

# 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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1(800) CCS-7413  
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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

ASSISTANT LITURGICAL  
MUSIC MINISTERS:  
Paul DiBianca  
Kimberley Mesiti

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR FAMILY  
& ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES:  
Robert P. Miller

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:  
Mr. Timothy Dennin

PASTORAL COUNCIL:  
Tom Rossano, Chairperson  
Orly Trias, Vice Chairperson  
Michele Sweetman, Secretary

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

March 30, 2008 . Second Sunday of Easter

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, March 30**

Saturday, March 29

5:00 pm Salvatore Nesto, Sr. (Birthday) - Family

Sunday, March 30

7:30 am Michalak Family - Daughter

9:00 am John Petrus - Family

10:30 am Frances Scardilli - Daughter

12:15 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, March 31

7:30 am Joseph Ventre - Friends

11:30 am Edward Taylor - Aunt

Tuesday, April 1

7:30 am Deceased Members of Begley Family-Bequest

11:30 am Theresa Candido - Family

Wednesday, April 2

7:30 am Thomas P. Mahon, Jr. - Family

11:30 am Sophie & Andrew Duzen - Family

Thursday, April 3

7:30 am Claire McCarron - Friend

11:30 am Josephine Kolesar - Sister

Friday, April 4

7:30 am William Wojcik - Friend

11:30 am Robert Imfeld - Family

Saturday, April 5

8:30 am Stanley Wolanski - Friend

**Sunday, April 6**

Saturday, April 5

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 6

7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Michael Albanese, Sr.m - Parents

9:00 am Deceased Members of Polak Family-Family

10:30 am Thomas F. Wardell (32<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) - Daughter

12:15 pm Nancy Calogero - Friends

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Paul Strickland, Glenn Stickles

**REST IN PEACE:**

Iris Arrogoni, Lisa M. Purvis, Jane Clifford,  
Sr. Juliana Marie Condon, Wilbert Perera

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Irene Garner  
**Rectory:** Joseph Cataliotti

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35



Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to have that might meet someone else's need?

**Pray For Vocations**



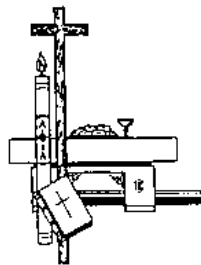
The Church celebrates the incredible, miraculous mercy that Christ bestows in today's Liturgy. Do you wish to share that gift of the mercy of Christ with the faithful of the world? Mercy is the key component of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and if you wish to share this gift more fruitfully, you may have a vocation to the priesthood. Pray for the mercy only Christ can give, and then contact the Vocation Office at 973.497.4365 or email [kellybar@rcan.org](mailto:kellybar@rcan.org).



**Right to Life**

For all teenagers,  
that as they learn the wonders of life  
they might receive the grace  
to live and love the Gospel of Life;

*We pray to the Lord*



**2009 MASS BOOK  
IS NOW OPEN  
in the parish center**

We are now scheduling Masses for January through December of 2009. At this time we are 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.

# *Church Vestments Needed !*

## MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES CEREMONIAL VESTURE



Priest wearing chasuble

*Our parish is currently in need of vestments and altar appointments for festive and solemn ceremonies. We hope to address this need with the purchase of sets of matching vestments and altar cloths made by the **Trappist Monks** of St. Joseph's Abbey.*

*These beautiful and classic vestments will serve our parish for decades to come.*

*We invite you to consider donating vestments and altar appointments to our parish. This may be done in memory of a deceased relative or friend.*

### ***Items needed:***

Full Altar Cloths - Festive with Gold Galoon Decoration	\$750.00 (2)
Mensa Top Altar Cloths - 54x54 Custom Made in Worchester Fabric	\$340.00 (3)
Chasuble with Matching Stole - Masses on Sundays - <b>Spencer Design</b>	\$960.00 (1)
Communion / Concelebration Stoles - <b>Spencer Design</b>	\$320.00 (4)
Communion / Concelebration Stoles - <b>Grace Design</b>	\$340.00 (4)
Chasuble with Matching Stole - For Masses - <b>Nazareth Design</b>	\$465.00 (1)
Communion / Concelebration Stoles - <b>Nazareth Design</b>	\$285.00 (4)

Those who wish to donate altar cloths or a set of vestments for our parish, please call the parish office at **973-338-9190** and ask to speak with our pastor, Father Charles, to make your choice or to answer any of your questions.

***SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE, BLOOMFIELD, NJ***

## PARISH MISSION HERE AT ST. THOMAS

We are happy to announce that we will have a three-day Parish Mission here at St. Thomas the Apostle. It will be a wonderful opportunity for all of us to deepen our relationship with the Risen Lord in this Easter season.

Our Parish Mission will consist of 3 evenings with Father Alan Guglielmo, a well-known Retreat Master and Mission Preacher throughout our Archdiocese. The mission begins at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and continues thru April 30<sup>th</sup>. Plan now to clear your calendar and attend.

April 28, 29, 30  
Mark Your Calendar Now!

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today marks the conclusion to the octave of Easter. It is the eighth day, the day on which Christ appeared to the fearful and disheartened disciples with a word of "Peace."

Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, established by Pope John Paul II. This day recognizes the abundant mercy of God offered to us through Christ. With great faith and joy, John Paul II understood the Resurrection as a "miracle of mercy," which "radically changed humanity's destiny" (Homily of John Paul II on the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, 2001). In this miracle, he said, the fullness of the love of God the Father unfolds: "Let us thank the Lord for his love, which is stronger than death and sin. It is revealed and put into practice as mercy in our daily lives... Is not loving God and loving one's neighbor and even one's 'enemies,' after Christ's example, the program of life of every baptized person and of the whole Church?" (ibid).

### MEN'S CORNERSTONE III SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

*March 7th & 8th, 2008*

**Ruperto Abcede, Jr.**  
**Jeff Aimone**  
**Ramon Campomanes**  
**Charles Collins**  
**Rocco Dimichino**  
**Charles Dombroski**  
**Paul Gerbino**  
**William Herlihy**  
**Kevin Hussey**  
**Norman Jackowski**  
**Steven Kochanski**  
**Joseph Krakoviak**



**Mike Laterza**  
**Pat McGovern**  
**James McKittrick**  
**Marc Milani**  
**Bob Miller**  
**William Padilla**  
**Gregory Piegaro**  
**Vincent Russello**  
**Jun Simsiman**  
**Stephen St. Hilaire**  
**Kevin Sutton**  
**Louis Zarro**

*"Without Seeing You... We Believe"*

### \*\*IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENT\*\* Confirmation Classes begin 3/29 & 3/30

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. Send comments or suggestions to [webmaster@stachurchbloomfield.com](mailto:webmaster@stachurchbloomfield.com) or leave a note in the Communications Committee mailbox.

### *The Rosary Confraternity*

One of the blessings of winter is the promise of spring which follows. One of the blessings of the Cross is the promise of Resurrection which follows. Someone once said the cross is a minus (-) turned into a plus (+). Hope is born in our faith that God's promise will come true.

May the beauty and blessings of Easter fill your life with happiness.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Peter Room



He Has Risen  
Lil Bieksha, Pres.  
973-338-8188

### *Session Dates for Baptism for 2008*

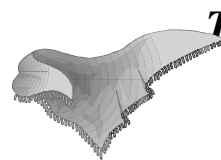
#### CATECHESIS PREPARATION

In the St. James Room in the Parish Center

May 25	1:30pm
July 6	1:30pm
Sept 7	1:30pm
Oct 12	1:30pm

#### BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS FOR 2008

March 29	5:00pm
March 30	1:45pm
April 20	1:45pm
May 18	1:45pm
June 8	12:15pm
June 29	1:45pm
July 20	1:45pm
Aug 10	1:45pm
Aug 31	1:45pm



### *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.

## **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

### **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.

- 3/29 Lenten Rap-up with CG
- 4/6 Senior Night with Billy Braun
- 4/13 Senior Night with Sean Downey

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

John Angotti 5/10

EMAIL TIM DENNIN WITH ANY QUESTIONS tdennin@att.net

## **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.

*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*

St. Thomas the Apostle Invites You To



## **Pasta & Movie Night**

**Saturday, April 26, 2008**

**6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Herron Hall**



*Please join us for a Family-Fun Evening of  
Fine Food, Italian Music & Dancing!*

**COME MEET YOUR FAVORITE CHEF & ENJOY  
HIS MOVIE – RATATOUILLE!**

**Three Types of Pastas, Meatballs,  
Antipasto/Salad/Bread, Italian Pastries & Coffee**

**50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes, Gift Raffle**

All Proceeds to Benefit

St. Thomas the Apostle Home & School Association

**Please RSVP by April 18, 2008**

*Checks Made Payable to*

*St. Thomas the Apostle H&S Assoc.*

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Tickets \_\_\_\_ @ \$15/pp Child Tickets \_\_\_\_ @\$10/pp

Total Amount Due: \$\_\_\_\_\_

For info, please call Charlene Perrone at (973) 893-1304.

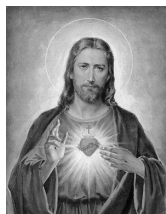
Please Return To School Office Addressed to:

Charlene Perrone or Cindy Guglielmello

**Please indicate seating requests on a separate sheet of paper.**

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary*

*Alliance of the Two Hearts*



**Communion of  
Reparation Vigil  
First Friday**

**First Saturday  
April 4-5, 2008  
(7:30 p.m. – 3:30 a.m.)**



**FIRST FRIDAY:**

- 7:30PM Penitential Service
- 8:00 Holy Mass (Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)
- 8:45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Consecration to the Two Hearts
- 9:00 Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)
- 9:30 Prayer for Priests
- 9:45 Rosary (Luminous Mysteries)
- 10:15 Chaplet to God our Heavenly Father
- 10:45 Nine Divine Offices of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**FIRST SATURDAY:**

- 12:15AM Silent Adoration (Coffee Break at Parish Hall)
- 12:45 Office of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 1:00 Rosary (Sorrowful Mysteries)
- 1:30 Rosary (Glorious Mysteries)
- 2:00 Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 2:30 Reposition, Holy Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary)

Please call the parish center at 973-338-9190 for more information or visit [www.twoheartsnj.net](http://www.twoheartsnj.net).

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

**MARCH**

16	\$75	Joseph Sedonio
17	\$500	Evelyn Louise Bowman
18	\$75	Donna Ciacamello
19	\$100	Richard Galioto
20	\$50	Sue & Kevin Zima
21	\$75	Thomas Mahon
22	\$50	Christine Kuhn
23	\$1000	Sujitra Carroll
24	\$50	Dena Arhuelles
25	\$50	Mary Berkowitz
26	\$50	Grace & John Geger
27	\$75	Danny Michalek
28	\$50	Nicholas Duva
29	\$75	Rita Ann Marie Nagle

**CONGRATULATION TO ALL WINNERS!!!**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH  
ANNUAL PARISH COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, April 13, 2008 (10:00 AM)  
Nardiello Hall, State Street – Bloomfield, NJ**

**SPEAKER: BILL GLEESON  
BENEDICTINE OBLATE**

**SUBJECT: DIVINE MERCY**

**ADULTS \$15.00 CHILDREN UNDER 10 \$7.00  
CHILDREN 4 AND UNDER FREE**

**“THIS WEEK”**

**Monday – 3/31**

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter  
Men’s prayer and Bible Study – 7:30pm in St. Matthew

**Wednesday – 4/2**

Evening Prayer Shawl Meeting – 7:30pm in St. Thomas

**Thursday – 4/3**

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

**Friday – 4/4**

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in Church  
Senior Tax Preparations – 10am -12pm in St. Peter

Last June, we had the  
**3 For 1 Scholarship Fund Drive**

Sponsored by the Saint Thomas the Apostle Respect Life Committee where, in a partnership with the Mission, the local government has agreed to fund two scholarships for every scholarship secured by the Mission. This means that for every scholarship raised by the Mission, three children will be able to receive a Catholic Education.

**Holy Family Academy**

Roman Catholic Mission Turks and Caicos Islands  
**Pastor: Rev. Jose Amante M. Abalon has sent the following letter to inform us of their progress and appreciation.**

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle,

Holy Family Academy has gotten off to a great start this second year of operation. Kindergarteners are learning letters and their sounds; first graders are reading; second graders are perfecting their addition and subtraction; and third graders have constructed a liturgical calendar to learn about the seasons and celebrations in the Church. The students have been learning about the Trinity, Mary, their guardian angels, saints of the day, and stories from the Old Testament.

The new playground equipment has been a hit, and students are excited about our new Catholic text books and materials. We can tell the year is going well because the students are not only learning, but they are happy and excited to come to school. Your generosity has provided everything that the children need, both to learn academically and to hear about His love. We are all excited and amazed to see how God is working in the school with such growth in just one year, and we greatly appreciate all of your prayers and support! Please remember us in your prayers; we will remember you in ours!

*Fr. Peter, Fr. George and Fr. Jose*

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