

# 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

CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICES

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

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:

Deacon Albert H. Tizzano

Deacon Dennis J. Besida

Deacon Thomas J. Coyle

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

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Robert P. Miller

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:  
Mr. Timothy Dennin

PASTORAL COUNCIL:  
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Michele Sweetman, Secretary

FINANCE CHAIRMEN:  
Peter Maulbeck, Finance Council  
Patrick DeCotiis, Finance Committee

March 16, 2008 . Palm Sunday

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, March 16** *Palm Sunday*

**Saturday, March 15**

5:00 pm Father Martin Quigley - Cousin

**Sunday, March 16**

7:30 am Joseph Bianchi and Ernest & Philomena Cordasco - Family

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Jack O'Grady - Friend

12:15 pm John Brendan O'Connor - Father

**Monday, March 17**

7:30 am Josephine Di Michele

11:30 am Nicholas Del Prete - Bequest

**Tuesday, March 18**

**TRIDUUM**

7:30 am John Lombardini - Friend

11:30 am Josephine Kolesar - Sister

**Wednesday, March 19**

7:30 am Mrytle Donahue - Bequest

11:30 am Thomas Muir - Friend

**Thursday, March 20**

**NO MORNING MASS**

7:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Veronica Kievit - Family

Peter Rohan, Jr. - Family

**Friday, March 21**

**NO MASSES**

**Saturday, March 22**

8:30 am **NO MORNING MASS**

**Sunday, March 23** *Easter Sunday*

**Saturday, March 22** **EASTER VIGIL MASS**

8:15 pm Colleen Walsh - Friend

Josephine & Philip Coyle - Family

Veronica Kievit - Family

**Sunday, March 23**

7:30 am Thomas, Lena & Catherine Caputo - Family

9:00 am Deceased Members of Klenk Family - Bequest

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:15 pm Joseph Bianchi & Philomena Cordasco - Family

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Glenn Stickles, Elizabeth Rosa, Harry Shaw, Franco, Fasone & Martucci Families, Mary McEnroe

**REST IN PEACE:**

Margaret M. Everswick, Andrew Yanicak, Melina Bruno

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Mark O'Dronic **Rectory:** Arthur Margeotes

**Convent:** John O'Connor

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

John 20:1-9



**"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" shout the crowds in today's Gospel. May we be always ready to share our blessings when we are sent in His name!**

**Pray For Vocations**



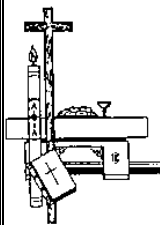
The Passion and Death of Our Lord is the main focus of Holy Week. The Sacrifice of the Cross, which is offered daily in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is the means by which salvation is offered to all. This week, these very days, are the reason for Christianity. They give the Church its impetus to teach. They give us a true and substantial reason to live. Are you interested in spiritually participating in this Week as only a priest, deacon or religious can? If so, you may have a vocation. During this, the Holiest Week of the year, spend extra time praying for guidance as to what God would like you to do with your life and contact the Vocation Office at 973.497.4365 or email [kellybar@rcan.org](mailto:kellybar@rcan.org).



**Right to Life**

For all new parents: that they might see in the baby for whom they care a sign of the love and the care God has for us;

*We pray to the Lord*



**2009 MASS BOOK OPENING**

**Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>,**

**9:30am – 2:00pm In the Parish Center**

We will be scheduling Masses for January through December of 2009. At this time, we will be taking intentions for 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and all weekend Masses. As usual, we ask that you please limit the number of Masses you reserve. Perhaps a birthday or anniversary might be an initial date – thus giving all Parishioners the opportunity to reserve the dates and times they may wish. Another way to remember your deceased loved ones would be to make donations to our Memorial Fund. The Memorial Fund allows us to purchase needed Vestments, Altar Linens, Vessels, etc. to be used at the celebration of Mass. Also available are Sanctuary Offerings which include the Sanctuary Candles in Church, the Rectory and the Convent. They burn weekly in memory of your loved ones as well as for special intentions: birthdays, anniversaries, improved health, etc. Cards are available announcing your donation to both the Memorial Fund and the Sanctuary Candles.

## PALM SUNDAY



The last week of Lent prior to the beginning of the Triduum (remember: Lent ends as the Mass of the Lord's Supper begins) is book-ended, as it were, by the full proclamation of the Lord's Passion. We will hear it on Good Friday and we also hear it today, after first hearing of Christ's entry into Jerusalem for both the feast of Passover and for his own passover from death to resurrected life. Through the blessing of palms, the story of the triumphal entry, a procession, the proclamation of the Passion, and the celebration of the Eucharist, we are swept into the mystery of Holy Week.

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### LECTIONARY

Today is the only day that there are two proclamations of the Gospel during the same liturgy. The first takes place at the beginning of the liturgy and is from the evangelist of the particular year. This Gospel recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The second Gospel is in the usual place within the Liturgy of the Word. This Gospel is also from the evangelist of the particular year and is the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord.

Today, the ritual formulas and gestures – the introductory dialogue, the crossing of forehead, lips and heart, incensation, and candles – are only used during proclamation of the Gospel during the Introductory Rite. In contrast, the proclamation of the Passion within the Liturgy of the Word does not use the usual ritual formulas.

The Liturgy of the Word is dominated by the Passion narrative according to Matthew. Portions of the proclamation are particular to Matthew and are well-known and loved in our tradition:

- Judas' direct questioning of Jesus as to whether or not he is the one who betrays Jesus (26:25)
- Jesus' words of warning that whoever lives by the sword shall die by the sword (26:52)
- Judas' suicide by hanging (27:5)
- Pilot's wife's dream, and Pilot washing his hands (27:19 and 24)

The First Reading is from Isaiah's song of the suffering servant. In the face of trial and persecution it ends on a note of faith and hopefulness in God. Christians have always seen Isaiah's suffering servant as prefiguring Christ. Like Christ, the suffering servant's self-emptying sacrifice is rooted in his faith in God.

The Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Phillipians is one of the earliest hymns of praise to Christ. It sings of the self-emptying love of Christ and how the glory of God shone through him in his ultimate sacrifice.

# Holy Week 2008

### Don't Miss Our Triduum

#### **Holy Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

(No morning Mass &  
No morning prayer)

#### **7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper**

(followed by bread & wine and fellowship in the parish center) 11:00 p.m. Night Prayer (Church closed after this service)



#### **Good Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

(No Masses; Church will be  
open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

#### **3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion & Death of our Lord Jesus with Holy Communion.**

7:30 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross  
Presented by St. Thomas Youth Group



#### **Holy Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

(No morning Mass;

#### **No 5:00 p.m. Mass)**

8:30 a.m. morning prayer

#### **8:15 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass**

(Satisfies Easter Sunday Obligation)

#### **EASTER SUNDAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Masses in Church at

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Mass in Herron Hall

(in STA School) at 10:45 A.M.



*Thank you for using a Church envelope for your gift to  
your Church at Easter.*

Visit our website at [www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com). It has a lot of information about St. Thomas including history, pictures and events. Please send comments or suggestions to [webmaster@stachurchbloomfield.com](mailto:webmaster@stachurchbloomfield.com) or leave a note in the Communications Committee mailbox.

### *The Rosary Confraternity*

Reminder our next meeting will be  
Monday, April 7, at 7 p.m.  
in the St. Peter room  
in the parish center.  
Easter blessings to you all.  
God Bless.



**GET THE TRUE MEANING OF LENT.**

**FEEL WHAT IT MUST HAVE BEEN LIKE TO WITNESS AND EXPERIENCE CHRIST'S LIFE EXTINGUISHED BEFORE YOU.**

**Tenebrae service will be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**

**What is a Tenebrae Service?**

The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows and dates back to the seventh or eighth century A.D. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story. There are candles lit and a Christ Candle. As we pray, our voices rise to God like incense and the candles are extinguished one at a time until all that is left is the Christ Candle. The Christ Candle is then hidden for a time, thought not extinguished, to signify that death could not really obtain dominion over Christ even though it appeared to do so. The congregation is left in near total darkness—and near total devastation. At this point, the service ends. There is no benediction and the people leave in silence. (The lights are turned up but remain dim so that people can see their way out.)

The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events, and it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day. Everyone exits in silence.

**Join us, you'll thank yourself later.**

*St. Thomas the Apostle School will be holding their annual Tricky Tray. This year's theme is:*

*Spring is in the Air*

*Come one! Come all!*

*April 4, 2008 in Herron Hall*

*Doors open at 6:30 p.m.*

*Tickets are \$12.00 per person*

*Feel free to bring your own food for your table!*

**EARLY BIRD SPECIALS:**

*Advanced tickets are available.*

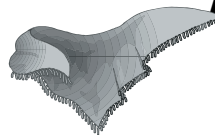
*Call Lisa Ricciardelli at (973) 759-4778*

**LEARNING TO LIVE WITH YOUR LOSS**

**TODAY – March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center**

**Our theme will be:  
Celebration of Life**



**The Prayer Shawl Ministry**

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

Our next meeting will be Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Our next evening meeting will be Wed. April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In case of bad weather, you can call the parish center to find out if the meeting is canceled. If you have any questions call Bernadette @ 973-893-0114. If you need a shawl please call Sr. Arleen @ 973-338-9190 x-34.

**“THIS WEEK”**

**QUIET WEEK**

**NO EVENTS SCHEDULED IN THE PARISH CENTER**

**All are encouraged to attend Holy Week Services. Please refer to the Lent schedule for dates & times**

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**THERE WILL BE NO TAX PREPARATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY**

**REGISTRATION Did you know FOR ST. THOMAS PARISH**

If you are presently not on our mailing list, receiving envelopes and the various parish mailings, the chances are that you are not a registered member of our parish. You are not automatically a registered member because you were married here or even 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.

**Good Friday Collection**



*On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian Shrines.*

## FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

### NO TAX PREPARATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY

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

### IRS NEWS

#### ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE: YOU MUST "FILE A 2007 FEDERAL TAX RETURN"

STARTING IN MAY, THE TREASURY WILL BEGIN SENDING ECONOMIC STIMULUS PAYMENTS TO MORE THAN 130 MILLION HOUSEHOLDS.

TO RECEIVE A PAYMENT, TAXPAYERS MUST HAVE A VALID SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, \$3,000 OF INCOME AND FILE A 2007 FEDERAL TAX RETURN. IRS WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

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.

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.

### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

- 3/16 Palm Sunday Stations Rehearsal
- 3/23 Easter Sunday – No Meeting
- 3/30 Collection Wrap-up Guest Speaker

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Stations of the Cross practices Sundays 3 p.m. in Church

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

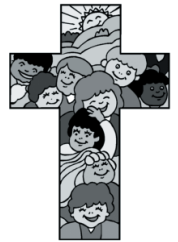
### \*\* CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENT \*\*

Parents' meeting for Confirmation Registration will be held after all Masses on March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open to all those currently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade who've completed all CCD religious education requirements or will graduate STA this June.

### Religious Education

There will be NO CCD classes on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> for Easter vacation.

CCD teachers please mark your calendars for a Catechist Workshop on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.



*On Saturday evening, March 29<sup>th</sup>, during the 5:00 p.m. Mass, five babies will be received into the Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to witness the celebration of the Baptism Sacrament.*

### Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program

The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Mon-Fri, 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Call the Parish Center at 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 2008 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.  
On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between ages 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.  
On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those age 14 and over are obliged by the law of abstinence.
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 10, 2008 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 18, 2008.**

\*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*



### LACORDAIRE ACADEMY

#### Donate Used Books for a Great Cause – Educating Young People!

Lacordaire Academy is accepting donations of gently-used hardcover, paperback and audio books for its annual book sale to benefit technology upgrades at the Academy. *It's So Easy!* Think of us during spring cleaning and drop off your books any time under the covered porch at the front door of the high school—155 Lorraine Ave., Upper Montclair. Lacordaire's Annual Used Book Sale will take place Thursday-Sunday, May 15-18, 2008. For more information, contact Teresa at [LacoBookSale@msn.com](mailto:LacoBookSale@msn.com).

### MOUNTAINSIDE OFFERS FREE PARKING

Mountainside Hospital has set aside free parking spaces for its Outpatient and Emergency Department patients. The 40 free spots are in a surface lot adjacent to the doctors' parking area and Mountainside's parking deck. Previously, drivers had to pay a \$3 fee to park there. When outpatients or ER patients leave and return their visitors' passes, they will get a token enabling them to exit the lot free of charge. Administrators see this "as a way to provide better service to the community, and to thank the community, and to thank the community for their support of the hospital."

### **St. Thomas the Apostle School 2008 Calendar Sweepstakes Winners!**

#### **MARCH**

<b>9</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>Steve Cicero</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>Emily McArdle</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>Dan Imfeld</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>Emily McArdle</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>Joe McAcvanah</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>John Sullivan, Jr.</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>Terri Duva</b>

**CONGRATULATION TO ALL WINNERS!!!**

Applications are now being accepted for the 2008 Irish Way. The Irish Way is a four-week high school summer study abroad program that has been educating students since 1976. Students are introduced to Ireland's history and traditions through structured classes and are able to witness Ireland's beauty by touring the southeastern and western regions or Ireland. Dates for this summer's program are July 6<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. If you would like more information on the Irish Way, please call (973) 605-1991, visit our website at <http://www.iaci-usa.org>, or the Irish Way Program on Facebook and MySpace.

### Calling All

#### Special Educators & Psychologists

If you have training in behavior strategies, a desire to share your gifts with your church, and 60 to 90 minutes per week to help others help children with behavior challenges learn to attend Mass, we need you!

**Contact:** Manne Masters, Dir. for Pastoral Ministry w/ persons w/ disabilities for the archdiocese at (973) 497-4309 or [masteran@rcan.org](mailto:masteran@rcan.org).

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EXPO

*Attention 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders and parents. Now is the time to start planning for Catholic High School! Come join us at High School Expo.* The Catholic Secondary Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark are traveling to your area. School personnel and student-ambassadors will answer your questions in an informal, "college-fair type" setting. Ten to twenty-five schools are represented at each night. These nights will be held on: April 8 (Visitation Academy, Paramus), April 9 (St. Aloysius Elementary School, Jersey City), April 10 (Queen of Peace Elementary), April 15 (St. John the Apostle School, Clark), April 16 (Our Lady of Sorrows School, South Orange), and April 17 (Archdiocesan Center, Newark). All nights are held from 7PM until 8:30PM, no pre-registration is required, and siblings are welcome. For directions and further information visit our website at [www.rcan.org/schools](http://www.rcan.org/schools) or call (973) 497-4258.

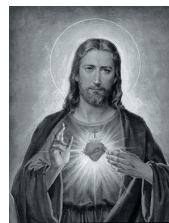
### *Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary*

#### *Alliance of the Two Hearts*

#### **Communion of Reparation Vigil**

#### **First Friday – First Saturday**

**April 4-5, 2007 (7:30 p.m. – 3:30 a.m.)**



Lent is a time of penance throughout the universal church. At this holiest season of the church year, let us truly prepare ourselves.



Come, let us adore the Great Healer, our Lord, Jesus Christ and give honor to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Vigil begins at 7:00 p.m. with Penance Service followed by the Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be at Midnight.

Join us as we intercede for our world, our parish, our families, friends and one another. Come to whatever part you can. Please refer to the poster on the church bulletin boards and the flyers for the services through the vigil. There will be a break during the evening for refreshments in the Parish Center. For further information, please contact the parish office at 973-338-9190 or St. Thomas the Apostle Friday Prayer Group at 973-338-1821 or 973-202-8431