

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Charles J. Miller, M. Div., Pastor

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Andrew N. Onyemaobi, M.Div., M.A.

In Residence: Rev. Thomas F. Blind, M. Div.

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

April 10, 2011 . 5th Sunday of Lent

Masses for the Week

Sunday, April 10

Saturday, April 9

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 10

7:30 am Agnes Mc Donald – Family

9:00 am Josefa Agilda Agruña – Friends

10:30 am Andrew Triano – Family

12:00 pm Mildred Fabbo – Family

Monday, April 11

7:30 am Robert Reese – Friend

11:30 am Theresa Sawicki – Friend

Tuesday, April 12

7:30 am Gertrude Schrader – Family

11:30 am Thomas, James & John Muir – Family

Wednesday, April 13

7:30 am Juan Aggabao, Sr. – Family

11:30 am Ann Barclay – Family

Thursday, April 14

7:30 am Eleanor Franco – Friend

11:30 am Al Lang – Wife/Family

Friday, April 15

7:30 am Magdalena Montalvo – Friend

11:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Pollard – Daughter

Saturday, April 16

8:30 am Andrew Molnar – Family

Sunday, April 17

Saturday, April 16

5:00 pm Ernest & Philomena Cordasco & Joseph Bianchi – Family

Sunday, April 17

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Donald & David Stefanelli – Family

10:30 am Constant Montesano – Daughter

12:00 pm Thomas DeLorenzo – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Frank Korec, Ariella Chivil

REST IN PEACE:

Joseph Dowd, Mary Lawlor, Kevin Tice

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Mildred Finlay

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

Lent & Holy Week 2011 at
St. Thomas the Apostle

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross continue to be held every Friday evening throughout Lent until Good Friday when the St. Thomas Senior High Youth Group will present the *Living Stations of the Cross*. (see below)



Community Penance Service

Monday, April 11 at 7:30 PM

St. Valentine Church, Bloomfield

The Catholic Parishes of Bloomfield (Sacred Heart, St. Valentine's, and St. Thomas the Apostle) will have a

Communal Penance Service with individual confessions.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 16, Mass at 5PM

Solemn Blessing of Palms & Procession

Sunday, April 17,

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, & 12 Noon.

(Palms will be distributed at all Masses.)



Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Masses at 7:30 and 11:30 AM

Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 21

7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by Bread and

Wine Fellowship in the

Parish Center

11 PM Night Prayer



Good Friday, April 22

The Church will be open from 8 AM to 9 PM

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:30 PM Living Stations of the Cross

Presented by the STA Youth Group



Holy Saturday, April 23

8:30AM Morning Prayer

8:15PM The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 24

Masses at 7:30, 9, 10:30, and 12 Noon.



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

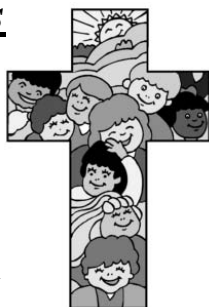
St. Thomas the Apostle's School Calendar Raffle Winners!!!!

- 3/28 \$ 50 Jermilene Haynes
- 3/29 \$ 75 Nora Wilson
- 3/30 \$100 Richard Arlotta
- 3/31 \$ 75 Gerry Neville
- 4/1 \$ 50 Mary Ann Barroso
- 4/2 \$ 75 Maureen Ingrassia
- 4/3 \$ 50 Eleanor Malgeri

Congratulations!! Thank you for your support!

Religious Education News

Please mark your calendars – There will be NO CCD the week of April 10th -16th and NO CCD the week of April 24th-30th.



We are looking for volunteers for our annual Vacation Bible School who can help with setting up, decorating, and art work. We want to transform the school into a beach party for the kids so come share your gifts and talents with our children! This work can be done at night, at home, or even on the weekends – think about it. Call the Religious Education Office at 338-7400 and ask for Tracey.

BUNNY BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, APRIL 16th at 9:30 a.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle School - Herron Hall

- Adults \$11
- Children 4 yrs & over \$6
- Children 3 yrs & under Free



Bring your camera to take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

- ◆◆ Magician ◆◆
- ◆◆ Crafts ◆◆
- ◆◆ Awesome Raffle Prizes ◆◆

Menu:

Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, bagels, French toast, fruit salad, dessert, coffee, tea, juices

Reservations required with your check payable to: STA Home and School Association by April 8th

Question? Contact Suzanne Swetz 201-315-7391

BUNNY BREAKFAST RESERVATION FORM

Please return by April 8th to STA School

Name: _____

Grade: _____ Phone: _____

of Adults _____ # children (4 yrs & over) _____

children (3 yrs & under) _____

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please seat me with: _____

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – This Sunday

Blood pressure screenings will be held on Sunday, April. 10th, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.



Right to Life

For married couples: That God will strengthen them to remain faithful to each other and to bear one another's faults with generous hearts; ***We pray to the Lord***

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 20 collection:	18,298
YTD Amount as of Feb. 28:	(-47,025)

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 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.



Moving? Please let us know.

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

Please call the Parish Center: (973) 338-9190



JOB SEEKERS GROUP

Please note, there will be no Job Seekers Group meeting on April 21 in observance of Holy Week. Next meeting will be Thursday, May 5.

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 meet in the parish center from 12:45–2:10. Questions should be directed to Sr. Arleen at 973.338.9190 x133.

FINAL WEEK 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.

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 4/11

Communal Penance – See Lenten Schedule (pg. 2)
September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Wednesday – 4/13

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

Friday – 4/15

Final Week – Income Tax
SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter
Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm in Church

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.

Ministry of Spiritual Direction

Would Like to Make a Retreat but can't get away?

Lenten At Home Retreat

Wednesday Morning April 16 10:00am – 11:30am

OR*

7:30pm – 9:00pm @ 55 Ketner Street in Bloomfield

*Choose a time good for you - Anna (973) 338-9538

Registration very helpful

PLANNED GIVING

Here are some other ways You can help St. Thomas the Apostle Church continue its mission of serving God's people. Give a gift of cash or check for general use or a specific purpose. Give a gift of stocks or bonds. There could be a significant tax advantage to you if there has been appreciation in their value and they are transferred to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

A bequest in your will assures that your possessions are distributed as you desire. When making a bequest, use the full legal name and address: Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Make St. Thomas the Apostle Church partial or primary beneficiary of a life insurance policy that is no longer needed for family security. Ask the insurance company for the forms necessary to change the beneficiary or to transfer the ownership to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.



PLEASE NOTE

Any bulletin entries to be added to the
Easter bulletin must be submitted
via email to the Parish Center *by*
Tuesday, April 12th.

Email: jwgasparini@aol.com

Entries may also be
handed to someone at the parish center.

GET THE TRUE MEANING OF LENT.

FEEL WHAT IT MUST HAVE BEEN LIKE TO
WITNESS AND EXPERIENCE CHRIST'S LIFE
EXTINGUISHED BEFORE YOU.

**Tenebrae service will be celebrated
at St. Thomas the Apostle Church
on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m.**

What is a Tenebrae Service?

The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows and dates back to the seventh or eighth century A.D. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story. There are candles lit and a Christ Candle. As we pray, our voices rise to God like incense and the candles are extinguished one at a time until all that is left is the Christ Candle. The Christ Candle is then hidden for a time, thought not extinguished, to signify that death could not really obtain dominion over Christ even though it appeared to do so. The congregation is left in near total darkness—and near total devastation. At this point, the service ends. There is no benediction and the people leave in silence. (The lights are turned up but remain dim so that people can see their way out.)

The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events and it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day. Everyone exits in silence. **All are welcome.**

Girl Scouts - Troop #611



THIS WEEKEND OF APRIL 9TH & 10TH

STA's Girl Scout Troop #611 will be holding their annual Cookie Sale at STA Church after each mass. Come out and support your scouts. We've got your cookie!

BLOOMFIELD RESIDENTS

Bloomfield Public Library to offer help to the visually impaired

For those who have trouble reading their mail, newspapers, books, journals, or other documents help is now available at the Bloomfield Public Library.

The library has a new program called "Reading to the Blind and Visually Impaired." Volunteer Martha Kenney, who was a volunteer reader at the American Foundation for the Blind in New York for almost 24 years, will meet with the blind and visually impaired one-on-one at the library and assist them in reading their materials.

Appointments are required and are available during library hours. For an appointment, more information or to volunteer, call (973) 566-6200, ext. 502. The library is located at 90 Broad St. in Bloomfield.

Don't miss out!!!!

Drawing is on April 15, 2011!

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