

# 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

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April 17, 2011 . Palm Sunday

**Masses for the Week**

**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 - Friend**  
**10:30 am Constant Montesano - Daughter**  
**12:00 pm Thomas DeLorenzo - Family**

**Monday, April 18**

**7:30 am Frederick Herzog - Family**  
**11:30 am Brian Mescall - Family**

**Tuesday, April 19**

**7:30 am Mary L. Brasseur - Husband**  
**11:30 am William Fuchs - Family**

**Wednesday, April 20**

**7:30 am Fred & Catherine Winters - Bequest**  
**11:30 am Harry Scardilli - Daughter**

**Thursday, April 21 HOLY THURSDAY **No Morning Mass****

**7:30 pm Peter Rohan, Jr. - Family**  
**Kathryn & Archie Barbata - Family**

**Friday, April 22 GOOD FRIDAY **No Masses****

**Saturday, April 23**

**8:30 am HOLY SATURDAY **No Morning Mass****

**Sunday, April 24**

**Saturday, April 23**

**8:15 pm *Easter Vigil***  
**Veronica Kievit - Husband**  
**Josephine & Philip Coyle - Family**

**Sunday, April 24 EASTER SUNDAY**

**7:30 am Raffaella M. Candido - Family**  
**9:00 am For the People of the Parish**  
**10:30 am Ernest & Philomena Cordasco & Joseph Bianchi - Family**  
**12:00 pm Helen Mc Garry - Bequest**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Nicholas Biecksha, Frank Korec, Ariella Chivil

**REST IN PEACE:**

Sr. Erika Bunke, Sr. Ann Jame Connolly,  
 Charles Griffith, Sr Anne Thomasina Cavanaugh,  
 Sr Louise Catherine Holly

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Mildred Finlay  
**Rectory:** Doris Chabak  
**Convent:** Gonzalo Paguia

**PALM SUNDAY**

The fourth-century pilgrim Egeria provides a vivid early account of a Palm Sunday celebration in Jerusalem:



That particular passage from scripture is read in which the children bearing palms and branches came forth to meet the Lord, saying: *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.* The bishop and all the people rise immediately, and then everyone

walks down from the top of the Mount of Olives, with the people preceding the bishop and responding continually with *blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord* to the hymns and antiphons. All the children who are present here, including those who are not yet able to walk because they are too young and therefore are carried on their parents' shoulders, all of them bear branches, some carrying palms, others, olive branches... From the top of the mountain as far as the city, and from there through the entire city, everyone accompanies the bishop the whole way on foot, and this includes distinguished ladies and men of consequence, reciting the responses all the while. (*Egeria: Diary of a Pilgrimage, 104-105*)



**Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**

*Masses at 7:30 and 11:30 AM*

**Sacred Triduum**

**Holy Thursday, April 21**

**7:30 PM *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.*

*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
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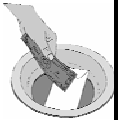
**ATTENTION STA ALUMNI**

**Please check out the Alumni Registration page on our website [www.stthomastheapostlenj.com](http://www.stthomastheapostlenj.com)**

**"THIS WEEK"**

**Quiet Week  
No events scheduled this week  
Attend Holy Week Services**

**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>April 10 collection:</b>	<b>17,392</b>
<b>YTD Amount as of Feb. 28:</b>	<b>(-47,025)</b>

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

- 4/4 \$ 75 Kathryn Alesi
- 4/5 \$200 Kathryn Alesi
- 4/6 \$100 Mary Anne Protzo
- 4/7 \$100 Angela & Rich Pilsbury
- 4/8 \$ 75 Maria Hughes
- 4/9 \$ 50 Madelyn Delaney
- 4/10 \$100 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Piesla

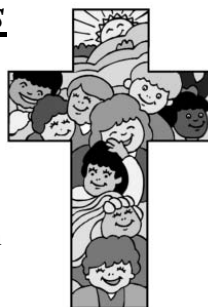
**Congratulations!! Thank you for your support!**

**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.

**Religious Education News**

**Please mark your calendars – There will be NO CCD the week of April 24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>.**



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.



**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***



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 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.

## 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.**

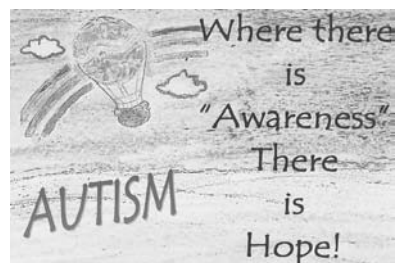
## JOB SEEKERS GROUP

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](mailto:workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com).

*"There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified"*  
(MT 28:5)...

## April is Autism Awareness Month



*Loving Creator God,*

*May the full splendor of your grace abide with all families touched by autism spectrum disorders.*

*Give your children with autism the strength they need to learn something new today.*

*Give their parents the wisdom to see and nurture their potential.*

*Bless their teachers, supporters and friends whose commitment echoes your own faithfulness.*

*Encourage all people who gather in your name to reach out and embrace those with autism.*

*Help us to see your image reflected in those who struggle with neurological disabilities.*

*We ask this in the name of your Son, who loved those on the margins as his very own.*

AMEN

## MEN'S CORNERSTONE

**MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL, 27**  
**ST. PETERS ROOM AT 7:30 P.M.**

## SAVE THE DATE

PLEASE JOIN ME IN CELEBRATING  
"50" YEARS AS A SISTER OF CHARITY  
(37 HERE AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE)  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>. 5p.m. MASS

Sister Joan Moore

*"Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here, he has risen"*  
(LK 24:5-6)...

## 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.

### **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.**

**HE WAS LASHED -  
and we were healed!**  
ISAIAH 53:5

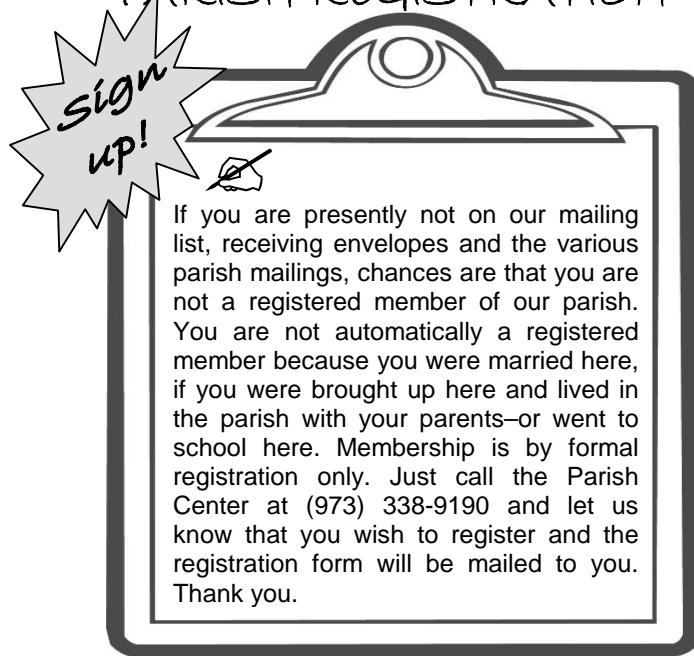
## **BRIAN MURPHY, HOLY NAME MAN OF THE YEAR**

**The Holy Name Society of St. Thomas invites you all to the annual Essex-West Hudson Federation of Holy Name Societies for Mass and Dinner honoring Brian Tuesday, May 17, 2011. The Mass begins at 7pm at St. Valentines and dinner following at The Essex Manor, Broughton Avenue, Bloomfield. Cost is \$35 per person. Make all checks to St. Thomas.**

**Needless to say. we are very proud of Brian, ( soon to be Deacon) for his dedication and commitment to our Faith, Church And Community. He is an outstanding awardee and truly deserves your prayers and thanks for all he does on our behalf.**

**For reservations, call Paul Alongi Sr. at 973-338-4665 or the Parish Center, 973-338-9190.**

## PARISH REGISTRATION



## HEALTH MATTERS

### **Did you know?**

- The average child get less than 15 minutes of vigorous activity a day.
- The average child gets approximately 43 minutes of moderate physical activity a day.
- The average child spends 20% of his or her waking time watching T.V.
- 9 out of 10 parents think their children are fit, when only 1 out of 3 truly is fit.

**ST. THOMAS GOLF OUTING**

**MONDAY JUNE 6, 2011 \* GLEN RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB \* GLEN RIDGE , NJ  
GOLF, CART, LUNCH, DINNER AND SPORTS AUCTION \$250.00  
COCKTAIL HOUR – DINNER AND SPORTS AUCTION-- \$75.00**

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**REGISTRATION & LUNCH 11:00 – 12:30  
SHOTGUN START AT 1:00 PM  
COCKTAIL HOUR 5:30-6:30 DINNER AND AUCTION 6:30**

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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TEL# \_\_\_\_\_ TEL# \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE \_\_\_\_\_ RESERVATIONS @\$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RESERVE \_\_\_\_ PLACES FOR DINNER/AUCTION@ 75.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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ST. THOMAS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**