

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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## PERMANENT DEACONS:

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## 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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Tracey Rennie

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE  
FOR PARISH MINISTRY:  
Sister Arleen Crimmins, O.P.

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Ms. Joan Ferraer

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL  
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Nancy A. Cardone

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MUSIC MINISTERS:  
Kimberley Mesiti

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& 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

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March 7, 2010 . 3rd Sunday of Lent

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, March 7**

**Saturday, March 6**

**5:00 pm For the People of the Parish**

**Sunday, March 7**

**7:30 am Douglas Myers – Family**

**9:00 am Anna & Carlo Granata – Children**

**10:30 am Cathy Russo – Niece**

**12:00 pm Ozzie R. Siconolfi – Family**

**Monday, March 8**

**7:30 am Rosalie Collins – Family**

**11:30 am Jack Lingle – Family**

**Tuesday, March 9**

**7:30 am Juan Aggabao, Sr. – Family**

**11:30 am Loretta Donatiello – Family**

**Wednesday, March 10**

**7:30 am Mary Montesano – Daughter**

**11:30 am Pedro & Paulita Canlas – Mom & Dad**

**Thursday, March 11**

**7:30 am Frederick Balma – Family**

**11:30 am Rose McGarry – Bequest**

**Friday, March 12**

**7:30 am Frederick Balma – Friend**

**11:30 am Annemarie Boyar – Aunt**

**Saturday, March 13**

**8:30 am Edvige Reboa – Family**

**Sunday, March 14**

**Saturday, March 13**

**5:00 pm Amy Poster – Mother & Sisters**

**Sunday, March 14**

**7:30 am For the People of the Parish**

**9:00 am Aldo & Iris Arrigoni – Friend**

**10:30 am Antoinette Santora – Family**

**12:00 pm John Janiec – Friend**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**


Mark Catona, Ryan Joseph, Fr. Charles Miller

**REST IN PEACE:**

Albert Lang, Michael Monetti, Helen Cox, Adelina Brongo


**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Raymond Rhinesmith



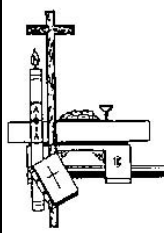
At the burning bush on Mount Horeb, God reveals his name and nature to Moses. In the revelation of his name, "I am who I am" (Exodus 3:14), God makes known his eternal and life-giving presence to his people. In the revelation of his nature, as a God of compassion and liberation, God makes known his tenderness and care for us. In entrusting his name to us, God assures his people that when they call upon him, he is present in compassion and power.

**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.

<b>FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$18,133</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$22,911</b>
<b>AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK:</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>



**2011 MASS BOOK OPENING**  
**Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-1pm**  
**in the parish Center.**

Masses from January through December of 2011 will be scheduled. We will be taking intentions for 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. daily masses and weekend Masses. We ask that you please limit the number of Masses you reserve. For this reason we are limiting Mass reservations on opening day to a maximum of two weekend Masses or four weekday Masses. For example, one can reserve four weekday Masses *or* two weekday and two weekend Masses. Perhaps a birthday or anniversary might be an initial date – thus giving all Parishioners the opportunity to reserve the dates and times they may wish. Another way to remember your deceased loved ones would be to make donations to our Memorial Fund. The Memorial Fund allows us to purchase needed Vestments, Altar Linens, Vessels, etc. to be used at the celebration of Mass. Also available are Sanctuary Offerings which include the Sanctuary Candles in Church, the Rectory and the Convent. They burn weekly in memory of your loved ones as well as for special intentions: birthdays, anniversaries, improved health, etc. Cards are available announcing your donation to both the Memorial Fund and the Sanctuary Candles.

**Visit our website at:**  
**[www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com)**

# Lent 2010 at Saint Thomas the Apostle

## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening throughout Lent up until Good Friday when the St. Thomas Senior High Youth Group will present the **Living Stations of the Cross**. (see below)



## 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.**

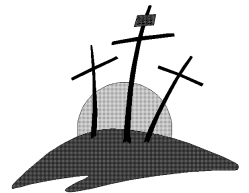
\*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

## 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 March 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!**

**MARCH**

1	\$100	Richard Zingaro
2	\$75	June Stollenmaier
3	\$50	Sister Elizabeth Scheick
4	\$75	Daniel Treacy
5	\$50	Rose Adam
6	\$75	Elizabeth Ehrbar
7	\$200	Judy Sierchio

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!!!**

**Confirmation Classes Begin  
March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010!!!**

*We welcome into our Community of Faith  
With our prayers and good wishes,  
Our newly Baptized...*



**Daniel Christopher Moleski**

*Parents: Donna M. (Cupoli) & David C. Moleski*

**Riley Charlotte Torraca**

*Parents: Chinnereth (Florentino) & Nicola Torraca*

**Alexander Andry Anwar**

*Parents: Kimberly (Kline) & Andry Anwar*

**Peter Nicholas Fryer**

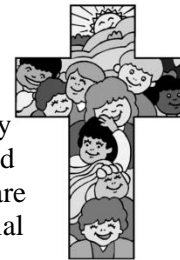
*Parents: Maurizia (Corrao) & Ian Fryer*

**Sophie Annette La Monica &**

**Chloe Anne La Monica**

*Parents: Jessica (Oufiero) & Peter La Monica*

**Religious Education News**



This weekend we will have First Communicants at all of the masses handing out their handprints. We ask each family to take a handprint and pray for that child as well as all of the other children who are working so hard to prepare for this special sacrament.

Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> was the First Communion Gathering. This was a special day of prayer, reflection, and fun for the families of children preparing for First Communion. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave so freely of their Saturday to spend time with our children – John Colby, Frank Karkut, Gerrie Michalek, Kim Baldasare, Lillian Donatiello, Janice Mandra, and Maria De Rosa. A special thank you, also, to all the Confirmation Candidates who helped make this day a big success.

**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**

**“THIS WEEK”**

**Monday – 3/8**

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

**Wednesday – 3/10**

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

**Friday – 3/12**

Tax Preparations – 10:00am to 12:00pm in St. Peter

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm in Church

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH CENTER FROM 7-9PM. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

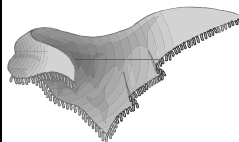
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

3/7 REGULAR MEETING

3/13 CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT [tdennin@att.net](mailto:tdennin@att.net)

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**



**Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 21st at 11:30am in the Parish Center.** We are in need of prayer shawls. Shawls should be long enough 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 at 973-893-0114, Sister Arleen at 973-338-9190, or Alicia at 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 EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>.

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.

## ~ ~ September Club Travel ~ ~

**Upcoming 2010 Day Trips**  
FOR INFORMATION: CALL JEAN AT 973-777-2278

### STATUE OF LIBERTY

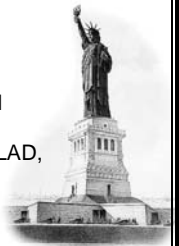
June 24, 2010

**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



### **Moving? Please let us know.**

Within the parish – to update new address  
Out of parish – to discontinue mailings  
**Call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190.**

## You're Invited to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual STA Tricky Tray! Thursday, March 18, 2010

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



Join us for an  
evening of fun and prizes!

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 March 19 & 20, 2010

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

*Psalm 139*

**STA's 2010 Women's Cornerstone Retreat is upon us!** The team members have spoken with many women who have stated "I'm thinking about coming." We need you to fill out the registration form. They can be found in church and in the parish center.

**Please come. Do something for yourself this Lenten season. We promise you won't regret it!**

**\*\*\* Men's Cornerstone Retreat \*\*\***

**(March 12th ~ March 13<sup>th</sup>)**

**All Saint Thomas Men are Invited**

Please don't miss this life changing experience. Brochures are at all the doors of the parish. Please take one and sign-up ASAP!

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, to think about those things that matter to you most in an atmosphere that lends itself to reflection and contemplation, to "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.

**Meeting Mon., March 8** - Organizational Meeting

Questions? Please contact our 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

Thanks from the

*STA Open-Arms Ministry*

St. Thomas the Apostle OPEN-ARMS Ministry to those with HIV/AIDS extends sincere thanks to the Shawl Ministry, The Youth Group, and the Food Pantry for their continued support. The Shawl Ministry lovingly fashioned warm scarves and the Youth Group provided delicious cookies and brownies for the residents of Broadway House in Newark, NJ. The Food Pantry has provided much needed food items to those living at St. Bridget's Residence in Newark, NJ. The help and support of all these fellow parishioners is always gratefully accepted and appreciated. The smiles and comfort generated by these contributions are priceless. Many, many thanks to all. For more information about Open-Arms, please call Frank Rubino at 973-284-0427.

**Pornography Kills the Family, Soul, and Nation**

There are many internet pornography filters on the market, but these are not without their problems. Some filters fail to block all pornographic and other inappropriate sites, while sometimes blocking innocent material. However, there is a product on the market, called CovenantEyes, that is more than a filter. It holds one accountable to another person for every web page visited. While we can not officially endorse a particular product, we do know this to be helpful and a step beyond ordinary filters. As we become familiar with other products like this we will keep you informed. In the meantime, you can find information on CovenantEyes at each entrance to the church. Studies have demonstrated the following points.

- The use of pornography has been linked to sexual promiscuity, marital infidelity, divorce, rape, and incest.
- There are over 420 million pornographic web pages.
- The porn industry is a multi-billion dollar a year industry (97 billion in 2006).
- 90% of 8-16 year olds have viewed porn online.
- Children 12-17 are the largest group of online viewers of pornography.
- 50% of churchgoing men use pornography
- One in six women are addicted to porn.
- Science has shown that pornography is not only addicting, it actually produces changes in the brain that are similar to those who have drug addictions.

As Catholics we can see the terrible irony that porn glorifies the body to the point that it destroys the dignity of the person. Once our sexuality is separated from who we are as God's children, as persons created in His image and likeness, then we become less like our heavenly Father, and distort our image of ourselves and those around us.

**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](mailto:workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com)

**HE WAS LASHED -  
and we were healed!**  
ISAIAH 53:5