

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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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
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Tracey Rennie

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Kimberley Mesiti

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Robert P. Miller

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Mr. Timothy Dennin

PASTORAL COUNCIL:
Eileen Conte, Chairperson
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FINANCE CHAIRMEN:
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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
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August 15, 2010 . Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses for the Week

Sunday, August 15

Saturday, August 14

5:00 pm Anna & Joseph Stevens – Daughter

Sunday, August 15

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Michael Giuliano – Friend

10:30 am Veronica Kievit – Family

12:00 pm Asuncion A. Flores – Children

Monday, August 16

7:30 am Joseph Dukiet – Family

11:30 am Sal Nesto, Sr. – Wife

Tuesday, August 17

7:30 am Anna M. Torsiello – Friend

11:30 am Mila Jessena – Friend

Wednesday, August 18

7:30 am Joan Heaney – Friend

11:30 am Joseph Simeone – Children

Thursday, August 19

7:30 am Domenico Bizzari – Family

11:30 am Richard Adrian Sause – Wife

Friday, August 20

7:30 am Margret Orepace – Friend

11:30 am John F. Monagle – Friend

Saturday, August 21

8:30 am Rafael Tobias Noriega – Friends

Sunday, August 22

Saturday, August 21

5:00 pm Susie Esposito – Family

Sunday, August 22

7:30 am Margaret Helm – Family

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Robert Westerfield – Daughter

12:00 pm Louis Meier – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Matthew Luisi, Jack Kearney, Lois Cunningham
Katherine Mc Shane, John Bergamini

REST IN PEACE:

Rev. George M. Keating, Arthur Ehman, Riccardo Oblak

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Jean Pio

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www.stachurchbloomfield.com**



*Assumption
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

When the new Roman calendar was promulgated after Vatican II by Pope Paul VI in 1969, the list of Marian feasts was reduced from 20 to 15 and relegated to one of three groups of greater to lesser solemnity. Today's solemnity is among the most important four, with the Annunciation of the Lord; the Immaculate Conception; and Mary, Mother of God. The second group comprises the feasts of the Visitation and the Nativity of Mary. The last group consists of four obligatory memorials and four optional memorials scattered throughout the year.

The origins of the solemnity of the Assumption are obscure, although its roots seem to be found in Jerusalem. Toward the end of the fifth century it was celebrated in Gethsemane at a basilica now known as the "Dormition." The term *assumption* appeared around 770.

Today, the liturgy invites Christians to see in the Virgin raised to heaven the icon of the Church and of all believers on the way to the eternal glory reserved for them by God.

FIRST READING: In the apocalyptic images of the woman clothed with the sun and the dragon, we are invited to contemplate the struggle between good and evil and to trust in God's providential care in procuring victory for good. The struggle between good and evil is not the imaginative prose of science fiction, but a reality of cosmic proportion. Yet, the birth of a son, the shepherd of all the nations, manifests God's triumph.

RESPONSORIAL: In chanting Psalm 45 the Church acclaim Mary as Queen of heaven and earth.

SECOND READING: Paul proclaims the radical re-ordering of the course of human history in the Resurrection of Jesus. Human-kind's primordial choice of death in the sin of Adam gives way to the victory of Christ over sin and death. We are called to rejoice and live in the power of Christ's victory.

GOSPEL: In her haste to share her encounter with and to serve Elizabeth, Mary finds herself embraced by Elizabeth's confirmation of God's visitation. In her welcome of Mary, Elizabeth is embraced by a song of God's delivering love, Humility marks the heart of each woman, touched and transformed by grace. Indeed, God does great things in all who await his coming.

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
MOMMY & ME
PLAYGROUP***

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish School would like to offer a free, weekly *Mommy & Me Playgroup* this Fall.

- ☺ The playgroup will serve children from 2 to 4 years of age.
- ☺ The playgroup aims to promote new and lasting friendships for both children and their parents.
- ☺ Parents will be responsible for the supervision of their children at all times.
- ☺ Creation of this playgroup is dependent on the number of interested families.
- ☺ If you or a friend are interested in participating or if you have any questions, please call the school office at **973-338-8505**.

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.
December 5	1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

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.
October 31	1:30 p.m.
November 21	1:30 p.m.

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



Gabriella Silvana Polifonte

Parents:

Lori Ann (Grabowski) & Pantaleone Leo Polifonte



***ASSUMPTION
OF MARY***

***Sunday, August 15
A Holy day***

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The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates Mary's entrance into heaven, body and soul. Mary is the first among the faithful to be fully redeemed because of her perpetually sinless state. Mary, because of her relationship to her Son, shares, through privileged anticipation, in the grace of the resurrection of the dead. Mary does not have to endure the suspension of eternal life until the resurrection of the dead.

The assumption of Mary was declared a dogma of faith to be believed by faithful Catholics, by Pope Pius XII on Nov. 1, 1950. The Solemnity is a holy day but *not* a holy day of obligation.

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*Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.*

*In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory
to be with him in heaven.*

*May we follow her example
in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.*

Amen.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

“THIS WEEK”

Thursday – 8/19

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.

LAST WEEKEND COLLECTION: \$15,436
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

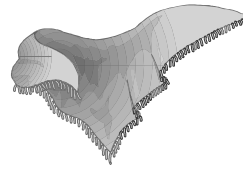
The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Mon-Fri, 9am to 8pm. Call the Parish Center 973-338-9190 ext. 20. A return call will be made within 24 hours. A Parish Nurse will provide limited confidential health counseling & referrals to Community health resources & services. Volunteers are available for errands, home visits and phone contacts.



RIGHT TO LIFE

For all priests and seminarians: That they may more deeply appreciate the gift of their vocation and be bold in proclaiming the Gospel of Life through their daily partaking of the living bread that comes down from heaven;

We pray to the Lord



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meetings resume Sept. 19 at 11:30 AM at the Parish Center

We welcome all who wish to work and pray with us. The Ministry has several lightweight shawls and lap robes. Please contact us if you wish to give someone a shawl. Sister Arleen @ 973-338-9190 Alicia @ 973-473-6633

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

BLOOMFIELD HEALTH-RELATED SEMINARS

The Bloomfield Library is presenting a series of health-related seminars in the library conference room.

Angel Duncan of Senior Helpers plans to discuss research regarding healthy aging, negating aging perceptions and how to find empowerment.

Topics are as follows:

- Taking Care of the Caregiver - Wed., Sept. 8.
- Creating connections (communicating with loved ones who have Dementia) - Wed., Oct. 13.

Registrations and walk-ins welcome. To register, call 973-566-6200, ext. 502, email: reference@bplnj.org or register on Facebook.

Adult Education

Below is a schedule of upcoming events for St. Thomas the Apostle Adult Education. This year we will offer both morning and evening sessions for our Bible Studies on the Gospel of Luke and St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. Please also take note that our annual Faith and Family Conference will be co-sponsored this year with our *New Energies* partner, St. Valentine's Church.

Adult Education Schedule 2010-11

Date	Event
Thursday, September 23 rd	Lecture: Lord's Prayer: Dr. Greg Glazov
Thursday, October 7: a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Gospel of Luke
Thursday, October 14: a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Gospel of Luke
Saturday, October 16: at St. Valentine's	Family Conference: Tentative Date
Thursday, October 21: a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Gospel of Luke
Thursday, October 28: a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Gospel of Luke
Saturday, December 4 th	Marian Conference: Dr. Maura Heardon
Thursday, February 3 rd : a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Philippians
Thursday, February 10 th : a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Philippians
Thursday, February 17 th : a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Philippians
Thursday, February 24 th : a.m and p.m	Bible Study: Philippians
Saturday, March 19 th	Lecture: C. S. Lewis

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 973-338-5872.

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

Networking meeting on August 19 We will resume our meetings on Thurs., Sept. 16 with a great motivational program from one of our well-respected parishioners... details to follow - you won't want to miss it!

Would you like to create a magical musical setting for your next special occasion?

Let LAUREN MARY LONGO create a beautiful peaceful environment with her Celtic harp.

Visit her website at:
www.laurenmarylongo.com

ALBUM NOTES:

Lauren holds a Ph. D. in Music from the City University of New York and is an active performer in the New York Metropolitan area. She creates, designs, and integrates all aspects of the recording process: coordinating the harp, keyboard, and voice into an original work reflecting the theme of each album. Each recording is designed to create a peaceful sound environment at home, work, in the car or wherever it is played.



Jubilee Celebration for Sister Arleen Crimmins, OP

You have been an important part of my story 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.



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 or call Mary Ellen DeCotiis at 973-893-9625, Bernadette Lipoma at 973-893-0114 or Rosalie Mescall at 973-893-8186.

Mother Teresa

Missionaries of Charity

In my own words

"Whoever the poorest of the poor are, they are Christ for us - Christ under the guise of human suffering."



26 Aug 1910 - 5 Sep 1997

Come celebrate the centennial of Mother Teresa's birth on August 28, 2010 at St. Augustine Church 170 Sussex Ave., Newark, NJ at 5:00 p.m.

For additional information, contact:

Brian Murphy (973) 454-7289

John Rennie (973) 338-4615

Feel good about yourself - - Give blood



*St. Thomas' Annual Blood Drive
Sunday, September 26, 2010
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Herron Hall*

Our blood banks are in need of all types of blood. Please consider this as your gift for life. Come to our blood drive and donate. We welcome our "regulars" and those of you who will be "first timer donors".

Juice, bagels, and snacks will be served.

All donors must present signed or picture ID's and know their social security number. Please eat a meal before you donate.

For more information call the blood center of New Jersey at 973-676-4700.

10 REASONS TO DONATE BLOOD

- Blood transfusions save lives.
- There's no substitute for human blood.
- Every three seconds someone needs a blood transfusion.
- About 60% of the population is eligible to donate blood, yet less than 5% do.
- A pint of blood, separated into components, can help up to three people.
- You'll make your community a safer place.
- Fulfills your desire to "give back" to the community.
- You'll receive a mini physical (blood pressure, temperature, iron level).
- You'll learn your blood type.
- It's safe, simple, and it saves lives.

St. Valentine Church - Bloomfield

FAMILY FESTIVAL !

**St. Valentine's Annual Family Festival
September 10th, 11th & 12th**

**on parish grounds,
corner of E. Passaic and Hoover Avenues.**

- **Friday** 6 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- **Saturday** 4 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- **Sunday** 2 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Rides • Games • Daily Super 50/50's
and a variety of home made foods!**

Parking available at Franklin School on Curtis Street.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish "Welcome Back from the Summer"



Saturday, September 18th

2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

in Vassar Field behind St. Thomas

FOOD:

From Vinnie's Pizza -

Pizza, sandwiches
(meatball & eggplant parm, sausage & peppers)
Pasta (penne vodka & ravioli),
Soda & Water

From Philippine community -

Hot dogs, burgers, and other food from the grill

Picnic Treats -

Ice cream, popcorn, cotton candy

\$1 tickets for food

**There will be different prices,
example 2 tickets for pizza or 1 ticket for water, etc.
so buy multiple tickets.
Beer will be cash-only.**

GAMES:

Traditional Picnic Style Games and Bingo

ADVANCE SALE TICKETS FOR FOOD

15 tickets for \$10

Picnic day face value: 10 tickets for \$10

ADVANCE SALE TICKETS TO BE SOLD...

**Weekends of, Aug. 21/22 & 28/29 & Sept. 4/5 & 11/12
After all Masses except the 7:30 a.m. Masses**

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WORK...

the games, the cash booth,
bingo, raffles and selling food, soda & water.

**Kindly call PAUL ALONGI at 973-338-4665 or the
PARISH CENTER at 973-338-9190 to volunteer for
advance ticket sales and picnic participation.**