

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

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

March 20, 2011 . 2nd Sunday of Lent

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, March 21

7:30 am Isabella Kovacs – Family

11:30 am William E. Gaestel, Jr. – Friend

Tuesday, March 22

7:30 am Bernard Durham, Sr. – Friends

11:30 am Jack Kearney – Friend

Wednesday, March 23

7:30 am Klenk Family – Bequest

11:30 am Jack Kearney – Friend

Thursday, March 24

7:30 am Edna A. Carlos – Bequest

11:30 am Joseph Belcaro – Family

Friday, March 25

7:30 am Margaret Curren – Friend

11:30 pm Anna Sleith – Family

Saturday, March 26

8:30 am Anne B. Gasior – Friends

Sunday, March 27

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5:00 pm Vincent Lipoma – Family

Sunday, March 27

7:30 am Helen McGarry – Bequest

9:00 am Lena Grilo – Family

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Deceased Members of the Guerra & Calzon Families – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladden, Barbara Savage
Lois Cunningham, Frank Korec, Robert Colucci

REST IN PEACE:

Cielito Baytan, Jean Ward, Jack Funesti

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Cleo Davis

Rectory: Kathleen Hanf

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

Second Sunday of Lent



On the Second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear about the Transfiguration of the Lord. We join Peter, James, and John, the chosen three who witnessed the Transfiguration, because we, like them, need to draw strength for our Lenten journey from this vision of Christ in glory. The cross is coming; but the cross is not an end in itself. Suffering will give way to glory.

In the Gospel according to Mark, the Transfiguration comes immediately after Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi and Jesus' first prediction of the Passion. Peter had reacted strongly to Jesus' words, taking Jesus aside and rebuking him (see Mark 8:32). Jesus had reacted equally strongly to Peter's rejection: "Get behind me, Satan" (8:33)! From the first moment when Jesus mentions the cross, it is a source of scandal for his disciples.

That is the context for today's reading. We know something wonderful is going to happen from the first lines of the Gospel, since, in scripture, only good things happen on a "high mountain" (9:2), the place where prophets encounter God. The vision of Christ in glory is so wonderful that Peter wants to remain there forever. The voice of God comes from a cloud, urging them to listen to Jesus. Jesus is the "beloved son" (Genesis 22:12) of Abraham. The Passion is the only way to the glory they have seen.

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 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 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

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

- 3/7 \$ 75 Olga Thun
- 3/8 \$ 50 Eunice C. Creer
- 3/9 \$ 75 Cyndi Covello
- 3/10 \$ 50 Shannon Kelly
- 3/11 \$ 75 Lisandra Stefanelli
- 3/12 \$100 Robert Pyzik
- 3/13 \$ 50 Connie Sozio

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

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

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. 120. 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.

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
March 13 collection:	19,598
YTD Amount as of Feb. 28:	(-47,025)



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

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



**Damian Angel Rodriguez &
Alexander David Rodriguez**

Parents: *Jacqueline (Oese) & Christian Rodriguez*

John Michael Sosa

Parents: *Madelene (Adams) & Micheal Sosa*

Braeden Duffy Szewczyk

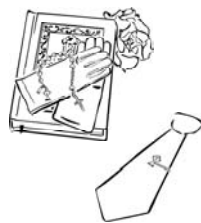
Parents: *Lauren (Duffy) & John Szewczyk*

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 20th April 10th
April 17th May 1st**



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.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

MARCH 27TH STATIONS PRACTICE BEGINS

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

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.

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.

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 15th 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.



Moving? Please let us know.

Within the parish –
to update new address
Out of parish –
to discontinue mailings

Please call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190.

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.

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 - Anna (973) 338-9538

Registration very helpful by March 8

Did you know

REGISTRATION FOR ST. THOMAS PARISH

If you are presently not on our mailing list, receiving envelopes and the various parish mailings, the chances are that you are not a registered member of our parish. You are not automatically a registered member because you were married here or even if you were brought up here and lived in the parish with your parents—or went to school here. Membership is by formal registration only. Just call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190 and let us know that you wish to register and the registration form will be mailed to you. Thank you.

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:

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: _____

Parish Men, we invite you to attend A "Men's Day of Reflection"

a "Lenten mini-retreat",
sponsored by the men of Cornerstone
(Saturday, April 9th, 2011 - 10am to 3pm)

What is the "Men's Day of Reflection"?

- A 5-hour mini retreat with 2-speakers and lunch
- A chance to think about your personal spirituality in a relaxed setting with other parish men who share many of your values.

Schedule Saturday April 9th, 10:00am 3:00pm
at the Saint Thomas Parish Center - Lunch provided.
Arrival at 9:30am / coffee served

Sign up Fill out the form at the bottom of this sheet.

Submit it along with a check (suggested donation \$10) made to St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Either place it in the collection basket or the Parish-Center desk preferably by Sunday March 27th. For questions and/or help with anything, contact any of us listed below, and/or visit the St. Thomas website -- <http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com/> -- and click on the Men's Cornerstone banner.

Jim McKittrick JimMck3722@yahoo.com
973-338-3145 (home) 973-819-5603 (cell)

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973-379-5141(home) 847-830-9879 (cell)

Application Form

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

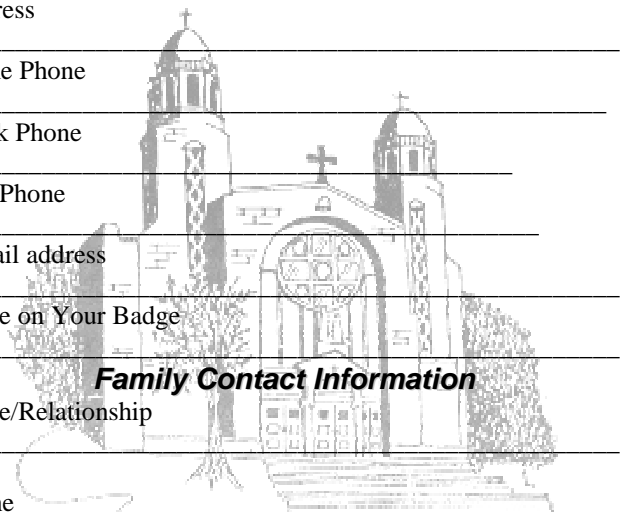
Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Name on Your Badge _____

Family Contact Information
Name/Relationship _____

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:

- 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