

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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

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.

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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

January 24, 2010 . 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, January 24

Saturday, January 23

5:00 pm Jacob Szajkowski – Daughter

Sunday, January 24

7:30 am David Townsend – Friend

9:00 am Anna & Joseph Stevens – Daughter & Family

10:30 am Juan Aggabao, Jr. – Family

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, January 25

7:30 am Gail Organ Suazo – Friend

11:30 am Marie Reitz – Family

Tuesday, January 26

7:30 am Antionette Burns – Sister

11:30 am Taryn Fisher (2nd Anniv.) – Uncle & Aunt

Wednesday, January 27

7:30 am Marianna Paternostro – Friend

11:30 am Jacqueline Sefjack – Husband

Thursday, January 28

7:30 am David & Donald Stefanelli – Mother

11:30 am Anthony Miedler - Friends

Friday, January 29

7:30 am George Karsos – Friends

11:30 am Patricia Gahan – Friend

Saturday, January 30

8:30 am Raymond Shertel – Family

Sunday, January 31

Saturday, January 30

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 31

7:30 am Dennis W. McDonald – Family

9:00 am Anne Sierchio – Sister

10:30 am Sal Nesto, Sr. – Family

12:00 pm Gina Safonte (15th Anniv.) – Parents

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Christine Stile-Mazzeo, Lynn Zeuner, Ryan Joseph,
Caroline Santoro, Joanne & Jim Cox, Michael Monetti,
Sr. Mary Helen Baker

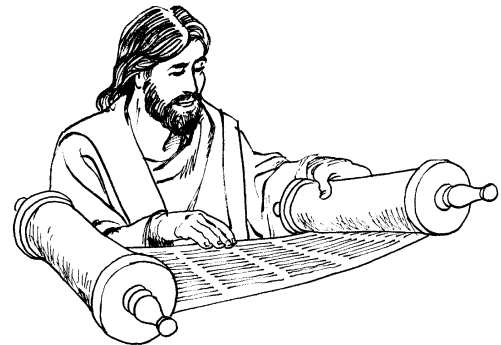
REST IN PEACE:

Mary Bogusky, John A. Kubo, Catherine Frances Healy

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Matilda Seeber
Rectory: Val Fusco
Convent: Rocco Donatiello

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today we return to proclaiming Luke as the primary evangelist of the season. We are still in the midst of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

FIRST READING: The book of Nehemiah describes Ezra's reading and interpretation of the law in the midst of the assembly. Although the people are moved to tears. Nehemiah challenges the assembly to turn from mourning to rejoicing, for God's law is a gift that signals God's blessing. As we rejoice in the gift of God's word, we are strengthened by the Lord to live it.

RESPONSORIAL: In response to the reading from Nehemiah, the Church proclaims in song the blessings of God's law. God's law brings wisdom, joy, and enlightenment to those who follow it.

SECOND READING: Paul unfolds for the Church at Corinth the organic unity and the vital contribution of each member of the Church, the body of Christ. The source of unity and of the unique gifts of each member is the Holy Spirit given in Baptism. As members of the one body, we share in one another's suffering, honor, and ministry on behalf of others. We are invited to surrender those attitudes of envy and jealousy that keep us from living out the gift of unity bestowed on us in the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: The power of the proclamation and interpretation of God's word by Ezra is echoed and surpassed in Jesus' proclamation and interpretation of God's word by Isaiah.

Jesus affirms that Isaiah's prophecy of God's Holy Spirit resting upon his chosen one has been fulfilled. Jesus is God's anointed. As Nehemiah invited delight in the proclamation of God's word, today's Gospel calls us to delight in Jesus our Messiah and Lord, for God's word is both proclaimed and fulfilled in him.

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



Cruise to Bermuda

**Only
\$1599**

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
A CRUISE TO BERMUDA
Sailing on Holland America's *MS Veendam*
June 27, 2010

Interested!
Call the Parish Center and ask for a
Full-Color Brochure
with all the details

973-338-9190

Mon – Fri 9:00am to 5:00pm / Sat 9:00am – 1:00pm

Included:

- Roundtrip Transport to Ship's Pier in NYC
- Seven Luxury Days and Nights
- in a beautiful Outside Stateroom
- All meals with Elegant Dining – Afternoon Tea – Midnight Buffet
- 24 Hour Room Service – In Room Movies
- 2 Days in Hamilton, Bermuda
- 2 Days in St. George, Bermuda
- Relaxing Days at Sea with Las Vegas Style Casino
- Nightly Broadway Style Entertainment – Dancing
- Meet the Captain & Tour Group Cocktail Receptions
- Gala Farewell Dinner Party
- Also Available:
 - Spa – Gym Fitness Center – Internet Café – Culinary Arts Center – Beauty Salon – Duty Free Shops – Cocktail Lounges – Indoor and Outdoor Pools –
 - Optional Land Tours with Guides

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS



*ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.*

PARISHIONERS, please stop by and see how your contributions help our school.
ALUMNI, please stop by and say hello.
NEW FAMILIES, please stop by and explore our wonderful school:

- Pre K3 through 8th grades**
- Middle States Accredited**
- Full-Day or Half-Day Pre K 3 & 4**
- Full-Day or Half-Day Kindergarten**
- BeforeCare & AfterCare programs**
- Jr. High Science / Synergistics Program**
- Physical Education for all grades**
- Spanish & Italian Classes**
- Art & Music Classes, Advanced Technology**
- Wide Varsity of Extra-Curricular Activities**



ATTENTION STA ALUMNI

Please check out the Alumni Registration page on our website www.stthomastheapostlenj.com.

Career Day

**Wednesday, February 3, 2010
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**

We at St. Thomas the Apostle School are looking for volunteers — parents, relatives, or friends — with careers that will excite and inspire our 5th through 8th grade students. Volunteers will be treated to breakfast and lunch. If you haven't participated before, Career Day is a fun and rewarding way to share what you do with our STA kids.

STA Alumni...

What an opportunity to give back to your alma mater and the current students of STA School!

To sign-up or for more information, call Donna Elsby at 973-338-8505

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



Elle Lynn Hempstead

Parents: Margaret (De Pasquale) & William Hempstead

Juliet Lynn Howell

Parents: Carolyn (De Pasquale) & James Howell

Nathaniel Frederick Yasso

Parents: Michelle (Frusteri) & Michael Yasso

Session Dates for Baptism 2010

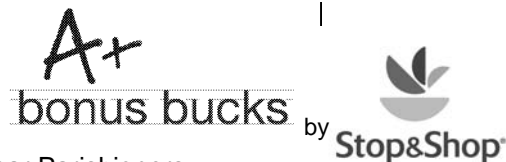
CATECHESIS PREPARATION

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

January 24, 2010	1:00 p.m.
March 28	1:00 p.m.
May 16	1:00 p.m.
June 13	1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

January 10, 2010	1:30 p.m.
January 31	1:30 p.m.
February 14	1:30 p.m.
April 11	1:30 p.m.
April 17	during 5:00 p.m. Mass
May 2	1:30 p.m.



Dear Parishioners:

Welcome to the A+ Bonus Bucks Program. St. Thomas the Apostle School will have the opportunity to earn cash through Stop&Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program through March 25.

All you have to do is Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online or Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card by phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop&Shop using your Stop&Shop Card earns cash for our school! In addition, if you purchase any Extra Credit Items, which are specially marked items throughout the store, the school earns 50 extra points. Each month, the amount of cash awarded will be updated on the Stop&Shop website. You can track the amount of points earned for our school by checking your grocery receipt and by creating an account at www.stopandshop.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

This simple process will make a huge difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to register your card to benefit **St. Thomas the Apostle School** using ID # **08625**.

Encourage your friends & relatives to register too!

Sincerely,

St. Thomas the Apostle Home & School

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.

JANUARY 17TH COLLECTION **\$17,760**
AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK: **\$20,500**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Eucharistic Adoration this Monday, January 25th, from Noon to 7:30 PM followed immediately by the Life-Awareness Holy Hour. All are invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament.



RIGHT TO LIFE

For those suffering with terminal illness and for their families: That in their time of trial they will know Christ's presence in a special way and be encouraged by his promise of eternal life;

We pray to the Lord

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. 20. 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.

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 2008 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 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON BEGINNING FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2010.

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.

The Rosary Society



Our *Deceased Members Mass* will take place on Monday, Feb. 2nd at 7:00 p.m. with out meeting immediately after the Mass. Please join us at this time of remembrance. Thank you. Any questions, please call Rosalie Mescall at 973-893-8186.

Women's Cornerstone March 19-20, 2010
TEAM MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE
...will be meeting Monday, January 25th at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, February 28th at 1:00 p.m. there will be a meeting for all those who are experiencing loss in their lives in the parish center. Watch the bulletin for details.

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 1/25

September Club – 10:30am in St. Peter
Eucharistic Adoration – 12:00pm to 7:30pm in Church
Respect Life – 7:30pm in Church

Thursday – 1/28

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 1/29

Tax Preparations – 10:00am to 12:00pm in St. Peter
SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

"I thank God for my handicaps for, through them, I have found myself, my work, and my God."

~ Helen Keller

JOB SEEKERS GROUP

Looking for a job? Come to a meeting of the St. Thomas the Apostle Job Seekers on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center where you will get a chance to network, get some advice, and pray with other members of the parish who are searching for a job. If you're not looking for work, but are looking for a good worker, come to one of our meetings and you'll meet plenty of them!

For additional information, send an email to:
workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com

The Institute for Christian Spirituality, Center for Workplace Spirituality, *presents the workshop...*

Finding Work & Managing Your Career in Tough Economic Times,

Saturday, January 30, 2010 - St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Parish Center, St. Peter's Room, Bloomfield, NJ, Mass at 8:30am (optional), 9:30a – 12:30p (light breakfast will be served), *Topics of discussion will include:*

- Proactive job-hunting: what really works?
- Networking: the #1 way to find work!
- What you should be doing to manage your career while still employed
- Resumes: what type is best for you?
- Reinvigorating a long job-search
- Points for mature job-seekers
- AND...where is God in all this?

Please join us for a time of prayer and reflection on the meaning of work in our lives and learn the best ways to find work in today's job market; learn what you should be doing to sustain your career, even while you are working... all discussions are confidential.

Know that you are not alone...

This workshop will be facilitated by Julie V. Burkey, MAPM, Director of the Center for Workplace Spirituality at Seton Hall University where she is also an adjunct professor. Julie has led numerous workshops on issues of employment; previously, she spent many years in her own business as an executive search consultant to major industrial companies.

**Kindly RSVP by January 22, 2010 to
workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com**

Safe Return Program

Individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other related dementia disorders can lose their ability to recognize familiar places and faces, and become lost in their own neighborhoods or when away from home. The Safe Return Program offered by the Alzheimer's Association provides assistance in locating persons who wander and become lost. Help is available from the national office and local chapter offices, seven days a week, 24 hours a day every day, whenever a person is lost or found.

Call 800-883-1180 for more information.

~ ~ *September Club Travel* ~ ~

Upcoming 2010 Day Trips
FOR INFORMATION: CALL JEAN AT 973-777-2278

Lakeside Manor Big Band Dinner Theater

Featuring The Jimmy Merchant Orchestra
March 18, 2010

INCLUDES:

- ROUNDTRIP MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION
- ENJOY DANCING – SHOW – LINE DANCING
- COMPLETE LUNCHEON INCLUDES: 2 DRINK TICKETS AND SALAD 3 ENTREES TO CHOOSE FROM, DESSERT, COFFEE AND TEA

PRICE

MEMBERS: \$60.00 --- NONMEMBERS: \$63.00

SIGHT & SOUND THEATERS

IN LANCASTER, PA - MAY 5, 2010

The Psalms of David

INCLUDES:

- ROUNDTRIP MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION
- ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET
- ADMISSION TO THE SHOW

PRICE

MEMBERS: \$80.00 --- NONMEMBERS: 82.00

Friends of Troop 22

Cosmic Bowling

Adult's Night Out

Brunswick Zone Bowl
679 Washington Ave., Belleville
(Next to McDonald's)



- Saturday, January 30, 2010-01-04
- 9:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M.
- \$30 Per Person
- Includes: 3 hours of bowling (6 per lane)
- Please email your name and a list of bowlers to bowleagoal227@aol.com
- Or fill out form below and leave it in the parish center marked "Troop 22 Bowling".
- Must be 18 or over to attend

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

HOW MANY PEOPLE? _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____

List team name and players' names on a separate sheet of paper.

Make checks payable to "Troop 22"