

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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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 14, 2010 . 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, February 15

8:30 am Josephine & Dominick Tortorello – Bequest

Tuesday, February 16

7:30 am Juliana & Pedro Cayetano – Family

11:30 am Rosaria Gallo – Family

Wednesday, February 17

7:30 am Mary & Constant Montesano – Friend

11:30 am George A. Delaney – Wife

Thursday, February 18

7:30 am Gail K. Pilsbury – Husband

11:30 am Michael John Melograno – Wife

Friday, February 19

7:30 am Michael John Melograno – Wife

11:30 am Josephine & Dominick Tortorello – Bequest

Saturday, February 20

8:30 am John M. Janiec – Wife & Son

Sunday, February 21

Saturday, February 20

5:00 pm Deceased Members of the Burns & Boyle Families – Son & Daughter

Sunday, February 21

7:30 am Constant Montesano – Daughter

9:00 am Mario Lucciolo – Family

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Thomas Stile – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Christine Stile-Mazzeo, Barbara Savage, Ryan Joseph, Adrienne Wardell, Joanne & Jim Cox,

REST IN PEACE:

Thomas Fasulo, William F. Eagan
Rev. Joseph Kukura, Helen Skorupski

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Lataro Family
Rectory: Kathleen Heeney
Convent: Geraldine Halpin

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Jeremiah's contrast between those who place their trust in God and those who turn from him is stark and explicit in its imagery. Those who turn from the Lord and trust only in what they are able to see, experience barrenness of every sort. Those who turn to the Lord, on the other hand, experience abundance and fruitfulness even in the most dire of circumstances. Let us place our trust in the Lord and prosper by bearing great fruit.

SECOND READING: Paul proclaims the intimate union shared between Christ and his body, the Church, by linking the Resurrection of believers to the Resurrection of Christ. He takes the doctrine of faith in the Resurrection of Jesus and claims that to deny the general Resurrection of the dead is, in fact, to deny Christ's own. The Church rejoices for Christ has gathered us to himself and shares the full-ness of his new life with us.

GOSPEL: For Jesus, those who are poor, hungry, sorrowful, and hated exemplify those who place their trust in God and so will be blessed. On the other hand, the rich, satisfied, jocular, and well respected in this age will one day experience affliction. We are blessed when we stand with Christ, who emptied himself and stood with us in our lowliness.

Lent 2010

Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2010

7:30 a.m. Mass

11:30 a.m. Mass

4:00 p.m. Prayer Service

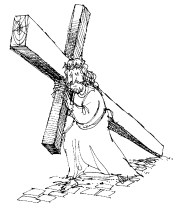
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service



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 Feb. 19 until Good Friday, April 2 when the St. Thomas Senior High Youth Group will present the **Living Stations of the Cross.**



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**

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		
8	\$75	J. E. Schulhafer Cooper
9	\$150	Cinzia R. O'Neill
10	\$50	Harold Dawson
11	\$75	Stanley Rogacki
12	\$100	Jenna Withers
13	\$75	Cielito Baytan
14	\$200	Mr. & Mrs. Imperatrice

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!!!

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

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.



AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK:	\$20,500
JANUARY 31 COLLECTION:	\$21,217
FEBRUARY 7 COLLECTION:	\$18,440
HAITI COLLECTION: CHURCH:	\$10,155
SCHOOL:	\$ 1,170

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK**

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is still going on. Please be sure to hand in your pledge this weekend.

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.

**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

*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: _____

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 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.

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 – 2/15
 PRESIDENT'S DAY – Parish Center Closed
Ash Wednesday – 2/17
 SCC Thursday – 7:00pm
Friday – 2/19
 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

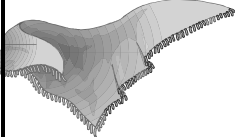
RESERVATIONS DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH
 PLEASE NO WALK-INS


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 _____ TAKE-OUT
 # OF ADULT DINNERS ____ @ \$12
 # OF CHILD DINNERS (FISH) ____ @ \$7
 # OF CHILD DINNERS (CHICKEN) ____ @ \$7
 TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks payable to: STA Rosary Confraternity

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meetings are Sunday Feb.21st & 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, call 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


RIGHT TO LIFE
 For members of our armed forces serving overseas and their families: That God will keep them safe and console them in the loneliness of separation from loved ones;
We pray to the Lord

A Note of Thanks...

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish,
On Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, your athletic association, lead by Joe Re, provided an incredible evening for our Basketball Athletes and our Special Olympics Program.

On behalf of Bloomfield Special Olympics, their families, our coaches and the VEST Staff, we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. An event such as this only happens because of your generosity, hard work, and love.

Thank You and God bless you!

Terry Nevins,
Coordinator of Bloomfield Special Olympics

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

~ ~ September Club Travel ~ ~

Upcoming 2010 Day Trips

FOR INFORMATION: CALL JEAN AT 973-777-2278

STATUE OF LIBERTY

June 24, 2010

INCLUDES:

- ROUNDRIP MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION
- ADMISSION TO THE STATUE OF LIBERTY
- LUNCHEON SPECIAL INCLUDING: SOUP OR SALAD, RICE OR CHOCOLATE PUDDING, POTATO AND VEGETABLE WITH ENTRÉE.

PRICE

MEMBERS: \$43.00 --- NONMEMBERS: \$45.00



SIGHT & SOUND THEATERS

IN LANCASTER, PA - MAY 5, 2010

The Psalms of David

INCLUDES:

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

PRICE

MEMBERS: \$80.00 --- NONMEMBERS: 82.00

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary Alliance of the Two Hearts

Communion of Reparation Vigil
First Friday – First Saturday
March 5-6, 2010 (7:00 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 7:00 p.m. with Holy Rosary 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 3:00 a.m..

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

Tony Melendez



Returns to St. Thomas
For a wonderful evening of
Music and Worship
Thursday February 25th
7pm in our church
All Are Welcome

All CCD and Confirmation Students
are encouraged to attend.
A Free will offering will be collected
to support our Youth Group

Women's Cornerstone Team
will meet Monday, February 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