

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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## PERMANENT DEACONS:

Deacon Albert H. Tizzano • Deacon Dennis J. Besida • Deacon Thomas J. Coyle

## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday Eve: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30, 9:00,  
10:30am & 12:00 Noon

Weekdays: 7:30, & 11:30am

Saturday Mornings: 8:30am Only

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

Holidays: 8:30am Only

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR  
ELEMENTARY CATECHETICS:  
Tracey Rennie

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE  
FOR PARISH MINISTRY:  
Sister Arleen Crimmins, O.P.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:  
Ms. Joan Ferrar

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  
Vincent Lipoma, Vice Chairperson  
Michele Sweetman, Secretary

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

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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January 18, 2009 . Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, January 18**

Saturday, January 17

5:00 pm Dr. Jack Adeffa - Family

Sunday, January 18

7:30 am Georgann Sabato - Family

9:00 am Al & Seria Derro - Parents

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Charles Ofsak - Family

Monday, January 19

7:30 am Mary Montesano - Daughter

11:30 am William F. Scully (30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) - Wife

Tuesday, January 20

7:30 am Margaret Everswick - Friend

11:30 am Norma Grieser - Friend

Wednesday, January 21

7:30 am Lee Deedmeyer - Friends

11:30 am Demetrio Oquendo - Friend

Thursday, January 22

7:30 am Marilyn Gaschke - Family

11:30 pm Joseph De Peri - Aunt

Friday, January 23

7:30 am Jacob Szajkowski - Daughters

11:30 am Deceased members of Klenk family - Bequest

Saturday, January 24

8:30 am Taryn Fisher (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) - Uncle & Aunt

**Sunday, January 25**

Saturday, January 24

5:00 pm Jacqueline Sefjack - Husband

Sunday, January 25

7:30 am Catherine Caputo - Sisters

9:00 am Anna Stevens - Daughter & Family

10:30 am Marie Reitz - Family

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Harry & Marlene Shaw  
Alex Wessell, Jack Kearney  
Franco & Fasone Families

**REST IN PEACE:**

Michael Crisci, Deacon Martin Macaluso,  
Brian Mescall, Zenaida Pable

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Richard Matt

*Ordinary Time*



*Your servant is listening*

*1 Samuel 3:10*

On this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Christians around the world begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As a nation, we also remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. All our readings today are about God's call. May our liturgy today help us to hear the call to reconciliation, unity, justice, and peace.

*Lectionary*

■ **FIRST READING:** The First Reading gives us the memorable account of the call of Samuel. It is also a wonderful metaphor for the spiritual life. Samuel sleeps in the temple, where the Ark of the Covenant is kept. He is in the very presence of God, but unaware of it. Something happens to wake him from his sleep - a voice calling his name, over and over. Samuel does not know who is calling him, so he runs to the nearest grown-up, the old priest Eli. Twice Eli tells him to go back to sleep- this is before Eli realizes that the boy is being called by God. Eli then gives Samuel the necessary words to respond to God's call. We sometimes need other people to help us understand how God is calling us. Liturgy and ritual (the words Eli gives Samuel in 1 Samuel 3:10- "Speak, for your servant is listening"- are almost like a liturgical response) help us to respond to God's word.

■ **PSALM 40:** Responsorial Psalm 40 is the song of the faithful servant of the Lord. God prefers "ears open to obedience" (40:7) to all sacrifices and offerings.

■ **THE GOSPEL:** We have another story of the call. As Jesus walks by, John the Baptist points him out: "Behold, the Lamb of God" (John 1:36). Samuel needed Eli to tell him that God was calling him; in the same way, the disciples need to hear the testimony of John, who recognizes Jesus as the Lamb, the suffering servant of the Lord. Jesus welcomes them with a question, "What are you looking for" (1:38)? Their answer makes it clear that they hardly know. "Where are you staying" (1:38) might be interpreted as "what are you about?" Jesus gently responds, saying, "come, and you will see" (1:39). After spending the day with him, Andrew then becomes the one pointing the way - he brings his brother Simon to Jesus. At the end of the reading, Simon is called by a new name, Cephas. God calls us each by name.



**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**

**“THIS WEEK”**

**Monday – 1/19**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
School and Parish Center closed

**Tuesday – 1/20**

Adult Education - 7:00pm in St. Peter

**Thursday – 1/22**

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

**Friday – 1/23**

Tax Preparation - 10:00am to noon in St. Peter  
SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter  
Separated, Divorced, Widowed - 8:00pm in St. Thomas

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

Drop in to the Parish Center after the 9 and 10:30 a.m. Masses today for a little coffee and conversation and some special treats. The Filipino American Community of St. Thomas will be our hosts and they know how to entertain!



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**



The main source of operating funds for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is our weekly offertory contribution. To assist us in being good stewards of God’s gift of treasure, here is what we contributed last weekend compared to what we need to meet our budget:

**Collection week of Jan. 11:      \$12,492**  
**Amount needed per week:      \$20,000**

**Adult Enrichment**

**Finding Work & Managing Your Career in Tough Economic Times**

Please join us on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Bloomfield in the Parish Center to learn the best ways to find work in today’s job market, and learn what you should be doing to sustain your career, even while you are working. Topics include: resumes; proactive job-hunting; networking; etc. The workshop is led by Julie V. Burkey, MAPM, director of the Center for Workplace Spirituality at Seton Hall University where she is also an adjunct professor. Light refreshments served. Cost is \$10.00 per person payable at the door. For more information call Bob Miller at 973-338-9190 x29.

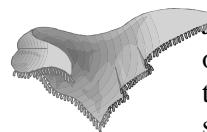
**Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program**

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.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - THIS WEEK!**

Blood pressure and glucose screenings will be held this weekend, Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry**



A meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at 1PM where we are working on two special projects. As we work together to fill a request for 60 red scarves, the knitters can learn to crochet and the crocheters can learn to knit. Please bring a skein of red wool knitting needles size 9 or larger and a crochet hook size I or k to participate. We will also be working on baby items suitable for children up to 2 years old. All are welcome to work and pray with us.

If you have any questions or you wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact the Ministry: Bernadette 973-893-0114, Sister Arleen 973-338-9190, or Alicia 973-473-6633.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK!**

1/18/09 MLK REGULAR MEETING (LOCK-IN CANCELLED)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

2/15 LOCK-IN AT ST. THOMAS MOORE - FAIRFIELD  
3/8 MATT MAHER CONCERT AT CHURCH OF NATIVITY  
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT tdennin@att.net

**Confirmation Parents Meeting**

Meeting will be held in the Parish Center after all Masses on 2/15 and 2/22.

Confirmation Classes Begin 3/15.

**A Day of Prayer and Penance for Life  
January 22, 2009**

In all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

## **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 2007 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 EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON BEGINNING FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2009.

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.

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



***Malachi Ambrose Marion Brelinsky***

*Parents: Tara (Anzardo) & Gregory Brelinsky*

***Leah Marie Cecire***

*Parents: Karen (SanGiovanni) & Jason Cecire*

***Maddalena Rylee & Christian Matthew Damiano***

*Parents: Julietta (Shoaf) & Matthew Damiano*

***Elizabeth Luisa Gallina***

*Parents: Leslie (McLaughlin) & Christopher G. Gallina*

***Nicole Taylor Hanf***

*Parents: Kimberly (Albert) & Jeffrey Hanf*

***Juliann Christine LoCicero***

*Parents: Kristine (Cook) & Jason C. LoCicero*

***Malia Emma Spink***

*Parents: Mary (Mesuk) & Kevin Spink*

*Thanks from the heart!*

***Letters from recipients of our Giving Tree project:***

***St. Rocco R. C. Church (Union City, NJ):***

It is with great appreciation that we write this note to you and the wonderful family of St. Thomas the Apostle for your very generous donations that were distributed to the children and members of our parish community of St. Rocco/St. Brigid this Christmas season.

We are very thankful to you Father Miller and your parishioners for your continued generosity and thoughtfulness extended to our parish family.

We pray that the love and peace found in the Christmas season continue to be with you all in the new year 2009.

With deep appreciation,

*Rev. Manny Rios and*

*Parishioners of St. Rocco/St. Brigid*

***St. Patrick & Assumption/All Saints' School***

*(Jersey City, NJ):*

We just wanted to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for the phenomenal generosity you have shown to our St. Patrick & Assumption/All Saints' families. It is especially wonderful in light of today's economic turmoil. It seems the news today is full of doom and gloom yet here among us dwell those whose willingness to share knows no bounds. I am heartened knowing you have dug deep into your hearts to make the holidays brighter for our poor families.

During the Christmas season we strive to live a holy life, understanding that the true meaning of the season lies in the celebration of Christ's birth. You have demonstrated your Christmas spirit to the fullest.

I believe you are all like the man in the gospel of talents. Instead of burying your talents, you have allowed them to grow and multiply and to ultimately share them with others.

May Christ's love fill your hearts with joy and peace now and throughout the new year.

Sincerely,

*Sr. Maeve McDermott and Miss Michele Link  
Co-Principals*

## **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Night**

**February 28, 2009**

The Holy Name Society of St Thomas the Apostle in Bloomfield is holding the seventeenth Annual Irish Night on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 6:30-10:30 PM at the Parish's Herron Hall. Ticket price: \$25 per person. Ticket sale deadline is Saturday Feb. 21. Tickets will not be available at the door. Entertainment will include Irish Dancers from the Peter Smith School of Irish Dancing, Bagpiper Scott Sim, and a sing along led by balladeer Mike Albert and the Parish Priests.

Corned beef and cabbage dinner, Irish soda bread, beer, wine, soft drinks and setups (BYOB) are included. For information, call Rich Bevere at 973-338-6444 or Frank Helmstetter at 973-338-5872.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

# **2009 Calendar Sweepstakes**

## **90 Chances to Win!**

**TIME IS  
RUNNING  
OUT!**



**Drawings  
begin on  
Feb. 2, 2009**

**\$10,000 in Cash Prizes!**

**Proceeds to benefit the children and  
educational programs of  
St. Thomas the Apostle School**

**All sold tickets and money are due no later than  
January 31, 2009**

**If you need additional raffle tickets or have any questions,  
please call Gen Pezzino at (973) 771-0463**

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