

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

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE
FOR PARISH MINISTRY:
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Ms. Joan Ferraer

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MUSIC MINISTRIES:
Nancy A. Cardone

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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 27, 2011 . 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, February 27

Saturday, February 26

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

Monday, February 28

7:30 am Josephine & Dominick Tortorello – Bequest

11:30 am Mary Shelesky – Family

Tuesday, March 1

7:30 am Louis & Lucy DeFalco – Bequest

11:30 am Florence & Nicholas Sottolano – Family

Wednesday, March 2

7:30 am Vincent & John Ricigliano Families – Sister

11:30 am Albert F. Lang – Friend

Thursday, March 3

7:30 am Maria Pia Sciara – Friend

11:30 am Kevin Sottolano – Aunt & Family

Friday, March 4

7:30 am Edna A. Carlos – Bequest

11:30 pm Frances De Franzo – Family

Saturday, March 5

8:30 am Josefa Agilda Agruña – Friends

Sunday, March 6

Saturday, March 5

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, March 6

7:30 am Eileen Strazza – Friends

9:00 am Anthony Meola, Jr. – Family

10:30 am Cathy Russo – Niece

12:00 pm Anthony Fabbo – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Billy Kleisler, Robert Colucci, Kevin Bretz, Sally Podesta

REST IN PEACE:

Mary Therese Romano, Yolande Timeo,
Vincent Reale, Kathleen Hanf

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: John Mc Govern

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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



I will not forget you.

Is 49:15

Today's liturgy speaks of the providential care of God, who loves us as a mother loves her child, and who provides for us with the tender care of a father.

FIRST READING: This section from Isaiah comes immediately following the first of the servant songs: God's promise to send Israel a savior to restore, strengthen, and comfort them. But the people seem unable to accept the message of comfort: "my Lord has forgotten me," our reading begins (Isaiah 49:14). But God responds with a profession of unshakable love. Could a mother ever cease to love the child she carried in her womb? It seems impossible. Yet, God says, even if she could forget, he will remember. God's care for his people is total and unshakable.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 62 is the prayer of a soul who trusts in the Lord, no matter what—who finds rest, hope, and salvation in God. In the third verse the psalmist urges his people to share his faith—"Trust in him at all times, O my people! / Pour out your hearts before him" (Psalm 62:8-9).

SECOND READING: Perhaps because his message to the Corinthians will be hard for them to hear. Paul puts a lot of emphasis on credentials—his right to speak to them, in Christ's name. Paul constantly turns the attention away from himself, toward God. He is not the master, any more than Apollo or Cephas (teachers mentioned in last week's reading) —they are all merely "servants," "stewards" (1 Corinthians 4:1), tending and caring for a message that comes from God. And they will be judged on their faithfulness to this trust.

THE GOSPEL Jesus' teaching has been full of hard challenges, and that continues in today's Gospel: "you cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). But as we come to the end of the Sermon on the Mount (we will hear the conclusion next Sunday), Jesus gives his disciples consoling words: God loves and cares for them more than they can imagine; and God feeds the birds and clothes the fields with glory. To worry about things—even the most necessary things—is to doubt the care of this "heavenly Father." This consoling image of a great love is also full of challenge—for there is nothing more difficult than letting go of tomorrow to focus on today.

The Sermon on the Mount is thought to be a collection of disparate teachings of Jesus, but it has great unity. It began with the blessed, and now we understand what it means to be "poor in spirit," "clean of heart" (Matthew 5:3, 8): it means to trust in the Lord's providential care. It means to be single-minded, to have one Master—God.

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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL



**2011/2012
REGISTRATION
FOR NEW FAMILIES
BEGINS TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST**

**To schedule a visit,
please call 973.338.8505**

**Pre K3 through 8th grades
Full-Day or Half-Day Pre K & K
Middle States Accredited
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



Right to Life

For all Christians:
That we may learn to see each other as
persons with whom we will one day
share God's joy in heaven;

We pray to the Lord

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

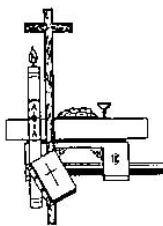
STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

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 20 collection:	20,264
YTD Amount as of Jan. 31st:	(-41,394)



**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.

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**

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.

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.

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

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

Confirmation Service Project
Volunteers are needed from 3pm to 9pm
Please Contact Mrs. Lipoma at 973-893-0114

To worry about things – even the most necessary things – is to doubt the care of our “heavenly Father.”

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.

Heart Disease: No Longer a Man's Disease

In spite of all that we already do to keep healthy, heart disease is still the number one cause of death in women over 20. In fact, heart disease kills more women each year than the next four causes of death combined—including all forms of cancer. Heart disease was once thought of as a man's disease, but no more.

One of the biggest problems is that women don't associate symptoms like tightness in the chest, fatigue, trouble sleeping, breathing difficulty or feelings of indigestion with heart disease. Instead, they frequently attribute their symptoms to stress.

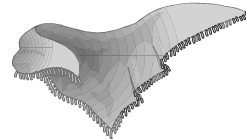
It is important to recognize the signs of a heart attack and to act immediately by calling 911. A person's chances of surviving a heart attack are greatly increased if emergency treatment is given to the victim as soon as possible.

The five major symptoms of a heart attack are:

- Pain or discomfort in the jaw, neck, or back
- Feeling weak, light-headed, or faint
- Chest pain or discomfort
- Pain or discomfort in arms or shoulder
- Shortness of breath

Prayer Shawl Ministry

A big thank you to our youth group and the ladies of our Ministry for again making the St. Valentines Day project of cookies and scarves for Broadway House a big success.



Our next meeting will be held Sunday, March 20th at 11:30 a.m. We have a good supply of lap robe but are always in need of shawls. 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, 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

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Join us as we pray the Rosary on Monday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. in Church with our meeting following immediately after. The Nominating Committee will present our slate of officers for 2011-2012 at this meeting. Voting will take place in April. Bring a friend. New members are always welcome. Thank you. Any questions, please call Rosalie Mescall at 973-893-8186.

There will be Holy Hour on Monday, March 28th.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary Alliance of the Two Hearts

Communion of Reparation Vigil

First Friday – First Saturday

March 4-5, 2011 (8:30 p.m. – 3:30 a.m.)



Lent is a time of penance throughout the universal church. At this holiest season of the church year, let us truly prepare ourselves.



Come, let us adore the Great Healer, our Lord, Jesus Christ and give honor to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Vigil begins at 8:30 p.m. with the Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be at 3:30 a.m..

Join us as we intercede for our world, our parish, our families, friends and one another. Come to whatever part you can. There will be a break during the evening for refreshments in the Parish Center. For further information, please contact the St. Thomas the Apostle Friday Prayer Group at 973-338-1821 or 973-202-8431

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**