

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
SERVICE ASSISTANCE
1(800) CCS-7413
Fax: 596-3735

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.

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Ms. Joan Ferraer

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Robert P. Miller

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:
Mr. Timothy Dennin

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Tom Rossano, Chairperson
Orly Trias, Vice Chairperson
Michele Sweetman, Secretary

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

April 6, 2008 . Third Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

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 (32nd Anniv.) - Daughter

12:15 pm Nancy Calogero - Friends

Monday, April 7

7:30 am Deceased members of McIntyre Family - Bequest

11:30 am Philip Lipari - Daughter

Tuesday, April 8

7:30 am Mario C. Peluso, Sr. - Friend

11:30 am Anthony Piccirillo - Friend

Wednesday, April 9

7:30 am Marian F. LaPorta - Family

11:30 am Philip & Mary Scaduto - Family

Thursday, April 10

7:30 am Mario C. Peluso, Sr. - Friend

11:30 am Andrew Triano - Family

Friday, April 11

7:30 am Antonio Erne - Friend

11:30 am Bernard & Catherine Healy - Family

Saturday, April 12

8:30 am Bernice Shiel - Friend

Sunday, April 13

Saturday, April 12

5:00 pm Antoinette & Anthony Lubertoza - Daughter

Sunday, April 13

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Deceased Members of Ostoyic Family-Family

10:30 am Ann Barclay - Family

12:15 pm Mary Casieri - Friend

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Ed Post, Paul Strickland, Glenn Stickles
Fasone and Franco Families

REST IN PEACE:

Robert W. Emery

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Irene Garner

Rectory: Mildred Ferrara

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Peter 2:20b-25

John 10:1-10



The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness *still* reveal the presence of God in our midst.

Pray For Vocations



“Were not our hearts burning within us...?” In the same way that Christ explained the true meaning of the prophets and Scriptures to the disciples, so also does the priest, deacon and religious explain the Scriptures, in light of Christ, to the faithful. The Gospel account of the Road to Emmaus is one that should inspire anyone considering religious life or a priestly vocation to see the true presence of Christ in the “breaking of the bread” and enjoy the value of a frequent visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Pray before Christ, fully present in the Holy Eucharist, and seek the advice of a good spiritual director that will help you along the personal road to Emmaus that each of us travels. After these activities, contact the Office of Vocations at kellybar@rcan.org or 973.497.4365.



Right to Life

For our Holy Father:
in thanksgiving for his devotion
to the Gospel of life;

We pray to the Lord

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.

“THIS WEEK”

Monday – 4/7

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

Thursday – 4/10

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 4/11

LAST Senior Tax Preparations – 10am-12pm St. Peter
SCC Friday – 7:00pm in Church
Separated, Divorced, Widowed - 8:00pm in St. Thomas

Church Vestments Needed !



MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES CEREMONIAL VESTURE

*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 still needed:

Chasuble with Matching Stole - Masses on Sundays - Spencer Design	\$960.00 (1)
Communion / Concelebration Stoles - Spencer Design	\$320.00 (3)
Communion / Concelebration Stoles - Grace Design	\$340.00 (3)
Communion / Concelebration Stoles - Nazareth Design	\$285.00 (1)

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.

A Special thank you to the donors of:

Full Altar Cloths - Festive with Gold Galoon Decoration

St. Thomas Friday Prayer Group

Joseph Kievit in memory of Veronica Kievit

Mensa Top Altar Cloths - 54x54 Custom Made in Worchester Fabric

Renee Miscione in memory of Paul J. Miscione

Carol & Michael Zieleniewski in memory of Mark Zieleniewski

Janet Kozakiewicz in memory of Mark Zieleniewski

Communion / Concelebration Stoles - **Spencer Design**

Renee Miscione in memory of Paul J. Miscione

Communion / Concelebration Stoles - **Grace Design**

Paul Gibney in memory of Claude & Margaret Gibney and Vito & Rose Adragna

Chasuble with Matching Stole - For Masses - **Nazareth Design**

Dennis Besida in memory of Janet Besida

Communion / Concelebration Stoles - **Nazareth Design**

Madelyn F. Delaney in memory of George A. Delaney

Mary Pederson in memory of Anthony & Genevieve Montemarano

Dennis Besida in memory of Janet Besida

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 28th and continues thru April 30th. Plan now to clear your calendar and attend.

April 28, 29, 30
Mark Your Calendar Now!


The Rosary Confraternity

Thanks to Lee DeMarco, Alba Quaresimo, Vera O'Connell and our former Navy mechanic, Helen McGrath, who did a great job setting up and serving lunch also cleaning up for approximately seventy priests from Essex County Diocese including our pastor, Father Charles Miller, Father Peter Funesti and his Excellency Bishop Edgar deCunha, on Holy Thursday.

Rosarians were also involved with serving fellowship after the nighttime Mass on Holy Thursday with setting up, serving and clean-up, wine, cheese and bread, which was well attended. Thanks are extended to Jean Drew, Madelyn Delaney and Barbara Miller. Tom and Maryann Carini involved with wine and Rosalie Mescall baked loaves of bread and Tim Dennin set up our cooler with soda, water and ice.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Easter. This year was very special for me because we celebrated Easter and my oldest son's birth. It was exciting because my husband and I were blessed when he was born on Good Friday, March 23, 1951. God is good. It was quite interesting to read that the last early Easter was in 1913 and the next one will be in 2228. We will most likely be with our Lord in heaven.

May your all-knowing everywhere-present spirit continue to search our feelings and thoughts. Deliver us from that which may hurt or destroy us and guide us along the path of love and truth. Our next meeting will be April 7, 2008 in St. Peter room at 7:00 p.m.

 Blessings,
Lil Bieksha, Pres.

RCIA NEWS

Please all of our RCIA candidates in your prayers who will be receiving First Eucharist and Confirmation on the Feast of Pentecost, May 11.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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The celebration of Christ's Resurrection continues with festivity and joy. Each year on the Third Sunday of Easter the Gospel proclaims a post-Resurrection appearance of Christ in which he shares a meal with his disciples. The Eucharist theme is obvious. We celebrate the fact that through his Paschal Mystery, Christ found a way to remain with us (*Pope John Paul II, 2003*).

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LECTIONARY

THE FIRST READING from Acts of the Apostles recounts the great Pentecost sermon given by St. Peter in Jerusalem. Filled with courage and conviction in the Holy Spirit, Peter asserts that death could not hold Christ. He quotes Psalm 16, a psalm of praise for God's care and protection. This is the same psalm proclaimed today as the responsorial.

THE GOSPEL according to Luke is the well-known and well-loved story of the two disciples who meet the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus. Remember this was proclaimed on Wednesday of the octave of Easter. This story asserts that Christ is, indeed, made known to us in the scriptures and in the breaking of the bread.

THE SECOND READING from the first letter of St. Peter reminds the early Christian community that their new life in Christ was purchased for them by his very blood - the blood of the lamb.

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

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

COVENANT HOUSE, NJ, WAS FOUNDED TO SERVE THE SUFFERING CHILDREN OF THE STREETS. FOR THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY NAME SOCIETY HAVE MADE A DONATION AT CHRISTMAS TO COVENANT HOUSE, NJ, IN LIEU OF EXCHANGING CARDS AND GIFTS. EVERYONE IS INVITED, ESPECIALLY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, TO HEAR ABOUT THE CONTINUING MISSION OF COVENANT HOUSE, NJ. HOPE TO SEE YOU ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008, AT 7:30 P.M.

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

TAX PREPARATIONS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL
FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2008.

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.

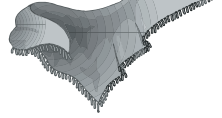
- 4/6 Senior Night with Billy Braun
- 4/13 Senior Night with Sean Downey

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

John Angotti 5/10

EMAIL TIM DENNIN WITH ANY QUESTIONS tdennin@att.net

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 20th at 1:30 p.m. Please call the parish center in case of bad weather as meetings may be 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.

Adult Enrichment

Fifth Annual Faith and Family Conference

Do you want to strengthen your marriage? The theme for this year's conference is "Joy in Christian Marriage." Special guest speaker is Dr. Philip Mango. Dr. Mango is the President and Co-Founder of St. Michael's Institute for the Psychological Sciences and is a professor at the John Paul II Institute. He has worked closely with Mother Teresa over a 12 year period on mental health projects for the poor. Conference is Saturday, May 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person or \$20 per couple. For more information call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x20.

Women's Cornerstone III "Journey Together"

Women's Cornerstone III Reunion Friday April 18th from 7-9:30 p.m. in Parish Center. Please call Sr. Arleen with any questions at 973-338-9190 x-34.

Parish Ministry Chairpersons

Meetings scheduled between
September 1, 2008 and August 31, 2009
Please submit requests for rooms
to the Parish Center by April 21, 2008
Thank You!

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH YOUR LOSS

April 20th, 2008
3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center
*Note time change

THEME:

New life can be found all around us

*I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly, says the Lord.
from the Roman Missal*

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

MARCH

30 \$100 John Henriques
31 \$75 Sue McClure

April

1 \$50 Sandra Cicero
2 \$75 Alison Purcell
3 \$50 Janet Halchak
4 \$100 Kathleen A. Donigian
5 \$50 Priscilla Trias

CONGRATULATION TO ALL WINNERS!!!

An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 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 St. Theresa's RC Church, (School Auditorium), 541 Washington Avenue, Kenilworth, at 7:30 PM. For additional information, please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at 973-497-4327.

SENIOR SYMPOSIUM

The North Essex Deanery will sponsor a Senior Symposium on April 13, 2008 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 94 Pine St., Montclair. The program which will be of interest to seniors and those who care for them will include speakers on the religious aspects of death and dying, finances, elder law, nurse practitioner and a social worker. There is no charge for admission. For further details, contact Mary Pat Bogart at 973-746-0752.

LEGACY CIRCLE TEA

On Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 2:00 PM the Archdiocese of Newark will hold its annual Legacy Circle Tea **honoring all parishioners who have included their parish or the Archdiocese of Newark in their will**, or who have made some other type of planned gift. The event begins with a Prayer Service in the Cathedral Basilica and is followed by a **reception hosted by Archbishop John J. Myers in the Cathedral Basilica Residence**. If you have named the parish in your will, or are considering doing so, you are eligible for membership in the Legacy Circle Planned Giving Society. Please contact the Planned Giving Office of the Archdiocese of Newark at (973) 497-4048.

**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**

BLOOMFIELD'S DIAL-A-RIDE

Started in 2003, Dial-A-Ride is a free service that has vans operating from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every weekday. A third van was added to the program as well as a seventh driver and extra Wednesday runs were also added. The vans transport people to doctor appointments, library stops, and visits with sick relatives and more.

All riders must be Bloomfield residents, either seniors or people with handicaps, and their destinations must be within Essex County. Riders are asked to schedule appointments at least 3 days in advance by calling (973) 566-7194. Seven part-time drivers go house to house, helping people from doorstep to doorstep and in and out of the vans. Praise-filled rider feedback assures the department that their friendly drivers are scoring public relations points for the town.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Just a reminder to all parishioners that First Communion will be celebrated at the 5:00 mass on Saturday, April 12th and the 9:00, 10:30, and 12:15 masses on April 13th and 20th. We ask that you keep these children and their teachers and families in your prayers at this exciting time.

If you wish to send a greeting to your First Communion Prayer Partner there are boxes located at the rear and side doors of the church. The boxes will remain in the church until April 27th and then the cards will be delivered to the children.

First Communion Practice Schedule:

All practices will be held in the church from 3:45-5:00 and children should bring their banners to practice. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Practice is mandatory for all First Communicants.

5:00 Mass April 12 th	Practice is April 7
9:00 Mass April 13 th	Practice is April 7
10:30 Mass April 13 th	Practice is April 9
12:15 Mass April 13 th	Practice is April 10
9:00 Mass April 20 th	Practice is April 14
10:30 Mass April 20 th	Practice is April 16
12:15 Mass April 20 th	Practice is April 17