

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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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
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Tracey Rennie

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Michael Pasquale, Secretary

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Peter Maulbeck, Finance Council
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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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COMMUNITY
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January 30, 2011 . 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, January 31

7:30 am Gina Safonte – Parents

11:30 am Elena Borgonsoli – Son

Tuesday, February 1

7:30 am Christina Kulesza – Family

11:30 am George A. Delaney – Family

Wednesday, February 2

7:30 am Emily Polo – Friend

11:30 am Marie Raimo (36th Anniv.) – Sister

Thursday, February 3

7:30 am Mary Fagan – Family

11:30 am Tom Devine – Father

Friday, February 4

7:30 am Elaine Konczal – Family

11:30 pm Anna Sleith – Family

Saturday, February 5

8:30 am Josefa Agilda Agruño – Friends

Sunday, February 6

Saturday, February 5

5:00 pm John Giampapa, Sr. – Family

Sunday, February 6

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Mamie & Louis De Cicco – Daughter

10:30 am Sadie Burns – Family

12:00 pm Anna & Anthony Argenziano – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Jean Janulin, Barbara Savage, Allan White,
Lois Cunningham, Billy Kleissler, Aiden Bedi,
Frank Korec, Mary Pederson, Halle Ava Barrett

REST IN PEACE:

Mildred Finlay, Sr. Regina Ann Shannon
Sr. Margaret Elaine Ormond

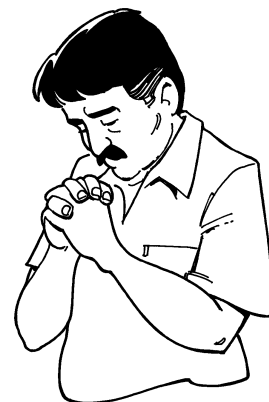
CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Michael Rubinstein

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

“Blessed are
the poor in
spirit, for
theirs is the
kingdom of
heaven.”

Mt 5:3



The liturgy of today asks the question of what it means to be lowly. And the answer might surprise us.

FIRST READING: The prophet Zephaniah calls on all the “humble of the earth” to seek the Lord (Zephaniah 2:3). This reading draws on two passages of hope in the midst of Zephaniah’s prophecy, which is filled with gloom and warnings of destruction (much of the imagery of the famous sequence *Dies Irae* is drawn from this prophet). But for a “remnant” (Zephaniah 3:12), there will be a safety in “justice” and “humility” (Zephaniah 2:3). Who are the humble? Those who trust in God rather than themselves; those who follow God’s law in their lives, speaking the truth and doing nothing wrong. Humility is active, not passive.

RESPONSORIAL: Responsorial Psalm 146 is about God’s favorites—for God does have favorites. He favors the oppressed, the hungry, the imprisoned; the blind, the stranger, the orphan, and the widow. The antiphon, which is drawn from today’s Gospel, summarizes the psalm nicely—it is the “poor in spirit” who possess the kingdom of God.

SECOND READING: We continue to read 1 Corinthians. This passage fits in beautifully with today’s other readings. Last Sunday, we heard about the rivalries that threatened to divide the young community. Now, St. Paul reminds them where they came from. Not many in this Christina assembly were people of status in society—rich, powerful, well born. And yet, they were chosen by God for new life in Christ. Paul tells them that it was not in spite of their lowliness, but *because* of it, that God chose them. They are a living member that all people, the “nothings” as well as the “somethings,” are small in comparison with God.

THE GOSPEL: We hear the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus reminds the disciples about who God loves: “the poor in spirit” (Matthew 5:3), the mourners, the meek. Notice that the Beatitudes all begin “Blessed are” —not “blessed will be.” “The rewards assured to disciples are already experienced to a degree in the present time,” writes Barbara Reid (*New Colledgeville Bible Commentary*, p. 33), “but await fulfillment at the end time.” As we explore the Beatitudes, we see, as in the reading from Zephaniah, that to be lowly and humble is not to be passive. Those who are blessed by God do suffer in patience, but they also act, making peace, showing mercy, hungering and thirsting for righteousness.

From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Parishioners,

It is my happy task to inform you that 20 members of our parish have completed their training and formation as new **Special Ministers of Communion**. This week we have received a mandate for each of them from Archbishop Myers delegating them to serve the people of St. Thomas the Apostle in this special ministry.

The Archbishop's mandate has been given to:

Greg Capobianco
Rafaella Ciulla
Paul Ennis
Jose R. Gorospe
Nancy Joseph
Marian Mulvihill
Eileen O'Grady
Luis M. Ros
Phyllis Scimone
Steve Tice

Linda Carr
Ann Corrado-Georgetti
Cris Escobinas
Kerline Jean-Francois
Jeanette Mayer
Barbara O'Donnell
John Rennie
Angelo Salgado, Jr.
Elaine Tanimura
Thomas R. Vena

The liturgical commissioning ceremony will take during all the masses this weekend. On behalf of all of us I thank them for their willingness to serve and offer congratulations as they begin their new ministry.



Next weekend, February 5-6, is the annual **Archbishop's Annual Appeal** here in the Archdiocese of Newark. Brochures explaining the *Appeal*, how it works and who it helps, are available at the doors of the Church as you leave today. Take one home, become more informed, as you decide how you can participate in helping to provide Catholic Education, Campus Ministry, Seminary Training, Hospital Chaplains, Personal and Marriage Counseling, Spiritual Formation and more, for you and all the Catholics of our area.

In the Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. Charles J. Miller".

*Rev. Charles J. Miller,
Pastor*

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

 **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

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 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: _____

Religious Education News

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING SUMMER CCD REGISTRATIONS:

Registration for Summer CCD begins Mon., Jan. 31, 2011. Forms may be downloaded from our website at stachurchbloomfield.com starting Sunday at 2:00 PM or may be completed in person at the Religious Education Office starting the 31st at 8:45am. Please do NOT drop off the forms until 8:45 am on the 31st or they will NOT be accepted. Please note that this program fills up very quickly and only completed registrations will be accepted. A completed registration package includes – a registration form, a behavior contract, and a volunteer sheet – all three forms must be handed in to begin processing the registration. If your child attended Summer CCD last year they are NOT automatically accepted into the program this summer. All completed registration forms MUST be dropped off ONLY in the Religious Education Office which is located in the basement of St. Thomas School. Registrations dropped off in the STA School Office or in the Parish Center will NOT be accepted. Please note that this program is for St. Thomas parishioners only. As always, volunteers are needed for all grades. Any questions – please call the Religious Education Office at 338-7400. Thank you.

First Communion Parent's meeting dates – Mon., Jan. 31st or Wed., Feb. 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 – 1/31

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Wednesday – 2/2

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

Thursday – 2/3

Job Seekers – 7:30pm in St. Peter

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 23rd collection: 15,955

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO OUR



OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JAN. 30 10 A.M. - 2 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.

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.

***Thanks* FROM ST JOSEPH SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER**

Thanks so much to all who coordinated the Giving Tree project and those who donated new clothing, toys, food and monetary gifts at Christmas time. You made it possible for many people to enjoy a wonderful holiday! Because of your kindness, they received warm clothing, hot meals and gifts for their children. In the true spirit of Christmas, you shared with those in need! May this new year bring you many blessings of peace, love and joy!

Rosary Society Meeting

Join us as we pray the Rosary on Monday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. in Church with our meeting following immediately after. Bring a friend. New members are all welcome. Thank you. Any questions, please call Rosalie Mescall at 973-893-8186.



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

JOB SEEKERS GROUP

"Don't Just Think Outside the Box – Think Out of This World" (2011 Job Search Strategies) presented by Abby Kohut, known on the web as Absolutely Abby (www.absolutelyabby.com)

When: Thurs., Feb. 17, from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: St. Thomas the Apostle, Parish Center

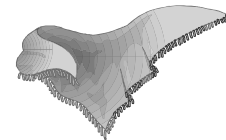
Join us for a free presentation to get a new angle on your job search. Abby's articles on AbsolutelyAbby.com and her bi-weekly Career Wake Up Calls inspire job seekers to stay motivated as they continue their search for their ideal job – Learn how to see the light when there doesn't appear to be any, how to uncover the hidden job market, – How to turn misfortune into opportunity – Learn to differentiate yourself in order to win the race to the finish line.

Please reserve your seat by Monday, February 14, 2011 by e-mailing workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com

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

Red scarves for the residences of Broadway House must be dropped off at Sister Arleen's office no later than Sunday Feb. 13th. They should measure approximately 7 inches by 60 inches. Our present count is 40 and we are hoping for 60! Our Youth Group will give the scarves, along with cookies they will make, for Valentine's Day. We are again in need of shawls. Our next meeting is Sun., Feb. 20th from 11:30 to 2PM at the Parish Center. Come work and pray with us. If you have any questions or you wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact the Ministry -- Bernadette @ 973-893-0114 Sister Arleen @ 973-338-9190, Alicia @ 973-473-6633 Let us continue to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them



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 '10 celebrating your 1st 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"

Donation: \$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

Come support the Bloomfield Chapter of the Special Olympics square off in their 5th annual tournament at Saint Thomas the Apostle School Gymnasium on February 4th at 6:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Bloomfield Special Olympics. There will be food, refreshments, contests and prizes. Anthony Cianci, an altar server and volunteer at Saint Thomas, is one of the athletes.

Women's Cornerstone
COMING THE WEEKEND OF
March 25th & 26th.

OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS:



ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN AT THE WELL.

*Based on the scripture reading:
Women at the well.*

Please mark your calendars to come and join us.
More information will follow!
The Cornerstone Team

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE 2011

Rise Up, O Men of God!

www.rcan.org/menscommission

Main Celebrant:

Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D

***As Iron Sharpens Iron,
One Man Sharpens Another.***

This conference will focus on bringing men together to form a brotherhood that goes beyond the conference, and helps you strengthen your faith, your family and identity as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Come join us for an unforgettable experience of over a thousand of Catholic men gather for a day devoted to hearing some of the most dynamic Catholic speakers in the country share the truth of the Gospel and call all men to live out their faith with courage and holy boldness!

Prepare to be inspired!

Prepare to be challenged!

Prepare to be blessed!

This conference is about building strong, virtuous, brave Christian men! Come see what that means.

Fathers are encouraged to bring their older teenage and young adult sons for a life changing experience for you both!

"Hear, O sons, the instruction of a father and give attention that you may gain understanding." -

Proverbs: 4:1

Save the Date !!!

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



Saturday March 12, 2011 7:00pm
50 Byrd 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**