

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 21, 2010 . 1st Sunday of Lent

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, February 22

7:30 am Beatrice Heney – Friends

11:30 am Louis & Lucy DeFalco - Bequest

Tuesday, February 23

7:30 am Anita Stasi – Family

11:30 am Helen McGarry – Bequest

Wednesday, February 24

7:30 am Dominick DeLena – Family

11:30 am Edward Ganning

Thursday, February 25

7:30 am Maria Sciarra – Friend

11:30 am Norma Lospaluto – Husband

Friday, February 26

7:30 am Norma Lospaluto – Husband

11:30 am Josephine & Dominick Tortorello – Bequest

Saturday, February 27

8:30 am William Mandra

Sunday, February 21

Saturday, February 27

5:00 pm Joseph & Florence Kane (Anniv.) – Family

Sunday, February 28

7:30 am Mary Shelesky – Daughter

9:00 am Anthony Meola, Jr. – Family

10:30 am Thomas Bennett – Friend

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

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

REST IN PEACE:

Eileen Keane

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

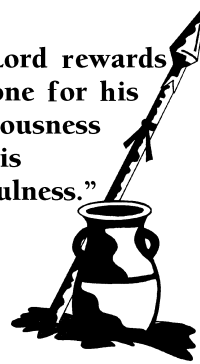
Church: Phyllis Freed

Convent: Geraldine Halpin

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www.stachurchbloomfield.com**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The Lord rewards everyone for his righteousness and his faithfulness.”



FIRST READING:

In Deuteronomy, Moses prescribes the attitude of mind and heart that ought to accompany the people's offering of the first fruits of their labor. As the people make their offering, they are to recall pative benvolence in hearing their cry and leading them by signs and wonders to freedom. Thus, the people

are to be filled with gratitude as the link God's past benevolence to God's present and ongoing blessing. God desires that we dwell in freedom.

RESPONSORIAL: In Psalm 91 the church recalls the fidelity of Jesus as he resisted temptation in the desert and begs of God the grace and presence to enable her children to cling to the Lord who delivers us from evil.

SECOND READING: In Romans, Paul underscores the saving unity of verbal confession and belief in the core of one's being, the heart. The gift of salvation is available to all, Jew and Greek, whose call on the name of the Lord flows from the depths of one's being. When our call for salvation flows from the depth of our heart, the Lord grants the gift we seek.

GOSEL: In Luke's portrayal of the temptations of Jesus, the devil quiips progress from his own words to quotations from scripture. Perceiving the ineffectiveness of his own words, the devil invokes the efficacious word of God. Yet, God's word is efficacious not whn invoked with evil intention, but with the intention of living in the truth of its spirit. The Holy Spirit enables in us the gift of discernment to recognize the truth and life-giving call of God's word.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Eucharistic Adoration this Monday, February 22, from Noon to 7:30 PM followed immediately by the Life-Awareness Holy Hour. All are invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament.



Our Pastor, Father Charles Miller, is recovering well and is very appreciative of everyone's thoughts and prayers. If anyone would like to send a greeting card, please have it sent to the parish center and we will see that he gets it.

Lent 2010 at Saint Thomas the Apostle

Community Penance Service

Monday, March 22 at 7:30 PM
Sacred Heart Church, Bloomfield
The Catholic Parishes of Bloomfield (Sacred Heart, St. Valentine's, and St. Thomas the Apostle) will have a Communal Penance Service with individual confessions.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 27
Mass at 5PM
Solemn Blessing of Palms and Procession



Sunday, March 28
Masses at 7:30, 9, 10:30, & 12 Noon.
(Palms will be distributed at all Masses.)

Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Masses at 7:30 and 11:30 AM

Sacred Triduum

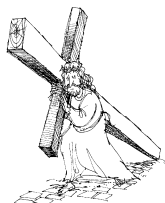
Holy Thursday, April 1

7:30 PM *Mass of the Lord's Supper*
Followed by Bread and Wine Fellowship in the Parish Center
11 PM *Night Prayer*



Good Friday, April 2

The Church will be open from 8 AM to 9 PM
8:30 AM *Morning Prayer*
3:00 PM *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*
7:30 PM Living Stations of the Cross Presented by the STA Youth Group



Holy Saturday, April 3

8:30 AM *Morning Prayer*
8:15 PM *The Great Easter Vigil*

Easter Sunday, April 4

Masses at 7:30, 9, 10:30, and 12 Noon.



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2010 LENTEN REGULATIONS

- 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 ages 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.
On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those age 14 and over are obliged by the law of abstinence.
- The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- 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.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2010 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 30, 2010.**

*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.*

LENTEN PRAYER GROUPS

Women's and Men's Lenten Reflection Groups

will be held all Tuesdays during Lent. Both groups will read, pray, and reflect on the following Sunday's Readings.



- ~ **Men will meet Tuesdays from 6am to 7am.**
Contact: Frank Mescall (973) 893-8186
- ~ **Women will meet Tuesdays 12:45pm to 2pm**
Contact: Sister Arleen (973) 338-9190

Journey Through Lent Series

7:30pm – 9:30pm Feb 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24
in the parish center

Guest Speakers Include: Fr. Tom Blind, Fr Andrew Onyemaobi, Deacon Tom Coyle, Fr. Gerald McIntyre, SJ of Loyola House of Retreats, Fr. Gerald Greaves of St Raphael Parish, and Fr. Al Berner from Caldwell College

To Register: Anna (973) 338-9190

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

15	\$50	Nigel Gopaul
16	\$75	Connie Sozio
17	\$50	Sharon Snell
18	\$75	Ken Kopacz
19	\$250	Diane Torsiello
20	\$50	Neil Levine
21	\$150	Dr. & Mrs. John DiCamillo

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!!!

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

**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

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 on Friday, March 5th before 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

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 2/22

- September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
- Eucharistic Adoration – 12Noon – 7:30pm in Church
- Respect Life – 7:30pm in Church

Wednesday – 2/24

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm

Friday – 2/26

- Tax Preparations – 10:00am to 12:00pm in St. Peter
- SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter
- Stations of the Cross

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

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.

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
or Rich Bevere at 973-338-6444

**You're Invited to the 33rd Annual
STA Tricky Tray!
Thursday, March 18, 2010**



Join us for an evening of fun and prizes!

All proceeds to support the children of St. Thomas the Apostle School.

THE BETHWOOD, TOTOWA, NJ
Doors open at 6:30 pm

Dinner includes salad, chicken française, dessert and coffee/tea (cash bar). Each ticket is \$35 per person. This event is open to adults only. Please indicate below how many tickets you would like. If you would like to sit with certain people, indicate who and we will take this into consideration when making the final seating arrangements. **Admission tickets will not be sold at the door!** Your tickets will be mailed to your home.

I would like # _____ admission tickets @ \$35 each for a total cost of \$ _____ (check included payable to STA Home and School Association)

I prefer to sit with: _____

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

**** Return this form to St. Thomas the Apostle School by dropping off or mailing to 50 Byrd Avenue in Bloomfield attention Tricky Tray reservations. Any questions or for more information please call our tricky tray chair Shana Polak at 974-771-1760. ****

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?

Tony Melendez



Returns to St. Thomas for a wonderful evening of Music and Worship
Thursday, February 25th at
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

*** 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 Barbeta (973) 338-5086 jbarbeta2@verizon.net

Pat DeCotiis (973) 896-5739 pdecotiis@att.com

Dan Leon (862) 596-3589 dleon@oritani.com

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



RIGHT TO LIFE

For all who've helped a family member or friend obtain an abortion: that the grace of repentance will lead them to Confession and the great gift of Divine Mercy;

We pray to the Lord