

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Parochial Vicars: Rev. Philip A. Sanders, S.T.B. • Rev. Andrew N. Onyemaobi, M.Div., M.A.
Rev. Thomas F. Blind, M. Div., In Residence

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
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:
Kimberley Mesiti

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR FAMILY
& ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES:
Robert P. Miller

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:
Mr. Timothy Dennin

PASTORAL COUNCIL:
Eileen Conte, Chairperson
Jean Barbetta, Vice Chairperson
Michael Pasquale, 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, 7, 2010 . 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, February 7

Saturday, February 6

5:00 pm Thomas P. Mahon, Jr. – Mother

Sunday, February 7

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am James A. McKittrick, Sr. – Family

10:30 am Veronica Kievit – Husband

12:00 pm Marie Ammann – Sisters

Monday, February 8

7:30 am Leonardo Garces – Friend

11:30 am Josephine & Dominick Tortorello – Bequest

Tuesday, February 9

7:30 am Pat & Phyllis Russillo – Family

11:30 am Concetta & Rocco Donatiello – Family

Wednesday, February 10

7:30 am Gail K. Pilsbury – Husband

11:30 am Joseph Imfeld – Family

Thursday, February 11

7:30 am Frederick Balma – Family

11:30 am Jacob Szajkowski – Daughter

Friday, February 12

7:30 am Pat & Phyllis Russillo – Children

11:30 am Richard Matt – Wife

Saturday, February 13

8:30 am Joseph Russomanno (3rd Anniv.) – Family

Sunday, February 14

Saturday, February 13

5:00 pm Jerry Bartone – Family

Sunday, February 14

7:30 am Alfred Sabella

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Mildred Paul – Family

12:00 pm Corbin Hunter (1st Anniv.) – Friend

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Christine Stile-Mazzeo, Lynn Zeuner, Ryan Joseph, Vera Esposito, Joanne & Jim Cox, Michael Monetti,

REST IN PEACE:

Bettye Kahrle, Jennie Fabbo, Sr. Mary Helen Baker, Sr. Mary Bernadine Fitzpatrick

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Phyllis Freed

Rectory: Joseph Russomanno

Convent: Geraldine Halpin

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www.stachurchbloomfield.com**

*Fifth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time*



FIRST READING: Isaiah recounts the vision of his prophetic call from the Lord. It begins with an experience of God's holiness that brings Isaiah to his knees, begging for mercy in light of the majesty of God. His protest of unworthiness is met with God's gracious action that removes Isaiah's sin, freeing him to be God's spokesperson. Humbly aware that both the call and its efficacy resides in God, Isaiah accepts the call to ministry.

RESPONSORIAL: In Psalm 138 the Church joins her voice to the seraphim in proclaiming the glory of the living God. We praise the living God who called us into being and never forsakes us.

SECOND READING: Paul recounts for the Christians at Corinth the central and defining element of Christian faith, the death and Resurrection of Jesus. This event is the Good News that saves and in which believers are called to stand firm. Although he once persecuted the Church, Paul has been blessed with the mission of handling on his faith. His conversion invites us to hope in the power of God's grace to transform our hearts as well.

GOSPEL: Luke's account of the call of Simon parallels the experience recounted by Isaiah: an experience of holiness, a protestation of unworthiness, the Lord's gracious action, and the acceptance of the call. The miraculous catch of fish leads Peter to admit his sinfulness; yet Jesus calls Peter to banish his fear and to follow him. No words of Peter are recorded; simply his action of leaving all behind and following after Jesus. We are invited by scripture to see the same pattern unfolding in our own lives and to make the same generous response.

***PRESIDENT'S DAY Monday, February 15, 2010
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

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK



My Dear Friends in Christ,

In Saint Matthew's Gospel, Jesus instructs us with the Corporal Works of Mercy, which is the theme of this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal. This message delivered over two thousand years ago, is still relevant today - we still need to help others.

This year with all our economic problems, especially high unemployment, more people than ever in the Archdiocese of Newark are relying on the Archbishop's Annual Appeal for life's necessities. Sadly, as the suffering has become more widespread, the Archdiocese's ability to help is strained by reduced donations and increased costs.

I urge everyone, especially now, to consider making a gift to the 2010 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. As Jesus said, "I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers and sisters, you did it for me."

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

Sincerely in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ John J. Myers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

✠ Most Reverend John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" - Psalm 116:12

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS MARCH 9, 2010

Please call the School Office at 973-338-8505 to schedule a tour

- Pre K3 through 7th grades
- Middle States Accredited
- Full-Day or Half-Day Pre K 3 & 4
- Full-Day or Half-Day Kindergarten
- BeforeCare & AfterCare programs
- Advanced Technology
- Jr. High Science / Synergistics Program
- Physical Education for all grades
- Spanish & Italian Classes
- Art & Music Classes
- Wide Variety of Extra-Curricular Activities

**St. Thomas the Apostle School
2010 Calendar Sweepstakes Winners!**

FEB		
1	\$500	Joe Pisauro
2	\$50	Dr. & Mrs. John DiCamillo
3	\$75	Susan Eardley
4	\$100	Joann & Anthony Campanelli
5	\$50	Joseph Ellmer
6	\$75	Peggy McDermott
7	\$100	Antonio Grasso

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!!!

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

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 SUNDAY

Blood pressure screenings will be held this Sunday, February 7th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

St. Thomas the Apostle Home & School Association PRESENTS

“Pasta Night Plus”

**Saturday, February 20, 2010
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**Italian – Latino – Filipino
Food Smorgasbord!**

Food and fun for the entire family to enjoy!

**Music & Dancing
Games of Chance**

\$15 per Adult \$7 per Child*

*Children under 5 years old EAT FREE!!!

(Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.)

“Pasta Night Plus” Reservation Form

Reservations must be sent to the school office no later than Friday, February 12th.

Checks payable to: **STA H&S Association**

NAME: _____

OLDEST CHILD: _____ GRADE: _____

_____ ADULTS @ \$15 PER PERSON.... TOTAL: \$ _____

_____ CHILDREN @ \$7 PER PERSON.... TOTAL: \$ _____

_____ CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD..... FREE

Total # of attendees: _____ Total \$: _____

Please seat me with: _____

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH YOUR LOSS

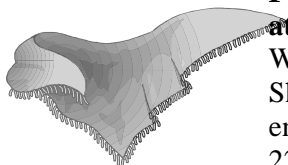
We will gather on
Sunday, Feb 28, 2010 – 1:00-2:15 p.m.
in the Parish Center

Our theme will be:
The Choice Is the Difference

Questions? Please call Sister Arleen at 973-338-9190

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Our next meetings are Sunday
Feb.21st and March 21st at 11:30 AM
at the Parish Center**



We are again in need of prayer shawls. Shawls should be long, and wide enough to cover the shoulders (at least 22 inches by 60 inches). Lapghans

should be approximately 36” wide and 40” in length. . 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 Bernadette 973-893-0114 Sister Arleen 973-338-9190 or Alicia 973-473-6633

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

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

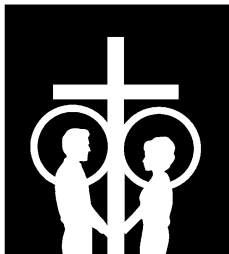
THE TAX PREPARATION PROCESS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL OR MARRIED COUPLE WILL INCLUDE AN INTERVIEW, REVIEW OF YOUR 2008 TAX RETURN AND TURNOVER OF YOUR TAX DOCUMENTS (1099's). COMPLETED RETURNS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ABOUT ONE WEEK.

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 EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND.

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.



RIGHT TO LIFE
 For persons coping with mental illness:
 That they will have access to excellent
 healthcare and counseling, and be treated by
 all with the respect due every human being;
We pray to the Lord



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY
 On Sunday, February 14th, we will
 celebrate World Marriage Day.
 Accordingly, we will be giving a
 special blessing to all married
 couples at weekend masses;
 especially those who are
 celebrating significant
 anniversaries this year. If you were married in 2009
 (celebrating your first anniversary), or if you are
 celebrating your 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th,
 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, or more years of marriage in 2010,
 please call the Parish Center by Monday, Feb. 8th and
 provide us with your names, the date of your marriage, a
 contact phone number, and which mass you plan on
 attending so we can be prepared to acknowledge your
 special anniversary.

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:

2/14 COOKIE NIGHT
 2/20 CASTING CROWNS PRU CENTER

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

Confirmation 2010!!!

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION PARENTS!!!
 Confirmation registration and meeting in the parish
 center after all masses Feb. 13/14 & Feb. 20/21.

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 2/8
 September Club – 10:30am in St. Peter

Wednesday – 2/10
 SCC Wednesday – 7:00pm

Friday – 2/12
 Tax Preparations – 10:00am to 12:00pm in St. Peter
 SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

Saint Thomas the Apostle Rosary Confraternity's



ANNUAL FISH & CHIPS DINNER

catered by
Argyle Restaurant

Friday, March 5th, 2010
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Herron Hall
Adults: \$12 Children*: \$7

*Chicken available for children only

- Dessert & Beverage Included
- Eat In or Take Out

RESERVATIONS DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH
 PLEASE NO WALK-INS

Baked goods are needed for the dessert table.
 Please drop off baked items in Herron Hall Fri., 3/5/10 @ 2pm
 Questions, please contact Mary Ellen DeCotiis 973-893-9625
 or Bernadette Lipoma 973-893-0114

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

(check only one) _____ EAT-IN OR _____ TAKE-OUT

OF ADULT DINNERS ____ @ \$12

OF CHILD FISH ____ @ \$7

OF CHILD CHICKEN ____ @ \$7

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks payable to: STA Rosary Confraternity

Women's Cornerstone Team
will meet Mondays, February 8th & 22nd

Women's Cornerstone
March 19 & 20, 2010

"You search me... and you know me"

Psalm 139

Women's Cornerstone Retreat is coming next month!

All women of the parish 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
Joyce Cupoli	973-785-1840
Susanne Harnett	973-338-6371
Marty Levine	973-566-0416

 **Registration Form** 

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME ON YOUR BADGE: _____

ANY DIET RESTRICTIONS OR ALLERGIES?

18th Annual Holy Name Society's
"Irish Night"

Saturday, March 6, 2010,
7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle School
Herron Hall

featuring

~ JIMMY BYRNE ~

Traditional Irish Music, Irish Step Dancing,
Bag Piper, Sing-Along and Raffle

• Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner •
Irish Soda Bread • Beer • Wine • Soda • "BYOB"

Tickets: \$25.00 Per Person
(Not available at door)

Deadline: February 27, 2010

For information, call Frank Helmstetter 973-338-5872.

***** Men's Cornerstone Retreat *****
(March 12th ~ March 13th)

All Saint Thomas Men are Invited

Our Men's Cornerstone 5th annual retreat will be on March 12th & 13th here in our parish. Please don't miss this life changing experience. Brochures are at all the doors of the parish. Please take one and sign-up ASAP!

What is Cornerstone?

Cornerstone is a **26-hour retreat** which provides you with the opportunity to reflect, renew, and strengthen your faith while meeting other men in our Parish community. The retreat is hosted here at St Thomas by a group of men from our parish who have experienced last year's Cornerstone.

This retreat is a gathering of **Ordinary Men** sharing stories and life's experiences. You may share in the discussion as much or as little as you choose. This is an outstanding opportunity to:

- examine your relationship with God, your family and others in your life
- think about those things that matter to you most in an atmosphere that lends itself to reflection and contemplation
- "jump-start" your sense of belonging or involvement in our parish, and enjoy the fellowship of other men who seek to build our Christian community.

This is a great opportunity to step out of the hustle of daily life and meet and interact with other men of the parish, in a friendly, welcoming, **non-judgmental environment.**

Meetings

- **Mon., Feb. 22** - Organizational update/last witness meeting
- **Thu., March 4** - AGAPE
- **Mon., March 8** - Organizational Meeting

If you have any questions please contact our
Cornerstone Welcoming Team:

John Barbetta (973) 338-5086 jbarbetta2@verizon.net
Pat DeCotiis (973) 896-5739 pdecotiis@att.com
Dan Leon (862) 596-3589 dleon@oritani.com

Ministry of Spiritual Direction

Journey Through Lent Series

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Feb 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24

Guest Speakers Include

- Fr. Tom Blind - St Thomas Apostle Parish / Kean Univ.
- Fr Andrew Onyemaobi - St Thomas Apostle Parish
- Deacon Tom Coyle - St Thomas Apostle Parish
- Fr. Gerald McIntyre, SJ - Loyola House of Retreats
- Fr. Gerald Greaves - St Raphael Parish
- Fr. Al Berner - Caldwell College

To Register: Anna (973) 338-9190