be insured, uninsured, or underinsured  
 c. Vaccine is FREE but there is a one-time registration fee-\$15 plus administration fee-\$10 per appointment  
 d. Vaccines will be administered by appointment only