

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 & 7:30pm

Holidays: 8:30am Only

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR
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COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:
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Jean Barbetta, Vice Chairperson
Michael Pasquale, Secretary

FINANCE CHAIRMEN:
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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

January 17, 2010 . 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, January 17

Saturday, January 16

5:00 pm Georgeann Sabato – Parents

Sunday, January 17

7:30 am David Townsend – Friend

9:00 am Dr. Jack Adessa – Friend

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

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

Monday, January 18

7:30 am Frances Lucewicz – Family

11:30 am Charles Offsak – Wife

Tuesday, January 19

7:30 am James Garner – Family

11:30 am Mary Montesano – Daughter

Wednesday, January 20

7:30 am Angelo Brandi – Friend

11:30 am Mary Miller – Mother

Thursday, January 21

7:30 am Camille Pietrowski – Daughter

11:30 am Jennifer DeLannoy – Sister

Friday, January 22

7:30 am Gaetina DeLena – Sister

11:30 am Mary & John Walters – Daughter

Saturday, January 23

**8:30 am Deceased Members of the Klenk Family –
Bequest**

Sunday, January 24

Saturday, January 23

5:00 pm Jacob Szajkowski – Daughter

Sunday, January 24

7:30 am David Townsend – Friend

9:00 am Anna & Joseph Stevens – Daughter & Family

10:30 am Juan Aggabao, Jr. – Family

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Christine Stile-Mazzeo, Theresa Ferreri, Patricia DeMarco
Sandra Lurhrf-Shaw, Ryan Joseph, Frank Korec,
Dan Fongaro, Caroline Santoro, Michael Monetti

REST IN PEACE:

Kathleen D. Heeney, Josephine Waldron

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: James Garner

Convent: Sister Seton

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are varieties
of gifts, but the
same spirit.



Today is the third of the series of Theophanies, Manifestations of Jesus as God.

FIRST READING: Isaiah has a word from the Lord that he must speak. It is a word of God's delight in his people, and of his desire to take his people to himself as his own special possession. May the message of God's delight in us reach deep into the heart of the Church and each of her members so that we may surrender ourselves into his embrace.

RESPONSORIAL: In today's psalm the Church responds to Isaiah's message of God's delight in us by proclaiming God's glory and kingship over all people.

SECOND READING: In 1Corinthians, Paul proclaims the one source and the one purpose of the gifts of Christian life and fellowship. Every spiritual gift is produced in us by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and is given to benefit not only the individual recipient, but the whole community of faith. Thus, gratitude and humble service ought to mark the lives of those who have received gifts from the hand of the Lord.

GOSPEL: The spousal imagery of God's love for his people in Isaiah finds echo in John's account of Jesus' first sign at Cana. Even though his hour has not yet come, Mary's faith in her Son becomes the occasion of his first sign of God's kingdom. Jesus turns water into wine, the fruit of the vine and work of human hands that brings joy to our hearts. Jesus' ministry begins with an act of joy and delight, a sign of God's desire for our relationship with him.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 18, 2010

School and Parish Center closed.

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www.stachurchbloomfield.com**



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SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS



OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW FAMILIES
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 10:00 A.M.
Please come and explore our school and see for yourself what a wonderful place STA School is to enroll your child.

Pre K3 through 8th grades
Middle States Accredited

Full-Day or Half-Day Pre K 3 & 4
Full-Day or Half-Day Kindergarten
BeforeCare & AfterCare programs

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Jr. High Science / Synergistics Program

Physical Education for all grades

Spanish & Italian Classes - Art & Music Classes

Wide Variety of Extra-Curricular Activities



ATTENTION STA ALUMNI

Please check out the Alumni Registration page on our website www.stthomastheapostlenj.com.

A+

bonus bucks

by

Stop&Shop

Dear Parishioners:

Welcome to the A+ Bonus Bucks Program. St. Thomas the Apostle School will have the opportunity to earn cash through Stop&Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program through March 25.

All you have to do is:

Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online

OR

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card by phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop&Shop using your Stop&Shop Card earns cash for our school! In addition, if you purchase any Extra Credit Items, which are specially marked items throughout the store, the school earns 50 extra points. Each month, the amount of cash awarded will be updated on the Stop&Shop website. You can track the amount of points earned for our school by checking your grocery receipt and by creating an account at www.stopandshop.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

This simple process will make a huge difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to register your card to benefit **St. Thomas the Apostle School** using ID # **08625**.

Encourage your friends & relatives to register too!

Sincerely,

St. Thomas the Apostle Home & School

Career Day

Wednesday, February 3, 2010
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

We at St. Thomas the Apostle School are looking for volunteers — parents, relatives, or friends — with careers that will excite and inspire our 5th through 8th grade students. Volunteers will be treated to breakfast and lunch. If you haven't participated before, Career Day is a fun and rewarding way to share what you do with our STA kids.

STA Alumni...

What an opportunity to give back to your alma mater and the current students of STA School!

To sign-up or for more information, call Donna Elsby at 973-338-8505

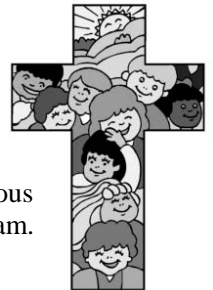
Religious Education News

Registration for Summer CCD

begins Tuesday, January 19th, 2010.

Forms may be downloaded from our website at stachurchbloomfield.com or may be completed in person at the Religious Education Office starting the 19th at 8:45am.

Please do NOT drop off the forms until 8:45am on the 19th or they will NOT be accepted – the school is closed on the 18th for the holiday. Please note that this program fills up very quickly and only completed registrations will be accepted. A completed registration package includes: a registration form, a behavior contract, and a volunteer sheet. All three forms must be handed in to begin processing the registration. If your child attended Summer CCD last year they are NOT automatically accepted into the program this summer. All completed registration forms MUST be dropped off ONLY in the Religious Education Office which is located in the basement of St. Thomas School. Registrations dropped off in the STA School Office or in the Parish Center will NOT be accepted. As always, volunteers are needed for all grades – especially grades 6 and 7.



Thank you.

St. Thomas Athletic Assoc. will be hosting the 4th annual Bloomfield Special Olympics Basketball game on Friday Feb 5th at 6:30pm in the school gym. Admission is \$3.00 and everyone will receive a T-shirt. All of the proceeds will go to the Bloomfield Special Olympics. If you are unable to attend and would like to donate money or a gift for our gift baskets please contact Joe Re at 973-338-5960 or send your donation to the school att: Athletic Dept. Over the past 3 years we have raised over \$15,400 for the Bloomfield Special Olympics. If you have not been able to attend in the past, please stop by and watch our Bloomfield Special Olympic athletes play an exciting game of basketball, and it is also a great way of ending Catholic School Week.

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 2008 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 BEGINNING FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2010.

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.

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.

Volunteers Shortage!!!

The Wellness Ministry is in need of volunteer drivers to help run errands such as shopping or doctor visits.



RIGHT TO LIFE

For all mothers experiencing difficult circumstances: That through the spiritual and practical resources of the Catholic community they will experience Christ's compassionate love for them;

We pray to the Lord

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Jan. 28, 29, Feb 4, 5, 2010

All server training will be held in Church at 3:45 p.m. Students must attend *one* of the January dates *and one* of the February dates. Additional training sessions may be scheduled.

If interested, please call the parish center by January 18th at 973-338-9190.

St. Thomas the Apostle's Men's and Women's Cornerstone Retreat



**To all Men and Women
who have attended a
Cornerstone retreat!**

**Will you come and join
us for a prayer service?**

Prayer service will be held in church on:

Thursday, January 21st, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

We will be praying for those men and women who will be attending the Cornerstone retreats this coming March.

Watch the bulletin for more details!

**Women's Cornerstone March 19-20, 2010
TEAM MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE
...will be meeting Monday, January 25th at 7 p.m.**

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, our contribution from last weekend is compared below to the amount we need this week to meet our budget. You may have noticed this amount will vary. This is because our budget varies by season, just as yours does.

JANUARY 10TH COLLECTION: \$19,956
AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK: \$20,500

PLANNED GIVING

Give a gift of cash or check for general use or a specific purpose. Give a gift of stocks or bonds. There could be a significant tax advantage to you if there has been appreciation in their value and they are transferred to Saint Thomas the Apostle Church.

A bequest in your will assure that your possessions are distributed as you desire. When making a bequest, use the full legal name and address: **Saint Thomas the Apostle Church 60 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003**. Make Saint Thomas the Apostle Church partial or primary beneficiary of a life insurance policy that is no longer needed for family security. Ask the insurance company for the forms necessary to change the beneficiary or to transfer the ownership to Saint Thomas the Apostle Church.

JOB SEEKERS GROUP

Looking for a job? Come to a meeting of the St. Thomas the Apostle Job Seekers on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center where you will get a chance to network, get some advice, and pray with other members of the parish who are searching for a job. If you're not looking for work, but are looking for a good worker, come to one of our meetings and you'll meet plenty of them!

For additional information, send an email to:
workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com

The Institute for Christian Spirituality, Center for Workplace Spirituality, *presents the workshop...*

Finding Work & Managing Your Career in Tough Economic Times,

Saturday, January 30, 2010 - St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Parish Center, St. Peter's Room, Bloomfield, NJ, Mass at 8:30am (optional), 9:30a – 12:30p (light breakfast will be served), *Topics of discussion will include:*

- Proactive job-hunting: what really works?
- Networking: the #1 way to find work!
- What you should be doing to manage your career while still employed
- Resumes: what type is best for you?
- Reinvigorating a long job-search
- Points for mature job-seekers
- AND...where is God in all this?

Please join us for a time of prayer and reflection on the meaning of work in our lives and learn the best ways to find work in today's job market; learn what you should be doing to sustain your career, even while you are working... all discussions are confidential.

Know that you are not alone...

This workshop will be facilitated by Julie V. Burkey, MAPM, Director of the Center for Workplace Spirituality at Seton Hall University where she is also an adjunct professor. Julie has led numerous workshops on issues of employment; previously, she spent many years in her own business as an executive search consultant to major industrial companies.

**Kindly RSVP by January 22, 2010 to
workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com**

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 1/18

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – Parish Center Closed

Thursday – 1/21

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 1/15

Tax Preparations – 10:00am to 12:00pm in St. Peter
SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

~ ~ *September Club Travel* ~ ~

Upcoming 2010 Day Trips

FOR INFORMATION: CALL JEAN AT 973-777-2278

Lakeside Manor Big Band Dinner Theater

Featuring The Jimmy Merchant Orchestra
March 18, 2010

INCLUDES:

- ROUNDTRIP MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION
- ENJOY DANCING – SHOW – LINE DANCING
- COMPLETE LUNCHEON INCLUDES: 2 DRINK TICKETS AND SALAD 3 ENTREES TO CHOOSE FROM, DESSERT, COFFEE AND TEA

PRICE

MEMBERS: \$60.00 --- NONMEMBERS: \$63.00

SIGHT & SOUND

THEATERS

IN LANCASTER, PA - MAY 5, 2010

The Psalms of David

INCLUDES:

- ROUNDTRIP MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION
- ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET
- ADMISSION TO THE SHOW

PRICE

MEMBERS: \$80.00 --- NONMEMBERS: 82.00

Friends of Troop 22

Cosmic Bowling

Adult's Night Out

Brunswick Zone Bowl
679 Washington Ave., Belleville
(Next to McDonald's)



- Saturday, January 30, 2010-01-04
- 9:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M.
- \$30 Per Person
- Includes: 3 hours of bowling (6 per lane)
- Please email your name and a list of bowlers to bowleagoal227@aol.com
- Or fill out form below and leave it in the parish center marked "Troop 22 Bowling".
- Must be 18 or over to attend

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

HOW MANY PEOPLE? _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____

List team name and players' names on a separate sheet of paper.

Make checks payable to "Troop 22"