

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday Eve: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30, 9:00,  
10:30am & 12:15pm  
(12 Noon during summer months)

Weekdays: 7:30, & 11:30am

Saturday Mornings: 8:30am Only

Holy Days:  
7:30, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Holidays: 8:30am Only

INTERPRETED MASS  
FOR THE DEAF  
Fourth Sunday  
of Each Month  
12:15pm

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

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Rev. Peter K. Funesti, M. Div., Parochial Vicar

Rev. Philip A. Sanders, S.T.B., Parochial Vicar

Rev. Thomas F. Blind, M. Div., In Residence

### PERMANENT DEACONS:

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Deacon Dennis J. Besida

Deacon Thomas J. Coyle

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ELEMENTARY CATECHETICS:  
Tracey Rennie

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FOR PARISH MINISTRY:  
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Mr. Timothy Dennin

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Peter Maulbeck, Finance Council  
Patrick DeCotiis, Finance Committee

January 20, 2008 . Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Masses for the Week

#### Sunday, January 20

Saturday, January 19

5:00 pm Mary Montesano - Daughter

Sunday, January 20

7:30 am Fagan & Taylor Families - Family

9:00 am Carl Nyman (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) - Wife

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:15 pm Deceased Members of the Zingaro & Martucci Families - Family

Monday, January 21

7:30 am Patricia LaRocca - Friend

11:30 am Thomas J. Higgins - Friends

Tuesday, January 22

7:30 am Ernest A. Nutile

11:30 am Joan I. Cayz - Friend

Wednesday, January 23

7:30 am Deceased Members of the Klenk Family

11:30 am John & Mary Walters - Family

Thursday, January 24

7:30 am Jacqueline Seffack - Husband

11:30 am Marie Reitz - Daughter

Friday, January 25

7:30 am Konstantine Gradjev - Friend

11:30 am Joseph Santora - Friend

Saturday, January 26

8:30 am Robert Stivala - Friend

#### Sunday, January 27

Saturday, January 26

5:00 pm Salvatore Nesto, Sr. (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) - Family

Sunday, January 27

7:30 am Michael Santasieri - Friends

9:00 am Angelina & Joseph Ferrara - Daughter

10:30 am Brian J. Scholl - Friend

12:15 pm For the People of the Parish

#### PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Glenn Stickles, Betty Rosa, Paul Strickland, Joanne Barrett, George Scott, Susan Ferris Eleanor Franco, Michelle & Nicholas Fasone

#### REST IN PEACE:

Joseph DePeri, Ella Tinebra, Audrey Ward,

#### CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Seria Derro

#### Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

#### Pray For Vocations



"Now I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God." This testimonial of Saint John the Baptist is at the heart of what every priest, deacon and religious is called to do. As a priest, religious or deacon the person is called to teach humanity about Christ and His Church. Are you willing to study and share that grace-filled knowledge about Christ? If so, pray for His wisdom and consider a vocation. Then, contact to Office of Vocations at 973.497.4365 or email [kellybar@rcan.org](mailto:kellybar@rcan.org).



#### Right to Life

For every child of this parish family who will be born in the coming months: that God might keep them safe;

*We pray to the Lord*

#### 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.

#### Archdiocese of Newark Anniversary Masses

It is an annual tradition to honor the couples in the Archdiocese who are celebrating five, twenty-five, fifty years of Christian marriage in 2008. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

- Sun., March 2 – 5 & 25 years (all counties)
- Sun., April 13 – 50 years (Essex & Union Counties)
- Sun., June 1 – 50 years (Bergen & Hudson Counties)

All Masses will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m.

**To register, call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190**



#### *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Both the St. Thomas the Apostle School and Parish Center will be closed Monday, January 21, 2008 in recognition of the birth date of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Second Sunday in ordinary Time

Today there is a subtle seasonal shift. After hearing the readings one can still easily envision the Christmas season. And yet, all week long we have been hearing readings that point toward the beginning of Jesus' ministry on earth. The readings fit this as well. Thus, we can look upon today as a transitional Sunday – one that pushes headlong into the new season, but with a film or a residue of the previous season of Christmas.

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### LECTIONARY

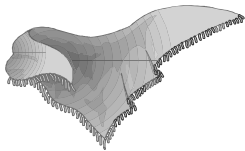
The Gospel continues the theme evident in the readings of the Christmas season: the Epiphany of Christ as the visible vehicle of the invisible God. This is important during this seasonal transition – it provides continuity between the Christmas season and that of Ordinary Time. Today, we hear the account of John the Baptist, identifying Christ as the Lamb of God – another Epiphany – as to the sort of Messiah Christ will be.

The First Reading from Isaiah is taken from the song of the suffering servant (the Lamb of God). It emphasizes God's plan for the servant to be a light that reveals the Lord's salvation.

Psalm 40 sings of the servant's obedience to the Lord; the servant, who does the Lord's will.

The Second Reading begins the semicontinuous proclamation of the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. This reading will be used each Sunday until Lent begins. Today, Paul greets the Church in Corinth and establishes himself as an apostle appointed by God.

## The Prayer Shawl Ministry



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

We are in need of shawls for parishioners and nursing homes. Also we are making 7" by 5ft .red scarves for people with AIDS. If you have finished a shawl or scarf please drop it off at Sr. Arleen's office or bring them to our next meeting .If you know of someone experiencing breast cancer and or chemo therapy please call Alicia. Our next meetings are Sundays Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm. Our next evening meeting will be Wed. April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions call Eileen 973-661-9699; Debbie 973-771-1952 or Bernadette 973-893-0114. If you need a shawl please call Sr. Arleen or Alicia 973-473-6633.

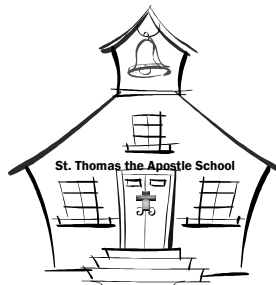
*Since this notice has been published in last week's bulletin, we have already received 1/2 dozen knitted scarves for persons with AIDS living at the Broadway House in Newark. Keep them coming! We would love to have 50 scarves by Valentines day! Thank You.*

### Rosary Confraternity

**Reminder:** There will be a Memorial Mass for deceased rosarians on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Church. A regular meeting will follow the Mass in the St. Peter Room of the Parish Center.

## SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

50 BYRD AVENUE, BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003



*Education is the movement from darkness to light.*  
Allan Bloom

For more information, please contact our school office at 973-

### **Open House\***

*for new families looking for the perfect fit for your child*

**Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Grades Pre-K 3 through 8  
Before & After School  
programs available

Pre K options include full-day  
and/or half-day sessions  
(Minimum requirement of two sessions per week)

*\*Does not include registration.*

**We are a Middle States Accredited School.**

## Session Dates for Baptism for 2008

### CATECHESIS PREPARATION

In the St. James Room in the Parish Center

January 27	1:30pm
March 9	1:30pm
May 25	1:30pm
July 6	1:30pm
Sept 7	1:30pm

### BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

February 3	1:45pm
March 29	5:00pm
March 30	1:45pm
April 20	1:45pm
May 18	1:45pm
June 8	12:15pm
June 29	1:45pm

## "THIS WEEK"

### Monday – 1/21

**Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday**  
School Closed – Parish Center Closed

### Wednesday – 1/23

Men's Cornerstone Meeting – 7:30 p.m. in St. Peter

### Thursday – 1/24

SCC Thursday – 7:00 p.m. in St. Matthew

### Friday – 1/25

SCC Friday – 7:00 p.m. in St. Peter  
Separated Divorced Widowed – 8:00 p.m. in St. Thomas

### Saturday – 1/26

**13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SNOWBALL SHOWTIME**

## Men's Cornerstone Retreat

(March 7<sup>th</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup>)

All St. Thomas Men are Invited

### What is Cornerstone?

Cornerstone is a **26-hour retreat** which provides you with the opportunity to reflect renew and strengthen your faith while meeting other men in our Parish community. The retreat is hosted here at St. Thomas by a group of men from our parish who have experienced last year's Cornerstone.

This retreat is simply a gathering of **Ordinary Men** sharing stories and life's experiences. You may share in the discussion as much or as little as you choose.

This is an outstanding opportunity to:

- examine your relationship with God, your family and others in your life
- think about those things that matter to you most in an atmosphere that lends itself to reflection and contemplation
- "jump-start" your sense of belonging or involvement in our parish, and enjoy the fellowship of other men who seek to build our Christian community

**This is a great opportunity to step out of the hustle of daily life and meet and interact with other men of the parish, in a friendly, welcoming, non-judgmental environment.**

**Give yourself and our parish a gift by attending St. Thomas' 3<sup>rd</sup> "Men's Cornerstone" on March 7<sup>th</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### Contact us at:

- The Rectory:
  - Fr. Peter Funesti (973) 338-9190 x-14
- Cornerstone Welcoming Team Members:
  - Bob Garrabrant 973 338-6358 or [bgarrab@neca.org](mailto:bgarrab@neca.org)
  - Bob Silvestri 973-773-6040 or [silvestrima@optonline.net](mailto:silvestrima@optonline.net)
  - Pat DeCotiis 973-896-5739 or [pdecotiis@att.com](mailto:pdecotiis@att.com)

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT  
IN THE PARISH CENTER FROM 7-9PM.  
ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

1/20 DO YOU LIKE CARROTS! MAKING A COMMITMENT

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

1/27 FAMILY NIGHT  
2/3 SUPERBOWL SUNDAY – NO MEETING  
2/10 COOKIE NIGHT

EMAIL TIM DENNIN WITH ANY QUESTIONS [tdennin@att.net](mailto:tdennin@att.net)

## Women's Cornerstone



**February 15 & 16, 2008**

Arrival is Friday evening, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle School.

All meals, including a light dinner on Friday evening, are provided.

The Cornerstone Retreat concludes with our closing Mass on Saturday evening, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments will be served immediately following Mass.

If you have questions, please contact any one of us!

### The Cornerstone Team:

Sr. Arleen Crimmins	(973) 338-9190 x34
Adrienne Drew	(973) 429-9255
Lisa Lambert	(973) 667-5183
Marty Levine	(973) 566-0416
Ampy Escobinas	(973) 338-1821
Patricia Russo	(973) 773-8677
Cathy Susling	(973) 893-8106

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**Fill out this registration form, return it to the Parish Center & someone will be in contact with you.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Women's Cornerstone team will meet on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Please do your best to attend.

Thank you, ~ Sister Arleen

**The St. Thomas Finance Council and Committee will be holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Financial Forum at 7:30 pm on Thursday January 24 in the St. Peter room in the Parish Center. This forum is for the Parish Community to discuss the present financial situation explained recently in the bulletin and the "money talk" made by Peter Maulbeck at the Masses of the weekend of December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## Gala Art Auction

Sponsored by

**St. Thomas the Apostle School Class of 2008  
To Benefit Project Graduation**

on

Saturday Evening, February 2, 2008  
at St. Thomas the Apostle School

Preview: 7:00 p.m. ~ Auction: 8:00 p.m.  
Admission: \$15.00 per person ~ \$25.00 per couple  
Door Prizes ~ Raffle Prizes ~ 50/50  
Wine & Cheese ~ Light Hors D'oeuvres ~ Dessert & Coffee

**For Tickets or Information Call:**  
Vincent Caravello (973) 338-4811

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## FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY CONTINUES TO PROVIDE FREE FEDERAL AND NJ STATE INCOME TAX PREPARATION FOR SENIORS AND DISABLED MEMBERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS SERVICE, YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED MEMBER OF ST. THOMAS, AT LEAST 62 YEARS OF AGE OR DISABLED, NOT ACTIVELY EMPLOYED AND REQUIRE NO MORE FORMS AND SCHEDULES THAN THOSE LISTED BELOW.

INCOME TAX RETURNS WILL BE PREPARED BY EXPERIENCED TAX PREPARERS WHO ARE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY, VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME AND TALENT IN THE SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP.

INCOME TAX RETURNS WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING FORMS AND SCHEDULES:

- FEDERAL FORMS 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ
- FEDERAL SCHEDULES A, B, D, E (RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ONLY), AND R.
- NJ STATE FORMS 1040NJ AND 1040NJHR
- NJ SCHEDULES B, C, AND HR-A

THE TAX PREPARATION PROCESS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL OR MARRIED COUPLE WILL INCLUDE AN INTERVIEW, REVIEW OF YOUR 2006 TAX RETURN AND TURNOVER OF YOUR TAX DOCUMENTS (1099's). COMPLETED RETURNS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ABOUT ONE WEEK.

TAX PREPARERS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH CENTER EVERY FRIDAY FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON BEGINNING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007.

IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT. COME IN TO THE PARISH CENTER TO GET YOUR TAXES DONE OR TO SPEAK TO A TAX PREPARER.

**St. Thomas Social Committee Presents**

## **13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SNOWBALL SHOWTIME**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM**  
At  
**HERRON HALL**

*featuring: KEATON DOUGLAS*  
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### **DANCING TO THE BROTHERHOOD**

**DINNER, BEER, WINE AND SODA - \$35 A PERSON**

For reservations, call Paul Alongi at 973-338-4665  
or the Parish Center 973-338-9190 or leave form below  
in the Social mailbox in the Parish Center

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. THOMAS**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY COMING \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT OF CHECK \_\_\_\_\_

## **SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

The North Essex Deanery Council 16 would hold a Senior Symposium on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Montclair, from 2 to 4 p.m. Details will follow.



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Knight of Columbus Belleville Council #835  
98 Bridge St., Belleville, NJ 07109 – (973) 759-9656**

The Belleville K of C Council # 835 will hold a St. Valentines dance, honoring past Grand Knight Thomas Doeffinger. It is February 9, 2008 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and includes a hot and cold buffet, DJ entertainment and open bar. For more information and tickets, call (973) 390-1477 or (973) 759-9656.

ALSO: The Belleville K of C Council # 835 will hold a community Blood Drive, Saturday, January 26, 2008 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. For more information, call (973) 390-1477 or (201) 991-8718.

**Pope Benedict XVI:  
2008 World Day of Peace Message**

Each year the pope issues an annual message of peace at the threshold of the New Year. The continuation of this year's message is summarized here. (Due to the length of the article, various themes and sections -fifteen to be exact- will be updated in this bulletin weekly).

**The Family, the Human Community, the  
Environment**

7. The family needs a home, a fit environment in which to develop its proper relationships. For the human family, this home is the earth, the environment that God the Creator has given us to inhabit with creativity and responsibility. We need to care for the environment: it has been entrusted to men and women to be protected and cultivated with responsible freedom, with the good of all as a constant guiding criterion. Respecting the environment. . . means not selfishly considering nature to be at the complete disposal of our own interests, for future generations also have the right to its benefits. And consider the poor, excluded from the goods of creation destined for all. Humanity today is rightly concerned about the ecological balance of tomorrow. It is important for environmental assessments to be carried out prudently, in dialogue with experts and people of wisdom, uninhibited by ideological pressure to draw hasty conclusions, and above all with the aim of reaching agreement on a model of sustainable development capable of ensuring the well-being of all. The protection of the environment involves costs which should be justly distributed, given the different levels of development of countries and needs of future generations.

Is the Bible a Mystery to you? Discover the "Big Picture" of the Bible with Jeff Cavins, Renowned Catholic Bible Teacher! March 8, 2008; 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., check-in is 8:30 a.m. Location: Youth and Young Adult Retreat Center (gym) 499 Belgrove Drive, Kearny, NJ. To download a registration flyer, go to [www.rcan.org/evangelization](http://www.rcan.org/evangelization) and click on Events. If you have any questions, you may contact Liliana Soto-Cabrera via email at [sotolili@rcan.org](mailto:sotolili@rcan.org) or call her at 973 497-4353.

The Great Adventure is a Catholic Bible learning system that makes the complex simple by teaching the story (the narrative) of the Bible.

An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2008. A canon lawyer from the Archdiocese of Newark will discuss the most recent theology, guidelines and requirements for obtaining a Church annulment. The information will be presented in terms that all can understand. A question and answer period will conclude the session. Pre-registration is not necessary. This evening of information will be held at the Archdiocesan Center, (Auditorium A), 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, at 7:30 PM. For additional information, please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at 973-497-4327.

**Cathedral Healthcare System, the hospital system sponsored by the Archdiocese,** has entered into a transaction with Catholic Health East, the nation's fourth-largest Catholic health system with healthcare facilities in 11 eastern states, involving an asset purchase of all three Cathedral Healthcare hospitals in the City of Newark – Saint Michael's Medical Center, Saint James Hospital and Columbus Hospital. The transaction is part of a hospital transition plan designed to safeguard the future of Catholic healthcare in Greater Newark. As part of this transaction acute care operations at Saint James Hospital and Columbus Hospital will cease. Saint Michael's Medical Center, the oldest Catholic hospital in the state, will become an affiliated hospital of Catholic Health East, and will continue to advance the mission of the Church by providing top-quality compassionate care to those most in need in the city of Newark and surrounding communities. Further, Catholic Health East plans to invest significantly in capital and information technology improvements at Saint Michael's Medical Center, and to increase the number of employment opportunities available there.

Just as health needs have changed over the years, the Archdiocesan health-care mission is changing as well. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark will now be advancing this mission by considering the pursuit of primary-care clinics in Greater Newark. These primary-care centers will address the health needs of urban residents and also provide many with an introduction to the range of social services offered by the agency.

More information about the transaction will be available in the January 23 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A DAY OF REFLECTION ON  
THE DIGNITY OF WOMAN:  
RECLAIMING AUTHENTIC FEMININITY IN THE  
PUBLIC SQUARE**

The Women's Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark invites you to a Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Seton Hall University, 400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, New Jersey.

Registration will open at 9:15. The Day begins with Holy Mass at 10:00 AM, Archbishop John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, celebrant. Valerie Sue Muller will be the cantor. The day's program continues with radio host, Teresa Tomeo. We will also welcome Janet Morana of the Silent No More campaign.

Registration is \$30 per person before February 1<sup>st</sup>, \$35 after February 1<sup>st</sup> and \$25 for students, seniors and religious. The group rate (for 10 or more participants registering together) is \$15 per person. Lunch is included for all registrants. To register, please send your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and parish name, along with a check made out to "Women's Commission, Archdiocese of Newark" to Women's Commission, Archdiocese of Newark, Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07104-0500.