

# 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  
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March 27, 2011 . 3rd Sunday of Lent

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, March 27**

**Saturday, March 26**

**5:00 pm Vincent Lipoma – Family**

**Sunday, March 27**

**7:30 am Helen McGarry – Bequest**

**9:00 am Lena Grillo – Family**

**10:30 am For the People of the Parish**

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

**Monday, March 28**

**7:30 am Richard Floyd – Friend**

**11:30 am Theresa Sawicki – Friend**

**Tuesday, March 29**

**7:30 am John "Pete" Kubo & Dorothy Kubo – Family**

**11:30 am Theresa Sawicki – Friend**

**Wednesday, March 30**

**7:30 am Thomas & Lena Caputo – Family**

**11:30 am Frances Scardilli – Daughter**

**Thursday, March 31**

**7:30 am Brendan Kelly – Friend**

**11:30 am John Petrus – Family**

**Friday, April 1**

**7:30 am Begley Family – Bequest**

**11:30 pm Elizabeth Borst – Family**

**Saturday, April 2**

**8:30 am Thomas Brady – Family**

**Sunday, April 3**

**Saturday, April 2**

**5:00 pm Salvatore Nesto, Sr. – Family**

**Sunday, April 3**

**7:30 am Giuseppa Scasso – Friends**

**9:00 am Gilda B. Ordonaro – Friend**

**10:30 am Robert Imfeld (25th Anniv.) – Family**

**12:00 pm For the People of the Parish**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Barbara Savage, Lois Cunningham, Frank Korec,  
Robert Colucci, Billy Kleislser

**REST IN PEACE:**

George Maguire

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Charles Rusignuolo

**Visit our website at:  
[www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com)**

**Third Sunday of Lent**



The Gospel readings for the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent form a sequence that for centuries has been part of the formation of those preparing for Baptism. These passages from the Gospel according to John are so important that even in Years B and C, they replace the Sunday readings when there are elect preparing for Baptism in the parish. The Lectionary also includes these readings as an optional Mass of Lent, which can be used in place of the readings for any Lenten weekday, even in Year A when they are heard on Sunday. The point is clear: the Church really wants us to hear these narratives in which the common pattern is Christ's triumph over sin, weakness, and death—all the sources of pain and separation in the human condition.

**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**

**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)



**Right to Life**

For the dying: That their faith in God will sustain them in their final days and that, by joining their suffering to that of Christ's Passion, countless souls may be saved;

*We pray to the Lord*

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

- 03/14/11 \$ 75 Arianne Sales
- 03/15/11 \$ 50 Rae Kiessling
- 03/16/11 \$ 75 Sean Purcell
- 03/17/11 \$500 Sister Mary Loretta
- 03/18/11 \$ 75 Susan Mattingly
- 03/19/11 \$100 Joseph Turner
- 03/20/11 \$ 50 Christen Schiralli

**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.

<b>Amount Budgeted:</b>	<b>20,500</b>
<b>March 20 collection:</b>	<b>20,568</b>
<b>YTD Amount as of Feb. 28:</b>	<b>(-47,025)</b>

**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

**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.

**Do you feel a longing  
for a deeper spiritual connection to Jesus?**

St. Thomas' Small Christian Community will be meeting every Wednesday during Lent to share the scriptures that tell the story of Jesus' ministry. Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and alms giving. Come join us at 7:30 in the Parish Center, St. Matthew's room, as we journey with Christ from His retreat into the desert through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

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



## 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

## "THIS WEEK"

### Monday – 3/28

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter  
Holy Hour – 7:30pm in Church

### Wednesday – 3/30

SCC Wednesday/Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Andrew

### Friday – 4/1

Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm in Church

# 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<sup>[s1]</sup>

(Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - 10am to 3pm)

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

- A 5-hour mini retreat with three speakers:  
**Father Charles Miller**<sup>[s2]</sup> - *Men, Ministry, More*  
**Mike Lawlor** - *A Personal Reflection*  
**Father Gerry Sudol** - *Men's Spirituality in Today's Culture*
- 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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)

**Tommy Rossano** Tom.Rossano@gmail.com

973-778-1839 (home) 201-563-0839 (cell)

**Pat DeCotiis** Pdecotiis@att.com

973-893-9625 (Home) 973-896-5739 (Cell)

**Vinnie Lipoma** DrLipoma56@yahoo.com

973-893-0114 (Home)

**Jeff Monacelli** Monacelli@att.net

973-744-2694 (Home) 973-568-3826 (Cell)

### Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Your Badge \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency 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**

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**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**