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Saturday: 11:00am

MARIAN
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Novena Prayer
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February 8, 2009 . Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, February 8

Saturday, February 7

5:00 pm Veronica Kievit - Husband

Sunday, February 8

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Mamie & Louis De Cicco - Family

10:30 am John & Fortnetta - Family

12:00 pm Frances Ann Klika - Daughter

Monday, February 9

7:30 am Patrick G. Russillo - Friend

11:30 am Josephine & Dominick Tortorello - Bequest

Tuesday, February 10

7:30 am Bob Brown - Family

11:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Pollard - Daughter

Wednesday, February 11

7:30 am Josephine & Dominick Tortorello - Bequest

11:30 am Jacob Szajkowski - Daughters

Thursday, February 12

7:30 am Pat Russillo - Children

11:30 pm Alfred Lembo, Sr. (10th Anniv.) - Wife

Friday, February 13

7:30 am Juliana & Pedro Cayetano - Family

11:30 am Joseph Russomanno (2nd Anniv.) - Family

Saturday, February 14

8:30 am Marie & Kathleen Lataro - Family

Sunday, February 15

Saturday, February 14

5:00 pm James A. McKittrick, Sr. - Family

Sunday, February 15

7:30 am Joseph Dandi - Wife

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Marie Ammann - Sisters

12:00 pm Anna & Anthony Argenziano - Daughter

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Alex Wessel, Paul Strickland, Frank Korec, Doris Ross
Harry Shaw, Thomas Davis, Franco & Fasone Families

REST IN PEACE:

Sr. Louise O'Hara, Salvatore Scaglione

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Joseph Russomanno



**Fifth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel we see Jesus working hard, barely taking time to sleep. He knows why he has come, and he longs to do the work God has given him. We followers of Jesus need that same energy and joy.

Lectionary

■ **FIRST READING:** The reading from Job gives a gloomy picture of human life and work. All of us have echoed Job's complaint at times. Life can seem like drudgery, and we sometimes long for it to end. Where the preacher of Ecclesiastes saw that there was a time for everything under heaven, Job sees no order in his life or in the universe. When he wants to sleep, he must work; when he has time for sleep, he lies restless, waiting for dawn to come, so he can get up again.

■ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Job's lament is spoken from a broken heart, and the psalm praises the God who "heals the brokenhearted" (refrain; see also Psalm 147:3).

■ **THE GOSPEL:** Jesus, too, heals the brokenhearted, bringing healing and peace to those afflicted with every kind of disease - physical and mental. Today's Gospel is full of action. Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law, then cures many other sick people until late at night. Even before dawn Jesus is up again, praying alone in a deserted place. Before long his disciples find him and call him away again. And off they go to the next town. "For this purpose have I come" (Mark 1:38), Jesus tells his disciples. While the attitude of Job couldn't be more different from the attitude of Jesus, who gives himself in service of others, there is a connection between the two readings. Job saw life as drudgery, an endless series of tasks, and in this Gospel we see Jesus filling every moment of his day with work on behalf of the kingdom. Jesus is constantly on the move: healing, teaching, and praying.

■ **SECOND READING:** As we continue to read from 1 Corinthians, we get a touch of autobiography. In context, this passage is preceded by a long defense of Paul's rights as an apostle - although he accepted no remuneration for his preaching he is a preacher nevertheless. Today's reading offers a counterpoint. Paul does not preach in order to boast; he preaches because he must. There follows some complex syntax. Paul preaches freely, asking no remuneration, because it shows his willingness to preach the Gospel. The reading ends with Paul's famous expression that he has "become all things to all, to save at least some" (1 Cor. 9:22). It is not that he is pretending to be something he is not. Rather, these lines indicate that in reaching the Gospel, creativity and understanding are necessary.

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Archbishop's Annual Appeal

This Sunday, February 8, 2009

is

Pledge Sunday

**At all the Masses for the
2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

The theme of this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal is, "*Rooted in Faith, Growing in Love.*" It comes from the third chapter of Ephesians, which goes on to say, "May Christ dwell in your hearts, and may charity be the root and foundation of your life. Thus you will be able to grasp fully the breadth and length and height and depth of Christ's love."

Each year, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides valuable resources to parishes and schools in need, helps the poor with food, shelter and clothing, supports many pastoral ministries, funds three Archdiocesan seminaries and makes housing and medical care possible for retired priests.

During these difficult economic times, giving is more important than ever, I ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Through your faith and generosity may you continue to grow in His love.

Please keep me in your prayers and know that you are always remembered in mine.


Sincerely in the Lord,

Most Reverend John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark

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4	\$100	Mr. & Mrs. Dan Treacy
5	\$50	Dr. & Mrs. DiCamillo
6	\$75	Joe Perrone
7	\$100	Eliza McLoughlin
8	\$75	Betty Williams

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Religious Education News

REMINDER –
 Mandatory First Communion Parent's Meeting February 9th or 11th at 7:00 in Herron Hall.

NO CCD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH
 OR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH.



LEARNING TO LIVE WITH YOUR LOSS

This Sunday February 8th, 2009
 1 p.m. in the Parish Center
 Our theme will be:
THE CHOICE IS THE DIFFERENCE

The Office of the Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark presents
A Benefit Concert for Catholic Education
 featuring
New Jersey Symphony Orchestra
 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart Newark, NJ, Sunday, April 19, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$30.00 each or Two for \$50.00
 For more information call 973-497-4270

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 2/9
 September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
 Women's Cornerstone Meeting - 7:00pm in St. James
 Respect Life - 7:30pm in St. Andrew
 Men's prayer and Bible Study – 7:30pm in St. Matthew

Tuesday – 2/10
 Adult Education - 7:00pm in St. Peter

Thursday – 2/12
 SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 2/13
 Tax Preparation - 11:00am to noon in St. Peter
 SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter
 Separated, Divorced, Widowed - 8:00pm in St. Thomas

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

2/ 8 COOKIE NIGHT
 2/15 ST. THOMAS MOORE LOCK-IN FAIRFIELD
 3/ 8 MATT MAHER CONCERT MIDLAND PARK

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT tdennin@att.net

Confirmation Parents Meeting
 In the Parish Center after all Masses 2/15 and 2/22.
 Confirmation Classes Begin 3/15.

Confirmation Service Project
 Set-Up & Clean-Up Irish Night, Fish Fry, Women's & Men's Cornerstone

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
AND NOW... GLUCOSE SCREENING
THIS SUNDAY ONLY FROM 10:00 -11:00 a.m.**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Everyone is invited to the Parish Center this Sunday, Feb. 8th after the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee and conversation. Our hosts this month are both the Men's and Women's Cornerstone Teams.



**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 Feb. 1: \$19,479
Amount needed per week: \$20,000

Archdiocese of Newark Anniversary Masses

It is an annual tradition to honor the couples in the Archdiocese who are celebrating five, twenty-five, fifty or more years of marriage. These liturgies are celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

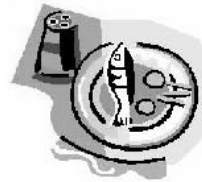
- Sun., March 25 - 50 years (Essex & Union Counties)
- Sun., April 15 - 50 years (Bergen & Hudson Counties)

All Masses will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m.
To register, call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190

**17th Annual Irish Night
February 28, 2009**

The Holy Name Society of St Thomas the Apostle is holding its 17th Annual Irish Night on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 6:30-10:30PM in Herron Hall. Ticket price: \$25 per person. Ticket sale deadline is Sat., 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 Bever at 973-338-6444 or Frank Helmstetter at 973-338-5872.

Saint Thomas the Apostle Rosary Confraternity's



**Annual Fish &
Chips Dinner**
catered by
Argyle Restaurant

Friday, March 13th

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Herron Hall**

Adults: \$11 Children*: \$5

*Chicken available for children only

- **Dessert & Beverage Included**
- **Bring Your Own Beer or Wine**
- **Eat In or Take Out**

(please indicate on the reservation form)

RESERVATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH

PLEASE, NO WALK-INS.

Baked goods (cookies/cupcakes/brownies, etc.) are needed for the Dessert Table. Please drop off baked items in Herron Hall on Friday, March 13th, after 2:00 p.m.

Questions, please contact:

Bernadette Lipoma - 973-893-0114

Rosalie Mescall - 973-893-8186

Fish & Chips Reservation Form

(Please return to Parish Center)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Eat In or Take Out

(Please check one box only)

of Adult Dinners _____ @ \$11 each

of Child Fish _____ @ \$5 each

of Child Chicken _____ @ \$5 each

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

**Adult Enrichment - Bible Study
St. Paul's Letter to the Romans**

Come join us for a study of St. Paul's letter to the Romans on Tuesday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center. For more information call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x29.

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

Please join us on Sat., March 7th from 9 a.m. to noon 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 event is led by Julie V. Burkey, MAPM, director of the Center for Workplace Spirituality at Seton Hall University. Light refreshments served. Cost is \$10.00 per person payable at the door. To register call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x29.

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.

ON FEB. 13TH, INCOME TAX PREPARERS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE FROM 11:00 A.M. UNTIL 12 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.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

A meeting is scheduled for Sun., Feb.22, 1PM. We hope to fill a request for 60 red scarves. (Please call us if you are participating in this project so we can have a count of the scarves to date.) We are also working on baby items for children to 2yrs old. We are short of prayer shawls. If you have completed one please drop it off at the parish center with Sr. Arleen. If you have any questions or you wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, contact the Ministry: Bernadette 973-893-0114, Sister Arleen 973-338-9190, or Alicia 973-473-6633.

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WEEKEND RETREAT for Men and Women
Healing – Wholeness - Wellness
Body, Mind & Spirit
Thurs.,March 12th to Sun.,March 15th
Presenters: Anna Graziano, cSD
Fr. Bill Rakowicz S.J.

“May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.”

1 Thess 5:23

Women’s Cornerstone Team
will meet Monday eve, February 9, 2009
at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center.

Women’s Cornerstone
March 20 & 21, 2009

“Be Still and Know That I Am Your God”

Psalm 46

Cornerstone is a 26-hour retreat which provides you with the opportunity to reflect, renew and strengthen your faith while meeting other women in our parish community.

You may share in discussions as much or as little as you choose, or not at all, if that is your preference.

There will be great food, great conversation and an opportunity to meet some great women.

For more information, pick up a brochure at all church entrances or at the parish center.

✍ **Registration Form** ✍

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME ON YOUR BADGE: _____

ANY DIET RESTRICTIONS OR ALLERGIES?

Suggested Registration Fee: \$50

Session Dates for Baptism

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

March 29		1:00 p.m.
May 3		1:00 p.m.
June 14		1:00 p.m.
August 16		1:00 p.m.
October 25		1:00 p.m.
December 6		1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

February 1	1:30 p.m.
February 22	1:30 p.m.
April 18	During Mass at 5:00 p.m.
April 19	1:30 p.m.
May 17	1:30 p.m.
June 7	1:30 p.m.
July 5	1:30 p.m.
July 19	1:30 p.m.

Please note the Sacrament of Baptism
is not celebrated during the Lenten season

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