

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 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
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

CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
SERVICES
OFFERING SOCIAL
SERVICE ASSISTANCE
1(800) CCS-7413
Fax: 596-3735

February 15, 2009 . Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, February 16 PRESIDENT'S DAY

8:30 am Gail K. Pilsbury - Husband

Tuesday, February 17

7:30 am Bridget Agnes Owens - Bequest

11:30 am Patrick Russillo - Friends

Wednesday, February 18

7:30 am Eileen Grady - Friends

11:30 am Edward L. Post, Jr. - Friends

Thursday, February 19

7:30 am Brian English - Son

11:30 pm Michael John Melograno - Wife

Friday, February 20

7:30 am Anthony Alfano - Friend

11:30 am Ed Post - Wife

Saturday, February 21

8:30 am Frank Lee, Jr. - Family

Sunday, February 22

Saturday, February 21

5:00 pm Mildred Paul - Family

Sunday, February 22

7:30 am Alphonse Michael Barbieri - Friend

9:00 am Mario Lucciola - Family

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Deceased Members of the
Martucci & Zingaro Families - Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Alex Wessel, Doris Ross, Harry Shaw, Thomas Davis

REST IN PEACE:

Douglas Myers, Margaret DeMaio, Susan Ferris

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Thomas Guidry

Visit our website at
www.stachurchbloomfield.com



Today's Gospel shows Jesus reaching out in love to the leper. It is a good weekend to think about how we can widen the embrace of our community. *Who are the "lepers" of today, those who are kept at the outskirts of our culture and our love?*

Lent 2009

Ash Wednesday

February 25, 2009

7:30 a.m. Mass

11:30 a.m. Mass

4:00 p.m. Prayer Service

7:00 p.m. Prayer Service



Ashes will be distributed during all Masses and Worship Services on Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening throughout Lent beginning March 1, 2009 up until Good Friday, April 10th when the St. Thomas Senior High Youth Group will present the **Living Stations of the Cross.**



**PRESIDENT'S DAY
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Monday, February 16, 2009

One Mass: 8:30 a.m. • Parish Center Closed



LONG MAY OUR LAND BE BRIGHT
WITH FREEDOM'S HOLY LIGHT
PROTECT US BY THY MIGHT
GREAT GOD OUR KING

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

**Last Sunday, February 8th
began the
2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal**



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2009 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.


2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2009 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 7, 2009.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL

50 BYRD AVENUE, BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003
 Phone: 973.338.8505 Fax: 973.338.9565
 email: www.staoffice@catholic.org
 www.stthomastheapostlenj.com





Believe ~ Achieve

When you enroll your child, we enroll your family.

Open House
Wednesday, February 18th
10:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

- Grades Pre-K 3 through 8
- Full or Half-Day Pre K 3, 4
- Full-Day Kindergarten
- Advanced Technology Program
- Gym/Art/Spanish/Music Classes
- Jr. High Synergistics Program
- Before/After School Programs
- Extensive Extra-Curricular Activities

Middle States Accredited

Registration begins
March 2, 2009

**St. Thomas the Apostle School
 2009 Calendar Sweepstakes Winners!**

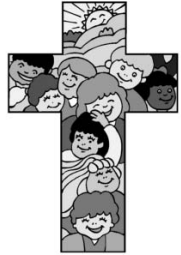
FEB	Amount	Winner
9	\$150	Dolly DeNicola
10	\$50	Anthony Cruz
11	\$75	Adrienne A. Scerbak
12	\$100	Heidi Zorse
13	\$75	Christie Cherence
14	\$200	Alba Quaresimo
15	\$50	Jeff Sisco

CONGRATULATION TO ALL WINNERS!!!

Religious Education News

Important Reminder – NO CCD Monday, February 16th or Tuesday, February 17th.

Volunteers are needed to help out at our First Communion Gathering on Saturday, March 7th in Herron Hall. If interested, please call Tracey Rennie at 338-7400.



Reminder to all First Communion Parents to mark their calendars for our Gathering on March 7th, 2009 in Herron Hall.

Confirmation Candidates are needed to help out with the Fish Fry on Friday, March 13th. If interested please leave your name and phone number in the Religious Education Office at 338-7400.

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

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL
 SHOPRITE GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER**



You receive the full dollar value of the card and STA School receives 5% of your purchase (**from SHOPRITE**).

SHOPRITE gift cards can be used at any SHOPRITE store or SHOPRITE pharmacy or to purchase other store gift cards Such as Disney, Kohl's, Sears, Home Depot, Best Buy, Toys R Us, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, etc.

3 EASY WAYS TO PURCHASE SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS:

- AFTER EVERY MASS (IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH)
- FROM JUDY IN THE PARISH CENTER
- BY CALLING THE STA SCHOOL OFFICE @ 973-338-8505.

Hawaiian Luau
Tricky Tray
Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
At the Bethwood, Totowa, NJ

Join us for an evening of fun and prizes!

All proceeds to support the children of St. Thomas the Apostle School! \$35 ticket includes admission, dinner which includes salad, main course, dessert and coffee/tea, and a chance to win incredible prizes! Doors open at 6:30 pm

Admission tickets will not be sold at the door!

This event is open to adults (21+). Please fill out form and drop off to the school or parish center with STA Home and School Association/Tricky Tray Ticket Order on the envelope.

If you have any questions regarding ticket reservations, please contact Amy Hoffman at 973-338-9513, sub-committee chair.

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I would like #____ admission tickets @ \$35 each
Total enclosed: \$_____
 (check payable to STA Home and School Association)

Name: _____
 Phone number: _____

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 2/16
 PRESIDENT'S DAY
 One Mass: 8:30 a.m. - Parish Center Closed

Thursday – 2/19
 SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 2/20
 Tax Preparation - 10:00am to noon in St. Peter
 SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter

Sunday – 2/22
 Prayer Shawl Meeting - 1:00pm in St. Thomas

Women's Cornerstone

March 20 & 21, 2009

"Be Still and Know That I Am Your God"

Psalm 46

Women's Cornerstone Retreat is coming next month!

This will be the fourth Cornerstone Retreat for women in our parish.

You are invited to enter the silence, be touched by quiet stillness, and become aware of God's presence in ordinary moments.

If you have any questions, please contact one of our team members:

Sr. Arleen Crimmins	973-338-9190		
Alicia von Schaumberg	973-473-6633		
Carol Zieleniewski	973-744-5681		
Karen Cortese	973-787-7485		
Hedi Kovacs	973-338-0722	Millette Padilla	973-338-9414
Marty Levine	973-566-0416	Priscilla Trias	973-338-4402
Gerry Neville	973-661-3453	Ellen White	973-338-8308

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:

2/15 NO MEETING - ST. THOMAS MOORE LOCK-IN
3/8 MATT MAHER CONCERT MIDLAND PARK

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

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary

Alliance of the Two Hearts

Communion of Reparation Vigil

First Friday – First Saturday

March 6-7, 2009 (7:30 p.m. – 3:30 a.m.)



Lent is a time of penance throughout the universal church. At this holiest season of the church year, let us truly prepare ourselves.



Come, let us adore the Great Healer, our Lord, Jesus Christ and give honor to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Vigil begins at 7:30 p.m. with Stations of the Cross followed by the Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be at Midnight.

Join us as we intercede for our world, our parish, our families, friends and one another. Come to whatever part you can. There will be a break during the evening for refreshments in the Parish Center. For further information, please contact the St. Thomas the Apostle Friday Prayer Group at 973-338-1821 or 973-202-8431

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. 8: \$19,032
Amount needed per week: \$20,000

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 Bevere at 973-338-6444 or Frank Helmstetter at 973-338-5872.

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.

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.

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.

Loyola Retreat House
161 James St Morristown, NJ 07960
(973) 539-0760

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

HELP PLEASE!

We need disposable diapers and baby wipes. Donations may be left in the Layette Baskets located at the church exits.



Thank you for your continuing help and support.

St. Thomas the Apostle Respect Life Committee

~ ~ September Club News ~ ~

St. Thomas the Apostle September Club cordially invites all seniors (55 or over) to attend the March 9th meeting.

Find out about activities scheduled for spring - informative talks, parties, day trips, overnights, etc.

Refreshments will be served.

For information, call Grace Seber at 973-338-6018.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

Bloomfield Knights of Columbus Council #1178, will be hosting a community blood drive for the Blood Center of NJ on Wed., Feb. 18, 2009 4pm to 8pm. Individual appointments may be made by contacting John Colby at 973-743-7574. Free Cholesterol screening to all donors. Donors must bring signed I.D., S.S. #. Eat a meal & drink plenty of water 1 hr. before donating. For further information, visit www.bloodnj.org.

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

RESERVATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH

PLEASE, NO WALK-INS.

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: \$ _____

Archdiocese of Newark Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark will honor those in the Archdiocese celebrating five, twenty-five, fifty or more years of marriage. Liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

- Sun., May 31 – 50 years (Essex & Union Counties)
- Sun., June 7 – 50 years (Bergen & Hudson Counties)
- Sun., June 14 – 25 and 5 years (all four counties)

All Masses will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m.

To register, call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190

Old and new members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry please join us at our next meeting, Sunday Feb., 22 at 1pm at the parish center.

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 Alicia 973-473-6633, Sister Arleen 973-338-9190

Let us continue to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them.

Belleville Knights of Columbus Council #835

The Eighth Annual Tricky Tray will take place March 28th in St. Peter's School gym. Tickets are \$15 per person which includes coffee, tea, assorted desserts and 1 sheet of tickets. Doors open 6pm. The school is located at 152 William St., Belleville. For tickets call Joe 862-220-1160 or 973-759-9656.