

# 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  
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

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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  
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SERVICE ASSISTANCE  
1(800) CCS-7413  
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March 13, 2011 . 1st Sunday of Lent

**Masses for the Week**

**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**

**Monday, March 14**

**7:30 am Eleanor Rokicki – Friends**

**11:30 am Louis Mazzella – Friend**

**Tuesday, March 15**

**7:30 am Margaret Curren – Friend**

**11:30 am Jack Kearney – Friend**

**Wednesday, March 16**

**7:30 am Michael Anthony Mason – Friend**

**11:30 am Jack Kearney – Friend**

**Thursday, March 17**

**7:30 am Josephine Di Michele – Family**

**11:30 am Joseph Dunning – Family**

**Friday, March 18**

**7:30 am Jim Brown – Family**

**11:30 pm Jack Lingle – Brother**

**Saturday, March 19**

**8:30 am Myrtle Donahue – Bequest**

**Sunday, March 20**

**Saturday, March 19**

**5:00 pm Lisa M. Purvis – Family**

**Sunday, March 20**

**7:30 am John M. Janiec – Family**

**9:00 am For the People of the Parish**

**10:30 am Veronica Kievit – Husband**

**12:00 pm Charles & Marie Pisarcik – Family**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladden

**REST IN PEACE:**

Mafalda Pavan, Phyllis G. Florian,  
Marcia Ann Bjork, Mary G. Achtzehn

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Seidman

**Rectory:** Connie La Torre

**Convent:** David Kossack & Bridget Kochuk

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[www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com)**

*First Sunday of Lent*



Every year, the First Sunday of Lent gives us the account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. In all three synoptic accounts of the Gospel, Jesus' temptation happens immediately following his baptism in the Jordan. What a contrast; from the cool waters of the Jordan to the sand and heat of the desert; from the loving voice of the Father, rejoicing in his well-beloved Son, to the cunning words of the tempter. That contrast is not accidental. As we begin our own desert days, days of preparation for Baptism and renewal in our baptismal covenant, we will encounter temptation. But we know that even as we are tempted, we walk in the footsteps of Christ.

**THE GOSPEL** Matthew gives us a carefully structured account of the temptation of Jesus: three temptations are offered, and Jesus cites three passages from the book of Deuteronomy in refutation of the devil's suggestions. The first two temptations are especially insidious, as Satan urges Jesus to reveal his own identity, to prove that God loves him: "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread... If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down" (Matthew 4:3,6). It sounds like the old temptation of Adam and Eve, to be like God, Jesus, alone in the desert, hungry and exhausted, draws his strength to resist from the scriptures. In his mouth, the ancient words of the book of Deuteronomy take on a new power, and the devil is vanquished by these simple commandments of obedience, trust, and worship of God alone.

**Lent 2011**

**Stations of the Cross**

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



## 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!!!!

2/28	\$ 50	Thomas Rossi
3/1	\$ 50	Daniela Riser
3/2	\$ 75	Tania Stewart
3/3	\$ 50	Dr. & Mrs. Di Camillo
3/4	\$ 75	Arlene C. Mallonga
3/5	\$200	Leslie Peoples
3/6	\$ 50	John & Grace Ziobro

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

Saint Thomas the Apostle Rosary Confraternity's

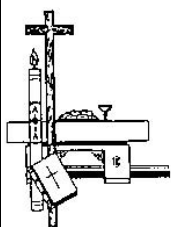
### GIFT SHOP

(located in the Parish Center)  
will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
on the following Sundays

**March 20<sup>th</sup> April 10<sup>th</sup>  
April 17<sup>th</sup> May 1<sup>st</sup>**

A variety of gift items is available including First Communion items (prayer books, rosaries, veils, ties, accessories & gifts for prayer partners.)

If you have any questions, please call Bernadette at 973.893.0114 or Mary Ellen at 973.893.9625.




### 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.

## 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:	19,221
YTD Amount as of Feb. 28:	(-47,025)



### Right to Life

For all who suffer from the memories of abortion: that the mercy of God might bring peace to all who have turned from their sins;

*We pray to the Lord*

### 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.

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 were 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

### **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)

## SAVE THE DATE

PLEASE JOIN ME IN CELEBRATING

"50" YEARS AS A SISTER OF CHARITY

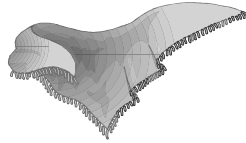
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>. 5p.m. MASS

Sister Joan Moore

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Come celebrate  
our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary*



All members are encouraged to attend our meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM in the Parish Center's St. James Room. We welcome each member as well as anyone wishing to join our Ministry. Any questions please contact:

Alicia @ 973-473 6633  
Bernadette @ 973-893-0114 or  
Sr. Arleen @ 973-338-9190

**Ministry of Spiritual Direction  
Would Like to Make a Retreat  
but can't get away?**

**Lenten At Home Retreat  
Wednesday Mornings Beginning  
March 9 - April 16 10:00am – 11:30am  
OR\***

**7:30pm – 9:00pm 55 Ketner Street Bloomfield**

**\*Choose a time good for you -  
Registration very helpful by March 8  
Anna (973) 338-9538**

## *St. Thomas the Apostle ~ Food Pantry*



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continual generous food contributions to our Food Pantry. We are so grateful to you for leaving the non-perishable food at the doors of the Church and for the individual turkeys and hams which were brought to the Parish Center. The turkeys and hams were distributed during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. First we help our parish families, and then we distribute them out to the greater community. When our shelves are full, we call the Archdiocesan Emergency Food and Nutrition Network. The Emergency Food and Nutrition Network then send a van to pick-up the food.

We at St. Thomas the Apostle are most appreciative for your generosity and feel it is our duty to keep you abreast of how your contributions are distributed. We ask that God bless you and your families for sharing and caring.

Sr. Arleen and Sal Lataro,  
STA Food Pantry Coordinators

## **BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS**

Bone Density Screenings

An ultrasound of the forearm identifies women and men at risk for osteoporosis.  
Fee: \$12.00/person and \$10.00 for those 55 and older.  
Registration is required.

March 29

10am to noon

Bloomfield Health Department  
1 Municipal Plaza, Bloomfield

To register, please call 973-680-4058.

## **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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com).

## **Women's Lenten Reflection Group**

It is that time again!! All women of the parish are invited to come and pray, reflect, and share the Readings for the Sundays during Lent. We will begin on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and continue for the next four weeks. We will meet in the parish center from 12:45–2:10. Questions should be directed to Sr. Arleen at 973.338.9190 x133.

# 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 come to Cornerstone VI and engage in quiet reflective time and to become more actively involved in one's spiritual development..

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

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|---------------------|--------------|
| Sr. Arleen Crimmins | 973-338-9190 |
| Barbara Albert      | 201-247-2798 |
| Gail Bretz          | 973-338-7712 |
| Elaine Gattuso      | 973-284-0570 |
| Marty Levine        | 973-566-0416 |
| Denise Martone      | 973-338-8308 |
| Jane Personette     | 973-542-8614 |
| Marianne Sommerkamp | 973-667-9575 |
| Barbara St. Hilaire | 973-338-5371 |
| Carol Zieleniewski  | 973-744-5681 |

### Registration Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON YOUR BADGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS/ALLERGIES ? \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT:  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

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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 Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003  
Attention: 600 Club