

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Parochial Vicars: Rev. Andrew N. Onyemaobi, M.Div., M.A. • Rev. Camilo E. Cruz, M. Div.
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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
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

January 23, 2011 . 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, January 23

Saturday, January 22

5:00 pm Louis Scaglione – Family

Sunday, January 23

7:30 am Jacob Szajkowski – Daughters

9:00 am Dennis Mc Donald – Family

10:30 am Klenk Family – Bequest

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, January 24

7:30 am Jacqueline Sefjack – Husband

11:30 am Marie Reitz – Family

Tuesday, January 25

7:30 am Frank Steransky – Family

11:30 am Mildred Henrichsen – Friend

Wednesday, January 26

7:30 am Juan Aggabao, Jr. (33rd Anniv.) – Family

11:30 am Charles Featherstone – Friends

Thursday, January 27

7:30 am Elizabeth Linck – Family

11:30 am Paula Blackman

Friday, January 28

7:30 am Elizabeth Dressler – Friend

11:30 pm David & Donald Stefanelli – Family

Saturday, January 29

8:30 am Eileen Teitschied – Friend

Sunday, January 30

Saturday, January 29

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 30

7:30 am Paul Pawlikowski – Friends

9:00 am Joseph & Anna Stevens – Family

10:30 am Edward J. Norman – Family

12:00 pm Salvatore Nesto, Sr. (7th Anniv.) – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

James H. Lynch, Barbara Savage, Allan White,
Lois Cunningham, Billy Kleissler, Aiden Bedi,
Frank Korec, Mildred Finlay, Mary Pederson

REST IN PEACE:

Michael Kubym, Lucille Purcell

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Carmen & Dorothy LaVorgna



Be united in the same mind

1 Cor 1:10

The liturgy of these first Sundays in Ordinary Time flows naturally out of the themes and images of the Christmas season. That is especially clear in the readings for this Sunday. Epiphany is not a one-time event. The showing-forth, the manifestation of Christ, is an ongoing reality.

FIRST READING: Isaiah may sound familiar. That's because we heard it at the Midnight Mass of Christmas. We hear it today because of its connection to the Gospel reading, where it is quoted at some length by Matthew. Isaiah speaks of a people who "walked in darkness" (Isaiah 9:1). This doesn't mean that the sun never shone in Zebulun and Naphtali. Rather, this is a spiritual darkness. The yoke, the pole, and the rod are all implements associated with beasts of burden; the people Isaiah speaks about have been driven by oppression, like oxen before the plow. But the light of God brings freedom, justice, and joy into their darkness.

RESPONSORIAL: Responsorial Psalm 27, with its imagery of light, is the perfect response to the Isaiah reading.

SECOND READING: We continue our reading from 1 Corinthians. Paul's letter is full of challenges for this young Christian community, and here, early in the letter, he urges them to unity. Already they are divided by "rivalries" (1 Corinthians 1:11), as some claim allegiance to one leader, while others adhere to someone else. But in powerful language Paul makes the point that it is not the minister of Baptism who matters—but the Christ in whom all are baptized. Paul then speaks of his own mission to preach the Gospel, and "not with the wisdom of human eloquence" (1 Corinthians 1:17); thus, distancing himself from the kind of empty argumentation that had divided the Corinthians community.

THE GOSPEL gives us Matthew's account of the beginning of Jesus' ministry—his preaching and calling of the first disciples. The first words of the reading are significant: "When Jesus heard that John had been arrested" (Matthew 4:12). The arrest of John does not frighten Jesus into silence; instead, it stirs him to action. It seems almost to be what Jesus has been waiting for before beginning his own mission. From the first, Matthew's account of the Gospel has anticipated the suffering messiah will undergo—look at the infancy narrative, with its emphasis on the confusion of Joseph, the cruelty of Herod, the exile of the Holy Family. That pattern will continue in the weeks to come, as Matthew's account unfolds.

Another theme also emerges here, though, and that is the fulfillment of the prophets' words. Matthew quotes Isaiah at some length, helping us to see the fulfillment of these words in Jesus.

**Visit our website at:
www.stachurchbloomfield.com**

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS



**Hosted by
St Thomas the Apostle
Home & School Assoc.**

**Performed by SurfFlight Theatre
Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011 @ 3:00 p.m.
in the Auditorium** * Doors open 2:30 p.m.
Limited seating. Order your tickets today!
All orders due by January 23, 2011

Family Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____


City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Quantity: Adults @ \$12.00 _____

Children 12 & under @ \$10.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Checks payable to: STA Home & School Assoc.
Mail to: St. Thomas the Apostle School Office
Att: Marilyn Sartori or Barbara Espinal
50 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003
Ticket Questions ? Call Marilyn @ 973-634-7789
or Barbara @ 973-224-0480

St. Thomas the Apostle School
MOMMY 'n ME PLAYGROUP
Tuesday Mornings 
11:00 a.m. till 11:45 in the school gym

- ☺ The playgroup will serve children from 2-4 years old
- ☺ The playgroup aims to promote new and lasting friendships for both children and their parents.
- ☺ Parents will be responsible for the supervision of their children at all times.
- ☺ If you, or a friend, have any questions, please call the school office at **973-338-8505**.

Free program!
www.stthomastheapostlenj.com

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO OUR
OPEN HOUSE**



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
and TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST**

- † **PARISHIONERS**, please stop by and see how your contributions help our school.
- † **ALUMNI**, please stop by and say hello.
- † **NEW FAMILIES**, please stop by and explore our wonderful school:

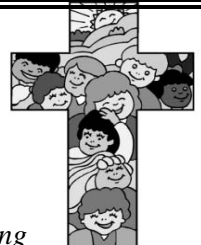
- Pre K3 through 8th grades
- Middle States Accredited
- Full-Day or Half-Day Pre K 3 & 4
- Full-Day or Half-Day Kindergarten
- BeforeCare & AfterCare programs
- Advanced Technology
- Jr. High Science / Synergistics Program
- Physical Education for all grades
- Spanish & Italian Classes
- Art & Music Classes
- Wide Variety of Extra-Curricular Activities



ATTENTION STA ALUMNI

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

Religious Education News



Congratulations to the 97 children who received their First Penance this weekend. The second graders have been working very hard memorizing their prayers and learning about God's love and forgiveness.

Thank you to all their families and teachers who have put in so much time, energy, and enthusiasm in helping to prepare the children for this special day. Our Grade 2 CCD teachers are Monica Nader, Kim Baldasare, Gerrie Michalek, Maria DeRosa, Nina Ofsak, and Eileen O'Grady and our STA school teacher is Ellen Naughton. We ask that you continue to remember these children and teachers in your prayers as they now begin preparations for First Holy Communion in the spring.

First Communion Parent's meeting dates – Monday, January 31st or Wednesday, February 2 at 7:00 in Herron Hall. This is a mandatory meeting for all parents of children in second grade. Important information about First Communion will be distributed. Parents may attend either meeting.

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

“THIS WEEK”

Monday – 1/24

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Wednesday – 1/26

SCC Wednesday/Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Andrew

Friday – 1/28

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

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

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. 120. 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.

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. The year to date (YTD) amount compared to the budget is also shown below. This line will be updated monthly.



Amount Budgeted:	20,500
January 16th collection:	19,395
YTD Amount Dec. 31st:	(-40,407)

Right to Life



For all prisoners on death row: That our Lord's promise of his Divine Mercy will transform their hearts and lead them to repentance, and that, by following the example of Divine Mercy, their lives may be spared;

We pray to the Lord

You're Invited to the 34th Annual STA Tricky Tray!



**Thursday, March 3, 2011 @ 6:30pm
The Brownstone, Paterson NJ**

**Join us for an evening of fun and prizes!
GREAT DINNER-GREAT COMPANY-COOL PRIZES!!!!**

Admission tickets can be purchased for \$35 per person. Includes dinner (salad, main course, dessert ,coffee/tea).

Cash Bar - Adults only!! - Doors open at 6:30pm.

Please complete the form below and return to the school office ATTN: TRICKY TRAY TICKETS, no later than February 14th! Admission tickets will be mailed home.

We hope to see you there! Bring your family & friends!!

Please contact Michelle Jaworski @ 816-686-2400 or Blanca DelRio-Munoz @ 973-634-2324 with questions.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER FEBRUARY 14, 2011

I would like # _____ tickets @ \$35 each for a total cost of \$_____ (checks payable to STA Home & School)

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

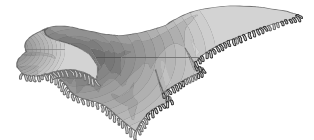
I prefer to sit with: _____

JOB SEEKERS GROUP

Don't let your job search get you down. St. Thomas's Work Ministry offers a free, comfortable place to find support, ideas, and inspiration.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:30 in the Parish Center. Keep checking the bulletin for our programs geared to help in your job search. All are welcome to join us if you are looking for a job or need a person to fill a position. For more info, send an e-mail to workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry



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

All are welcome to work and pray with us. We are again in need of shawls. Our present project is to again, make red scarves measuring 7 inches by 60 inches for the Aids patients at Broadway House. Our Youth Group will give the scarves, along with cookies they will make for Valentine's Day. If you have any questions or you wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact the Ministry Bernadette at 973-893-0114, Sister Arleen at 973-338-9190 or Alicia at 973-473-6633

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 2009 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 JANUARY 28, 2011 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2011.

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.

Women & Spirit:

Catholic Sisters in America

Catholic Sisters in America, a traveling exhibit sponsored by the Leadership Council of Women Religious (LCWR) is at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, Statue of Liberty National Monument through January 22, 2011. This creative and compelling exhibit illustrates the enormous impact the lives of these remarkable women have had and continue to have on both our church and our nation's history. Visit www.womenandspirit.org for more information.

ARE YOU GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL? DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER IN THE HOSPITAL?



We would like to visit our parishioners who are homebound, in the hospital or other health care facility. Because of patient confidentiality laws, however, the only way we can know is if someone informs us. Call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190, leaving your name and number so we may return your call, or you may leave the information at the Parish Desk on Sunday mornings.

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH YOUR LOSS

We will gather on
THIS SUNDAY, Jan. 23, 2011 – 1:00-2:15 p.m.
in the Parish Center

Our theme will be:
We Are God's Work of Art

Questions?
Please call Sister Arleen at 973-338-9190 ex.133

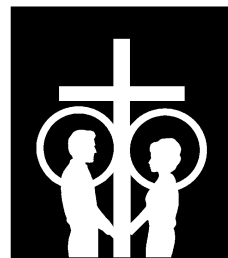
St. Thomas the Apostle Mission Statement

The Roman Catholic faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle recognizes God's call to be a sign of His Kingdom in the communities we serve. We respond to this call by:

- † Leading people to a deeper relationship with Christ by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, renewal, education, the celebration of the Sacraments, and the worship of God in the sacred liturgy;
- † Encouraging a commitment to justice and to service of those in need;
- † Promoting good stewardship of our time, talent and treasure;
- † Building a community of hospitality and support in the daily living out of Christian ideals by nourishing mutual respect and understanding within our Church, our families, our community, and other faith traditions.



LOST AND FOUND BOXES ARE LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AS WELL AS IN THE PARISH CENTER. THERE ARE GLASSES, GLOVES, ELECTRONICS KEYS, SCARVES, JACKETS, ETC. STOP BY TO SEE IF ANYTHING MAY BELONG TO YOU.



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

On Sunday, February 13th, 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 2010 (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 2011, please call the Parish Center by Monday, Feb. 7th 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.

19th Annual Holy Name Society's



"Irish Night"

featuring

MIKE BYRNE

**Saturday, February 26, 2011, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.
St. Thomas the Apostle School – Herron Hall**

*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 12, 2011

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

Or Rich Beverer at 973-338-6444

MILITARY MASS IN ORANGE

Will commemorate Civil War's 150th Anniversary On Sunday, February 20, 2011, Fr. David Moreno, SDB, Chaplain of the 7th Regiment New Jersey Volunteer Infantry Civil War enactors, will celebrate a Civil War Military Mass at Our Lady of the Valley Church, 510 Valley St., in Orange. At the Mass, which is scheduled for 12:15 p.m., Fr. Moreno will be joined by dozens of enactors from the 2nd New Jersey Brigade and other living history organizations who will participate in their Civil War uniforms and dresses. The Mass will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War which is generally considered to have started with the bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861. An Abraham Lincoln impersonator will present Lincoln's "Farewell to Springfield" address, Lincoln's words of farewell to his home town of Springfield, Illinois, on the occasion of his departure for his inauguration in Washington, DC.

The Mass will include Latin chants, and Civil War-era Mass vestments, and hymns, and will be followed by a three-volley military salute and the playing of "Taps" to honor all who fell during the Civil War. A light luncheon, courtesy of the OLV Health & Wellness Ministry, will follow in the parish center on Nassau St. For more information about the Mass contact Fr. Moreno at 973-674-2400 or ChaplainDM@gmail.com



Catholic Charities

HEALTHY CHILDREN, HEALTHY FAMILIES

IMPORTANT

*You may be eligible
for free or low cost health insurance coverage
for your children
through NJ. Family Care.*

Call Catholic Charities' **Healthy Children, Healthy Families** Outreach Program today to learn more. A trained staff person will review eligibility requirements, help enroll your family and do follow up. If you already participate in this program and need to renew your policy will be happy to assist you. Please call (973) 266-7947 for more information.



Moving?

Please let us know.

Within the parish – to update new address
Out of parish – to discontinue mailings

Please call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190.

Save the Date !!!

Don't Miss The 40th Reunion of the Class of 1971



St. Thomas the Apostle

*Saturday March 12, 2011 7:00pm
50 Burd Avenue Bloomfield NJ*

\$50.00 per person

The Graduating Class of 1971 is having its 40th Reunion on March 12, 2011. It is scheduled to be held in Herron Hall. We are still in the process of locating some of our classmates. If you were a member of that class, or know someone who was, and have contact information, please call **Chris Helm at 973-951-7669** or email him at **chrishelm@optonline.net**