

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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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  
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Tracey Rennie

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Sister Arleen Crimmins, O.P.

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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

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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

CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICES  
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1(800) CCS-7413  
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March 6, 2011 . 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**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

Monday, March 7

7:30 am Josephine & Dominick Tortorello – Bequest

11:30 am Ruth Gugger – Family

Tuesday, March 8

7:30 am Louis & Lucy DeFalco – Bequest

11:30 am Jack Kearney – Friends

Wednesday, March 9

7:30 am Jadwiga Rysy – Nephew

11:30 am Al Lang – Family

Thursday, March 10

7:30 am Mary Montesano – Daughter

11:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Fred Reich – Friend

Friday, March 11

7:30 am Una Meskel Byrne – Friend

11:30 pm Rose Mc Garry – Bequest

Saturday, March 12

8:30 am Dolores Dyust – Family

**Sunday, March 13**

Saturday, March 12

5:00 pm Anthony Barbalaci – Family

Sunday, March 13

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Aldo & Iris Arrigoni – Friend

10:30 am Paul McDonald – Family

12:00 pm Mrs. Grace Scerbo – Friend

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Sally Podesta

**REST IN PEACE:**

Raymond J. Cullen, Sr.

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Nicholas J. Pieroni

**Rectory:** Barbara Ryan

**Convent:** JoAnne Azarewicz

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

*Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



It is the last Sunday of this part of Ordinary Time; Lent begins this coming Wednesday. The Gospel for today brings us to the end of the Sermon on the Mount, which is the perfect instruction for us as we prepare to enter the season of penance, reconciliation, and renewal.

**THE GOSPEL** for today brings us to the end of the Sermon on the Mount, which concludes by contrasting words and deeds. It is not enough to say, "Lord, Lord" (Matthew 7:21), Jesus tells his disciples. Unless they act on God's word, doing God's will in their lives, their faith is empty. In the same way, those who perform "mighty deeds" in Jesus' name (7:23), and yet do not "know" him, will end up empty-handed also. Jesus concludes the discourse with the memorable parable of two men who built houses for themselves. To hear the word, and to act, is to lay a solid foundation that will withstand the wind and the floods. But without action, the house has no foundation and the storm sweeps it away. If the word does not influence our daily actions, we are lost.

Lent 2011

**Ash Wednesday**

**March 9, 2011**

7:30 a.m. Mass

11:30 a.m. Mass

4:00 p.m. Prayer Service

7:30 p.m. Prayer Service



**Ashes will be distributed during all Masses and Worship Services on Ash Wednesday.**

**Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening throughout Lent beginning March 11 until Good Friday, April 22 when the St. Thomas Senior High Youth Group will present the **Living Stations of the Cross.**



*From the Pastor's Desk...*



Dear Parishioners of Saint Thomas,

Last Sunday I was informed that the Archbishop has decided to transfer our newly-ordained priest, Father Camilo Cruz, from his assignment here at St. Thomas the Apostle to a new assignment at St. Cassians in Upper Montclair.

This unexpected transfer occurred on March 1st. So there was no time to prepare for it in advance. I ask your understanding and cooperation as we reorganize so that we may continue to serve the people of St. Thomas the Apostle with just two priests.

We all wish Father Cruz well as he begins his ministry in his new parish.

Sincerely in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fr. Charles J. Miller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Sincerely in the Lord,".

Rev. Charles J. Miller,  
Pastor

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK  
2011 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.  
On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between ages 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.  
On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those age 14 and over are obliged by the law of abstinence.
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 13, 2011 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 19, 2011.**

\*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

**SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS**

*ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL*



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

**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](http://www.stthomastheapostlenj.com)

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

2/14	\$ 75	Michael Stockert
2/15	\$ 50	Marion E. Molnar
2/16	\$ 75	Kenneth Hansen
2/17	\$250	Emmanuel R. Reyes
2/18	\$ 50	Carla Napolitano
2/19	\$150	Jonathan M. Guy
2/20	\$ 75	Lisandra Stefanelli
2/21	\$ 50	Vincent P. Connolly
2/22	\$150	Floyd Wilson Jr
2/23	\$200	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Eardley
2/24	\$ 50	Pooh Flores
2/25	\$ 75	Janet Griffing
2/26	\$ 50	Eileen Larkin
2/27	\$ 75	Sr. Mary Ramona

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



**Right to Life**

For all who have been involved in abortion, euthanasia, or other sins against the dignity of human life :that our merciful and compassionate Lord will allow them the grace of repentance before their death;

***We pray to the Lord***

**Religious Education News**



This weekend we will have First Communicants at all of the masses handing out their handprints. We ask each family to take a handprint and pray for that child as well as all of the other children who are working so hard to prepare for this special sacrament. Boxes will be placed in the vestibules of the church after Easter if you would like to send a card or note to your Prayer Partner. If you did not get a Prayer Partner and would like one please call the Religious Ed. Office at 338-7400.

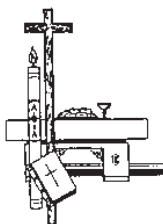
**STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS**

**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.

<b>Amount Budgeted:</b>	<b>20,500</b>
<b>February 20 collection:</b>	<b>18,593</b>
<b>YTD Amount as of Jan. 31st:</b>	<b>(-41,394)</b>



**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.

**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

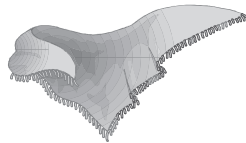
THE TAX PREPARATION PROCESS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL OR MARRIED COUPLE WILL INCLUDE AN INTERVIEW, REVIEW OF YOUR 2009 TAX RETURN AND TURNOVER OF YOUR TAX DOCUMENTS (1099's). COMPLETED RETURNS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ABOUT ONE WEEK.

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.

***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 20<sup>th</sup> 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*

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING**

Join us as we pray the Rosary on Monday, March 7th 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.***

**Saint Thomas the Apostle Rosary Confraternity's**



**ANNUAL FISH & CHIPS DINNER**

catered by **Argyle Restaurant**

**Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Herron Hall**  
**Adults: \$12.50 Children\*: \$7.50**

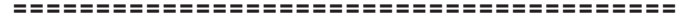
\*Chicken available for children only

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

**RESERVATIONS DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
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



**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**

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

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

MARCH 19TH CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN

MARCH 27TH STATIONS PRACTICE BEGINS

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TIM DENNIN AT [tdennin@att.net](mailto:tdennin@att.net)

Women's Cornerstone

March 25 & 26, 2011

"Anything can happen at the well"

John 4: 4-42

Women's Cornerstone Retreat is coming soon!

All women of the parish are invited to enter the silence, be touched by quiet stillness, and become aware of God's presence in ordinary moments.

If you have any questions, please contact one of our team members:

- Sr. Arleen Crimmins 973-338-9190
Barbara Albert 201-247-2798
Gail Bretz 973-338-7712
Elaine Gattuso 973-284-0570

Registration Form

NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:
NAME ON YOUR BADGE:

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.

NAME:
PHONE:

JOB SEEKERS GROUP

Don't let your job search get you down. St. Thomas' Work Ministry offers a free, comfortable place to find support, ideas and inspiration. We meet on the first and third Thur. of every month at 7:30 in the Parish Center. Keep checking the bulletin for our programs geared to helping your job search. All are welcome to join us if you are looking for a job or need a person to fill a position. We ask any parishioner who knows of an opening at their company to send the open position information to us to be shared with our job seekers, (it will be shared anonymously). For more info, send an e-mail to workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com.

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)

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 Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003 Attention: 600 Club