

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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COMMUNITY
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OFFERING SOCIAL
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1(800) CCS-7413
Fax: 596-3735

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

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

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Patrick DeCotiis, Finance Committee

April 13, 2008 . Fourth Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, April 14

7:30 am Grace Monticelle - Son

11:30 am Marian F. LaPorta - Family

Tuesday, April 15

7:30 am Deceased members of Chuakay-Go Families - Family

11:30 am James Samuel Amoruso - Friends

Wednesday, April 16

7:30 am Imogene Doneworth - Aunt

11:30 am Andrew Molnar - Family

Thursday, April 17

7:30 am Donald Stefanelli - Mother

11:30 am Msgr. Vincent P. Coburn - Friend

Friday, April 18

7:30 am Juan Aggabao - Wife

11:30 am Carmella Palotta - Friend

Saturday, April 19

8:30 am Helen Fruhwirth - Family

Sunday, April 20

Saturday, April 19

5:00 pm Mildred Charters & Nicholas Colichio - Family

Sunday, April 20

7:30 am Rose Trasente - Aunt & Uncle

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Harry Scardilli - Daughter

12:15 pm Jennie Olivia - Friend

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

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

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Anthony Lembo

"THIS WEEK"

Monday - 4/14

September Club - 11:30am in St. Peter
Men's prayer and Bible Study - 7:30pm in St. Matthew
Respect Life - 7:30pm in St. Andrew
Pastoral Council - 7:30pm in St. Thomas

Thursday - 4/17

SCC Thursday - 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday - 4/18

SCC Friday - 7:00pm in Church

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12



Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

HOSPITALITY: Next Sunday morning, everyone is invited downstairs for coffee and snacks following the Masses. Please stop by for a few moments to relax and catch up with friends.

Pray For Vocations



"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Christ is the sole means by which all are saved and brought to eternal life. The priest, deacon or religious member is called in a unique way to proclaim and honor Christ as the one that saves humanity, and all that attempt to circumvent Him are misleading and misguiding the faithful. Are you willing to stand up for Christ as the true shepherd calling His sheep, and assist the faithful in gaining eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven through Christ, the gate? If so, you may have a vocation. Pray for His guidance and assistance, then contact the Office of Vocations at kellybar@rcan.org or 973.497.4365.



Right to Life

For all grandparents, and especially for those whose grandchild has been aborted: that they might find healing and peace;

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - NEXT WEEK

Blood pressure screenings will be held next weekend, Saturday, April 19th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, April 20th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

PARISH MISSION

Easter is a time for spiritual rebirth & renewal.
Here at St. Thomas the Apostle there will be a special

3-day Parish Mission
for both men and women.

Monday thru Wednesday, April 28, 29 & 30
at 7:30 p.m. in the Church

Fr. Alan Guglielmo

will lead us through prayer and his reflection on God's word
to a deeper and more vibrant faith.

Plan to do something special for yourself!
Mark Your Calendar Now!

NEW VESTMENT DONATIONS

A Special thank you to the donors of:

Chasubles with Matching Stoles - Spencer Design

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today is commonly referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Easter) which has been designated throughout the world as the day to pray that God will inspire various ministries and leaders for the Church:

- That God may lead men and women to minister in his holy Church, we pray.
- That God will inspire men and women to consider a life of ministry as priests, deacons, religious and lay ministers, we pray.

LECTIONARY

THE GOSPEL for this Sunday is from the section of John's tenth chapter in which Jesus refers to himself not as the shepherd, but as the gate. The message is clear - one cannot enter the sheepfold unless he or she goes through Christ. A person must first pass through him - as in the waters of Baptism - to enter eternal life.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 23, with well-known images and phrases, compliments the Gospel and reminds us that Christ is our shepherd.

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles recounts the end of St. Peter's Pentecost sermon - the Baptism of some three thousand persons. The Spirit of Christ is active in the early Church, which keeps growing and spreading throughout the area.

SECOND READING: The first letter of Peter continues the imagery of Christ as the shepherd, the one who brings back the straying sheep. In him we are healed, St. Peter writes; in him we find our guardian.

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



Brayden James Aiello

Parents: Nicole M. (Pepe) & Jason J. Aiello

**Lorenzo Robert Belcaro &
Alexa Catherine Belcaro**

Parents: Donna (Stoebeling) & Andrew J. Belcaro

Deyvannie Skyla Gastulo

Parents: Sally J. (Velarde) & Daniel A. Gastulo

Michael William Misner

Parents: Sarah E. (Clarke) & Gary W. Misner, Jr.

Sofia Angelic Molinari

Parents: Jodie L. (Jensen) & Robert A. Molinari

Jack Lockwood Novak

Parents: Mary (Smith) & Aaron Novak

HERE'S SOME EXCITING...



Recently our second grade students wrote birthday letters to Pope Benedict XVI. The Communications Office of the Archdiocese of Newark likes the letters so much they contacted Channel 9 News who sent a camera crew on Thursday, April 3rd. Each second grade student was taped reading his or her birthday

wishes to the Pope. It was a wonderful experience! Look for our students on the Channel 9 News during the coverage of the Pope's visit.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



We ask that you keep our First Communicants, along with their teachers and families, in your prayers at this exciting time as First Communion celebrations continue on April 20th.

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. The cards will then 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.

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

RCIA NEWS

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



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

- 4/13 Senior Night with Sean Downey
- 4/20 Senior Night with Alicia McElhone

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

John Angotti 5/10

EMAIL TIM DENNIN WITH ANY QUESTIONS tdennin@att.net

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH YOUR LOSS

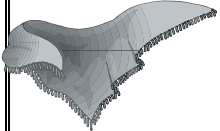
April 20th, 2008

3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center
*Note time change

THEME:

New life can be found all around us

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.

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, AT 7:30 P.M.

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.

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

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

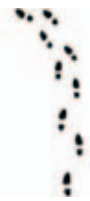
Please Return To School Office Addressed to:
Charlene Perrone or Cindy Guglielmello

Please indicate seating requests on a separate sheet of paper.

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!

*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.

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

April		
6	\$75	The Jones Family
7	\$200	Andrew A. Santangelo
8	\$75	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bogart
9	\$100	Jo Strenz
10	\$75	Margaret DeFelippis
11	\$50	Ilona Zahne
12	\$250	Catherine McKenna

CONGRATULATION TO ALL WINNERS!!!

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.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN
Policies & Procedures**

Training is required for all adults working with youth at our parish. If you have not completed this training, you must register for the training session online at www.rcan.org and follow links to the Workshop Schedule St. Thomas 4/28 session. For more info, contact I Tim Dennin at tdennin@att.net

CALLING ALL FIREFIGHTERS!



St. Florian was an officer in the Roman army in the third century. He is said to have stopped a town from burning by throwing a single bucket of water on the blaze, and thus his association with fire fighters and those who protect us from fire.

The Annual Archdiocesan St. Florian Mass in celebration of the Fire Service will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, May 4th at 3PM. All active and retired firefighters, professional and volunteer, their families and friends are invited to attend. Firefighters are asked to attend in uniform and to be seated in the Cathedral by 2:45 for the pipes and drums processional. More information at <http://www.rcan.org/stflorianmass>

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Youth Group

is proud to present

An Evening of Praise and Worship

May 10th, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in
St. Thomas the Apostle Church



**JOHN ANGOTTI
Returns to St. Thomas**

John will be present at a Liturgy Workshop,
A Saturday Night Concert,
And bring his Music Ministry to all Masses
On Sunday, May 11th, 2008
Free will offering will be collected.

A Mass for Those Whose Children have Died will be offered at Notre Dame R.C. Church, 359 Central Ave, N Caldwell, on Fri., May 9th at 7:30 PM. All who grieve the death of a child are invited to attend. A personal witness will be offered as the name of each child is read during the liturgy. Pre-registration is requested. Please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at 973-497-4327 for information and registration.