

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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Mr. Timothy Dennin

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Eileen Conte, Chairperson
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Michael Pasquale, Secretary

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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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COMMUNITY
SERVICES
OFFERING SOCIAL
SERVICE ASSISTANCE
1(800) CCS-7413
Fax: 596-3735

February 6, 2011 . 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, February 7

7:30 am Josephine & Dominick Tortorello – Bequest

11:30 am Veronica Kievit – Husband

Tuesday, February 8

7:30 am Ana Schuerzoski – Friend

11:30 am Patricia A. Verderami – Friend

Wednesday, February 9

7:30 am Italo Gonnella – Family

11:30 am Ann Martine – Friends

Thursday, February 10

7:30 am Gail K. Pilsbury – Husband

11:30 am Joseph Imfeld (25th Anniv.) – Family

Friday, February 11

7:30 am Edna A. Carlos – Bequest

11:30 pm Jacob Szajkowski – Family

Saturday, February 12

8:30 am Edward Ganning – Wife

Sunday, February 13

Saturday, February 12

5:00 pm James Palagano – Family

Sunday, February 13

7:30 am Jane & Joseph Beard – Family

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Joseph Russomanno (4th Anniv.) – Family

12:00 pm Alfred & Mildred Paul – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Jean Janulin, Marion Molnar Allan White,
Frank Korec, Halle Ava Barrett

REST IN PEACE:

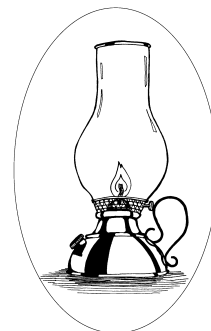
Jennie Janulin, Selina Marafiotte,
Joan Young, Phyllis G. Ferrara

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Joseph Russomanno
Convent: Sr. Regina Ann Shannon

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Light is one of our central symbols, especially in the season of Christmas—and light is the unifying theme of today's readings. But whose light? Christ is out light—and we are called to be light.

FIRST READING:

Justice is closely linked to the favor of God. The reading begins with a litany of just actions, works of mercy: feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked. Do all this, and then, God says through the prophet, "Your light shall break forth like the dawn" (Isaiah 58:8). *Your* light, the prophet says. This light seems almost like a beacon, for when God sees this light of ours, he will respond to our prayers. The second half of the reading reiterates this idea. When we act justly, darkness is scattered.

RESPONSORIAL:

Responsorial Psalm 112 is a description of the just person, who "is a light in darkness to the upright" (antiphon). The point is clear: if we act justly, we bring light into the world, we *become* light.

SECOND READING:

The Second Reading gives us one example of how to be salt and light for others. Paul, in preaching the Gospel message to the Corinthians, did not rely on himself, on "sublimity of words or of wisdom" (1 Corinthians 2:1). Instead, relying entirely on "the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:5), Paul became an instrument, a living "demonstration of Spirit and power" (1 Corinthians 2:4).

THE GOSPEL

gives us the continuation of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus began by talking of God's favorites—those who are "blessed" in God's sight (Matthew 5:1). Now Jesus tells his disciples how they are to live by using two metaphors. They are to be salt, which gives flavor and also acts as a preservative. And they are to be light—not tucked away and hidden, but visible to the world. Barbara Reid observes: "These metaphors also show that the disciples do not draw attention to themselves. Just as salt is most effective when it is not noticed in well-seasoned food and a lamp serves to illumine the other objects in the room, so the effect of disciples' good works is to point to God" (*New Collegeville Bible Commentary*, p. 36).

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK



My Dear Friends in Christ,

It is the generosity of faithful Catholics like you that inspired the theme for the 2011 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, "***Serving the Lord by Serving Others.***" The theme is based on a passage in the thirteenth chapter of St. John's gospel, which reads, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

Please help us continue to assist the poor with food, shelter and clothing; offer the young religious education, guidance and CYO athletics; provide for the future of the Church with seminarian education and training; and most importantly, bring Christ's saving message to the people of the Archdiocese.

I ask for your support by making a generous gift to the 2011 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. I know giving is more difficult during these poor economic times, but I also see the needs, and they are greater than any time in recent history.

Please keep me in your prayers and know that you are always remembered in mine.

Sincerely in the Lord, □□□

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+John J. Myers".

✠ Most Reverend John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" - Psalm 116:12

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



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: _____



**St. Thomas the Apostle School
MOMMY 'n ME PLAYGROUP**

Tuesday Mornings

11:00 a.m. till 11:45 in the school gym



- ☺ Playgroup will serve children from 2-4 years old
- ☺ 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

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH YOUR LOSS

We will gather on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011 –1:00 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

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 2/7

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Wednesday – 2/9

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

Friday – 2/11

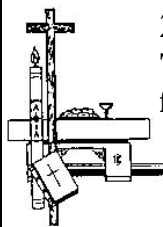
SCC Friday – 7:30pm in St. Peter

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 30th collection:	21,116
YTD Amount as of Jan. 31st:	(-41,394)



2012 MASS BOOK OPENING

Tuesday, March 15th

from 9:30am - 1pm in the parish center.

Masses from January through December of 2012 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.

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.

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 always 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

TONIGHT 2/6 MEETING CANCELLED FOR SUPERBOWL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

FEBRUARY 13TH COOKIE NIGHT FOR AIDS

MARCH 19TH CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN

MARCH 27TH STATIONS PRACTICE BEGINS

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

**CONFIRMATION 2011 MEETINGS
FOR PARENTS
AFTER ALL MASSES
FEBRUARY 19 & 20 AND 26 & 27
IN THE PARISH CENTER.**

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

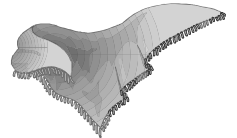
Join us for a free presentation to get a new angle on your job search. Abby's articles on AbsolutelyAbby.com and her bi-weekly Career Wake Up Calls inspire job seekers to stay motivated as they continue their search for their ideal job – Learn how to see the light when there doesn't appear to be any, 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

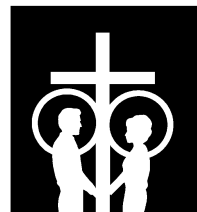


WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

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 Bevere at 973-338-6444

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

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. It is scheduled to be held in Herron Hall. 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**

Don't miss out!!!

STA "600 Club"

St. Thomas the Apostle and your Finance Committee invite you and your friends to participate in our 600 Club. You will find that this Club is better than State Lotteries, Casino Slots, or Bingo. Here is how it works...

Only 600 Tickets available at \$50 each.

Prizes are as follows:

1st Prize: \$10,500 or 35% of tickets sold

2nd Prize: \$ 3,000 or 10% of tickets sold

3rd Prize: \$ 1,500 or 5% of tickets sold

Application form
Reserve your ticket now.

_____ **Ticket(s) for 600 Club @ \$ 50.00**

Name or Names (please print)

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Address.....

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Telephone ()

Make checks payable to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Winner need not be present to win. Send this form along with your check to:

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church,
 60 Byrd Avenue,
 Bloomfield, NJ 07003
Attention: 600 Club**