

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.
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 20, 2011 . 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, February 20

Saturday, February 19

5:00 pm Michael John Melograno – Wife

Sunday, February 20

7:30 am Albert F. Lang – Family

9:00 am Constant Montesano – Daughter

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Davenport – Family

Monday, February 21

8:30 am Josephine & Dominick Tortorello – Bequest

Tuesday, February 22

7:30 am Angelo & Eleanor Gonnella – Family

11:30 am Thomas Stile – Wife

Wednesday, February 23

7:30 am Nicky Dimatos – Friend

11:30 am Helen Mc Garry – Bequest

Thursday, February 24

7:30 am Patrick I. Curran – Family

11:30 am Mario Lucciola – Family

Friday, February 25

7:30 am Edna A. Carlos – Bequest

11:30 pm Albert Lang – Friend

Saturday, February 26

8:30 am Italo Gonnella – Friend

Sunday, February 27

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5:00 pm Norma Lospaluto – Family

Sunday, February 27

7:30 am James Mc Kittrick, Sr. – Family

9:00 am Eileen Strazza – Friends

10:30 am Lucille Chapel – Family

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Barbara Savage, Marion Molnar, Billy Kleisler
Frank Korec, Lois Cunningham, Sandra Luehrs-Shaw
Robert Colucci, Kevin Bretz

REST IN PEACE:

Allan S. White, Josephine Di Simone, Elda Maglione

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Ryan James Joseph

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Be perfect as
your heavenly
Father is
perfect.**

—Mt 5:48

An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth – punishment for injury– this primal law seems to be written in our human nature. But God, in giving the law to Moses, and Jesus, teaching his disciples

on the mountaintop, asks for something more. We are called to be holy—to be like God,

THE FIRST READING comes from the book of Leviticus, the third book of the Pentateuch. Leviticus is a book of laws, many of them for priests, the tribe of Levi (hence the name). The passage we hear today is from a segment that sums up many of the laws that affect ordinary people. Through Moses, God tells the Israelites to do what sounds impossible –“be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy” (Leviticus 19:1). How can the people be like God? The law itself answers that question: “love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 119 is a litany of the mercies of God, reminding us why we are to be merciful.

SECOND READING: Today’s passage from 1 Corinthians marks the conclusion of Paul’s argument about the divisions that had sprung up in this new Christian community. Some claimed spiritual descent, so to speak, from Paul; others, from Peter or Apollos (see 1 Corinthians 1:12). But none of that argumentation, Paul says, no matter how clever, is of any use at all. For it is God’s wisdom that matters, not ours; and it is Christ who unites us –not his ministers.

THE GOSPEL continues the Sermon on the Mount. Just as God’s words to Moses on Mount Sinai demanded a more-than-ordinary holiness, so Jesus’ teachings on this new mountain ask his followers to be super human. It is not enough to love one’s neighbor. We must love our enemies, returning good for evil. Jesus gives concrete examples—if someone demands your shirt, give him your coat, too. If someone hits you on one cheek, let him hit you on the other as well. In other words, keep nothing back. For there is nothing exceptional, Jesus says, in loving one’s friends and family. Everyone does that. We are to extend our love to all. In other words, we are to be like God.

PRESIDENT’S DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday, February 21, 2011

One Mass: 8:30 a.m. • Parish Center Closed



SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

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

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

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – Sun., Feb. 20th

Blood pressure screenings will be held on Sunday, Feb. 20th, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Fellowship will be sponsored by the Filipino Community.

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



Gavin Vincent Cerniglia-Rapavi

Parents: Kelli (Cerniglia) & Philip J. Rapavi

Aubrey Lynn Coffey

Parents: Lindsay (Rogers) & Walter Coffey

Casey Leigh Lardner

Parents: Kelly A. (Meehan) & Michael J. Lardner

Henry Adam McCarthy

Parents: Amanda (Fernandez) & Brennan McCarthy

Gabriella Ann Petagna

Parents: Larissa (DiGiovanni) & Ronnie Petagna

Emma Mary Rudolph

Parents: Deborah (Weinstein) & Brian Rudolph

Declan Brian Sanborn

Parents: Shayna (Butler) & Daniel Sanborn

Daniel Nicole Tortorello

Parents: Jennifer (Payerl) & Michael Tortorello

**St. Thomas the Apostle's School
Calendar Raffle Winners!!!!**

2/7	\$150	Elaine Van Dorn
2/8	\$ 50	Kirsten Hansen
2/9	\$ 75	Charmaine Aquino
2/10	\$100	Carole Reynolds
2/11	\$ 75	Tim Sullivan
2/12	\$200	Angela Bacalzo
2/13	\$ 50	Mary W. Howard

**Congratulations!!!!!!
Thank you for your support!**

THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS

St. Thomas the Apostle will sponsor a conference on C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters on Saturday, March 19, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. It is beneficial for you to have read the book or seen the play, but not necessary. The conference will discuss the features of the book, its application to today, and a theology of the afterlife. Please register by March 17th as continental breakfast is provided. A **suggested** donation of \$10 is payable at the door. Call Bob Miller for more information or to register at 973.338.9190 x131.

*"Guard against the impostures
of pretended patriotism."*

- GEORGE WASHINGTON



Right to Life

For members of our armed forces serving overseas and their families: that God will keep them safe And console them in the loneliness of separation from loved ones;

We pray to the Lord



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
February 13 collection:	17,972
YTD Amount as of Jan. 31st:	(-41,394)

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:

Budgeted Amount :	75,000
Collection Christmas 2010:	74,891

PLANNED GIVING

Here are some other ways You can help St. Thomas the Apostle Church continue its mission of serving God's people. Give a gift of cash or check for general use or a specific purpose. Give a gift of stocks or bonds. There could be a significant tax advantage to you if there has been appreciation in their value and they are transferred to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

A bequest in your will assures that your possessions are distributed as you desire. When making a bequest, use the full legal name and address: Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Make St. Thomas the Apostle Church partial or primary beneficiary of a life insurance policy that is no longer needed for family security. Ask the insurance company for the forms necessary to change the beneficiary or to transfer the ownership to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

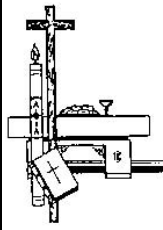
MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

MARCH 19TH CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN
MARCH 27TH STATIONS PRACTICE BEGINS

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

JOB SEEKERS GROUP

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



2012 MASS BOOK OPENING Tues., 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.

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

Saint Thomas the Apostle Rosary Confraternity's



ANNUAL FISH & CHIPS DINNER

catered by
Argyle Restaurant

Friday, March 18th, 2011
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Herron Hall

Adults: \$12.50 Children*: \$7.50

*Chicken available for children only

- Dessert & Beverage Included
- Bring your own beer or wine
- Eat In or Take Out
(Please indicate on reservation form)

RESERVATIONS DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH
PLEASE NO WALK-INS

Attention Rosarians: Baked goods (cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc.) are needed for the dessert table. Please drop off baked items in Herron Hall Fri., March 18th after 2:00 p.m.

Questions, please contact:

Mary Ellen DeCotiis - 973-893-9625
Bernadette Lipoma - 973-893-0114

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FISH & CHIPS RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

(check only one): _____ EAT-IN _____ TAKE-OUT

**PLEASE SEAT ME WITH: _____

OF ADULT DINNERS ____ @ \$12.50 each

OF CHILD DINNERS (FISH) ____ @ \$7.50 each

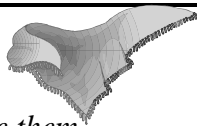
OF CHILD DINNERS (CHICKEN) ____ @ \$7.50 each

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks payable to: STA Rosary Confraternity

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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



Our meeting is Sun., Feb. 20th from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 P.M. 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

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 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2011 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON.

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.



Are you sick of snow and ice and can't wait to get out and see beautiful green grass?

Then mark your calendars, for the 7th Annual St. Thomas Golf Outing!

This year's Golf Outing will be held on
Monday June 6th.

We are back at Glen Ridge Country Club this year. Please check the bulletin in a few weeks for our brochure. Please contact Joe Re at 973-338-5960 with any questions.

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:

- First Prize is \$ 10,500.00 or 35% of tickets sold**
- Second Prize is \$ 3,000.00 or 10% of tickets sold**
- Third Prize is \$ 1,500.00 or 5% of tickets sold**

Application form

Reserve your ticket now.

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

Name or Names *(please print)*

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Address.....

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**