

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Parochial Vicars: Rev. Philip A. Sanders, S.T.B. • Rev. Andrew N. Onyemaobi, M.Div., M.A.
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.

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 11, 2010 . Divine Mercy Sunday

Masses for the Week

Sunday, April 11

Saturday, April 10

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 11

7:30 am Agnes McDonald – Family

9:00 am Elmer Andersen – Friend

10:30 am Andrew Triano – Family

12:00 pm Thomas F. Wardell (34th Anniv.) – Daughter

Monday, April 12

7:30 am John M. Janiec – Family

11:30 am Gertrude Schrader – Family

Tuesday, April 13

7:30 am Edna A. Carlos – Bequest

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

Wednesday, April 14

7:30 am John Henry Ziemer – Friend

11:30 am Ann Barclay – Family

Thursday, April 15

7:30 am Edna A. Carlos – Bequest

11:30 am Joseph Marafiote – Wife

Friday, April 16

7:30 am Consuelo Vazquez – Friend

11:30 am Andrew Molnar – Family

Saturday, April 17

8:30 am Donald & David Stefanelli – Mother

Sunday, April 18

Saturday, April 17

5:00 pm Antionette & Anthony Lubertazza – Daughters

Sunday, April 18

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Brian Mescall – Family

10:30 am Juan Aggabao, Sr. (4th Anniv.) – Family

12:00 pm The Dunning Family – Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Dorothy Saccarro, Esmie Atkinson, Diane Guagliardo,
Mark Catona, Sister Mary Rosarii Downes

REST IN PEACE:

Theresa Sawicki

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Ross Cassio

Convent: Sister Mary Seton

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“Do not doubt but believe.”
Jn 20:27

Today is the eighth Sunday and last day of the octave of Easter, the Second Sunday of Easter, which now also bears the name of Divine Mercy Sunday. The readings and prayer texts of the day emphasize peace, reconciliation, and the new creation.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

“The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God’s mercy to sinners.” The title Divine Mercy was given to this Sunday by Pope John Paul II in 200 when he canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska. In a homily he had prepared for the Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday just before his death and that was presented posthumously, the Pope said,

“To humanity, which at times seems to be lost and dominated by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the risen Lord offers the gift of his love that pardons, reconciles, and opens the soul to hope. It is love that converts hearts and brings peace... How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!”

We are called to act daily with a spirit of mercy toward our neighbors and our enemies, with prayers, words, and deeds.

FIRST READING: As the Holy Spirit filled the apostles with ever-deepening faith in the power of Jesus’ Resurrection, Jesus’ ministry of healing comes to life in them. As the crowds once flocked to Jesus to experience the power of God’s healing mercy, they now flock to the apostles, for their touch bestows a share in Christ’s healing power. As believers, we are enlivened by the Resurrection to be instruments of God’s grace and healing.

SECOND READING: Paul proclaims the intimate union shared between Christ and his body, the Church, by linking the Resurrection of believers to the Resurrection of Christ. He takes the doctrine of faith in the Resurrection of Jesus and claims that to deny the general Resurrection of the dead is, in fact, to deny Christ’s own. The Church rejoices for Christ has gathered us to himself and shares the fullness of his new life with us.

GOSPEL: For Jesus, those who are poor, hungry, sorrowful, and hated exemplify those who place their trust in God and so will be blessed. On the other hand, the rich, satisfied, jocular, and well respected in this age will one day experience affliction. We are blessed when we stand with Christ, who emptied himself and stood with us in our lowliness.

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS



**CURRENTLY ACCEPTING
REGISTRATION FOR THE
2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR**

(WAIT LIST FOR GRADES 3 & 7)

**Please call the School Office at
973-338-8505 to schedule a tour**

**Pre K3 through 7th grades
Middle States Accredited
Full-Day or Half-Day Pre K 3 & 4
Full-Day or Half-Day Kindergarten
BeforeCare & AfterCare programs
Advanced Technology**

**Jr. High Science / Synergistics Program
Physical Education for all grades
Spanish & Italian Classes**

Session Dates for Baptism 2010

**Wide Variety of Extra-Curricular Activities
CATECHESIS PREPARATION**

St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

May 16, 2010	1:00 p.m.
June 13	1:00 p.m.
September 12	1:00 p.m.
October 17	1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

May 2, 2010	1:30 p.m.
June 6	1:30 p.m.
June 27	1:30 p.m.
July 18	1:30 p.m.

August 15 **St. Thomas the Apostle School** 1:30 p.m.
September 18 **2010 Calendar Sweepstakes Winners!** during the 5:00 p.m. mass

MARCH

29	\$75	J. Condito
30	\$50	Theresa St. George
31	\$75	Dr. & Mrs. John DiCamillo

APRIL

1	\$50	Maryann Dondero
2	\$75	Kathy Flaherty
3	\$50	Pat & Cindy Turano
4	\$1000	Dr. & Mrs. John DiCamillo
5	\$50	Angela Ciccone
6	\$75	Nestor deGuzman
7	\$200	Antonio Grasso
8	\$100	Leslie O'Connor
9	\$100	Mrs. Olga Thun
10	\$75	Valerie Ellmer
11	\$50	Trey Moclair

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!!!

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday - 4/12

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Wednesday - 4/14

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Thursday - 4/15

CALENDAR DATES DUE!

Friday - 4/16

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

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.

Wellness Ministry Offers CENSUS Help

The Wellness Ministry is offering help, to those who need help filling out Census Forms. Simply call the parish center at 973-338-9190 and leave a message at ext. 20, and someone will contact you.

STA Respect Life and Good Counsel Homes



A reminder that baby bottles will be collected at Masses next weekend for Good Counsel. We are helping Good Counsel's pro-life homes that care for 75 mothers and children on a daily basis. Thank you for your generous support for this Catholic pro-life agency.



RIGHT TO LIFE

For all who despair of God's forgiveness, especially those who have been involved in an abortion: May they trust in God's mercy and find peace again through the Sacrament of Reconciliation;

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.

PALM SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$25,315
AMOUNT BUDGETED:	\$20,500
EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$54,265
AMOUNT BUDGETED:	\$62,000

True Love Waits 1

For those interested in teaching youth about the beauty of true love and chastity, St. Thomas the Apostle Church in partnership with the Archdiocese of Newark, will offer a **True Love Waits** training program on Saturday, April 10, from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. You can be trained to give a five-session program for middle and high school students. The program includes skits, videos discussions and role plays. Subjects include: achieving life's goals; what the church and bible teach about sex; consequences of premarital sex; resisting peer pressure. Cost: \$65 per person. For information call 201.804.8331.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- 4/11 REGULAR MEETING - COTILLION VOTING
- 4/18 FR. TOM BLIND
- 4/23 ARCHDIOCESE COTILLION
- 4/25 VOCATIONS - FR. JOHN GABRIEL
- 5/2 SENIOR NIGHT I

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

Cornerstone Women

We've recently completed our fifth successful Women's Cornerstone Retreat at St. Thomas the Apostle. We would like to invite you to the reunion for all women who have made a Cornerstone retreat. Mark Your Calendars!!!

The Cornerstone Reunion will be on Friday, May 14th, 2010 at 7:30 pm. There will be wine, cheese, prayer and socializing!

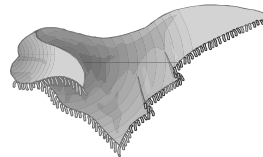
We are trying to reach as many former retreat attendees as we can via email but some are not accessible. Please help us to spread the word.

Please respond by calling Sister Arleen in the Parish Center at 973-338-9190 or email your response to martylevine59@aol.com or czyeleniewski@comcast.net
Hope to see you all there.
Cornerstone Team V

Parish Ministry Chairpersons

Please submit room requests
for next year's meetings,
September 1, 2010 until August 31, 2011,
to the parish center by **April 15, 2010.**

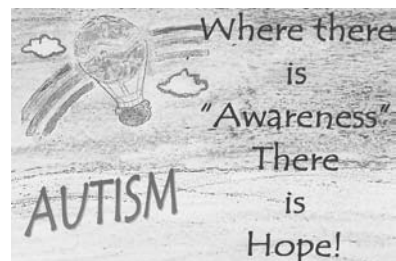
Prayer Shawl Ministry



Let us continue to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them.

Our spring meetings are Sunday April 18th and May 16th from 11:30AM to 2PM and Wednesday evenings April 7th, May 5th and June 2nd. We need light prayer shawls for the summer. Shawls should be long and wide enough to cover the shoulders (at least 22 inches by 60 inches). Lapghans should be approximately 36" wide and 40" in length. All are welcome to work and pray with us. If you have any questions or you wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact the Ministry Bernadette @ 973-893-0114, Alicia @ 973-473-6633 or Sister Arleen @ 973-338-9190.

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

St. Thomas the Apostle's Adult Enrichment



*Understanding the Lord's Prayer
and Hail Mary*

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Place: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center

Cost: \$10.00 suggested donation (payable at door)

Registration: Call 973.338.9190 x29 by April 19.

Speaker: Dr. Gregory Glazov is a professor of Biblical Studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology and coordinator of the Great Spiritual Books certificate program for the Institute for Christian Spirituality. Dr. Glazov is a graduate of Oxford University and the author of "The 'Bridling of the Tongue' and the 'Opening of the Mouth' in Biblical Prophecy." He is also the author of numerous articles and book reviews.

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

April 15

Our speaker will be Linda Quirolo. Linda will discuss: How to Create an Effective Resume, Interviewing Tips and 2 Before/After Resumes – (if you would like your resume considered for a before and after, please submit to workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com).

~ ~ September Club Travel ~ ~

Upcoming 2010 Day Trips

FOR INFORMATION: CALL JEAN AT 973-777-2278

STATUE OF LIBERTY & ELLIS ISLAND

June 24, 2010

INCLUDES:

- ROUNDTrip MOTOR COACH TRANSPORTATION
- ADMISSION TO THE STATUE OF LIBERTY
- LUNCHEON SPECIAL INCLUDING: SOUP OR SALAD, RICE OR CHOCOLATE PUDDING, POTATO AND VEGETABLE WITH ENTRÉE.



PRICE

MEMBERS: \$43.00 --- NONMEMBERS: \$45.00

HOLY NAME MAN OF THE YEAR
TUESDAY, MAY 18TH, 2010
HONORING

PAUL SEFJACK
A WELL DESERVING HONOREE

MASS AT ST. VALENTINE, 7PM
DINNER AT THE ESSEX MANOR SHORTLY
THEREAFTER

COST \$35 PER PERSON- RESERVATIONS
CONTACT PAUL ALONGI 973-338-4665
OR PARISH CENTER 973-338-9190

Loyola House of Retreats

161 James St, Morristown, N.J. (973) 539-0740

**Healing & Wholeness
Body, Mind & Spirit**

**Weekend Retreat for Men and Women
April 30 - May 2**

Presenters

Anna Graziano, cSD and Fr. Bill Rakowicz, S.J.



"May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ."

1Thess 5:23

For more information call: Anna Graziano (973) 338-9538
or Loyola House of Retreats (973) 539-0740

**ARE YOU GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL?
DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER IN THE
HOSPITAL?**



We would like to visit our parishioners who are homebound, in the hospital or other health care facility. Because of patient confidentiality laws, however, the only way we can know is if someone informs us. Call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190, leaving your name and number so we may return your call, or you may leave the information at the Parish Desk on Sunday mornings.

JOIN THE SISTERS OF CHARITY OF
SAINT ELIZABETH IN CELEBRATION OF
150 YEARS AT APRIL GALA

THE SISTERS OF CHARITY OF SAINT ELIZABETH CORDIALLY
INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM AT THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY GALA
ON APRIL 17, 2010 AT THE HANOVER MARRIOTT, WHIPPANY.

THE EVENT BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M. TICKETS ARE \$350.⁰⁰
EACH. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 973-290-5454 OR
VISIT WWW.SCNJ.ORG.

St. Mary's Church of Nutley

is hosting a
Bus Trip to

**The Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in
Doylestown, PA**

We will enjoy a private tour of the Shrine with its
beautiful grounds and gardens, attend Mass, view a film
about the Shrine, and browse the gift shop and
bookstore.

Luncheon will be served. Price (includes lunch): \$43.00

For more information:

Marie (973) 450-0527

Maryann (973) 667-0669

**Mount St. Dominic Academy
Spring Open House**

It is time again for our Spring Open House for sixth,
seventh and eighth grade girls and their families.

Mount Saint Dominic Academy
3 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, NJ 07006
www.msdacademy.org

Open House Wednesday, May 5th
at 6:30 p.m. in the Athletic Center

Call (973) 226-0660, ext. 1122 with questions.

Sacred Heart Parish
is having its Annual

**Casino
Night**

5:30 p.m. to Midnight
Saturday, May 15th at the
Sacred Heart School Auditorium
683 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, NJ

\$60 per person (21 and older only)

Includes buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda, dessert, DJ
music, \$60 worth of chip with which to play at the
Gaming Tables, and TRICKY TRAY prizes!

You don't need to know how to play the games; the
dealers will help you learn the games!

For tickets and info, call Terry Lurker (973) 743-3230,
Andrea Anuscavage (973) 429-9221 or Don Wettengel
(973) 749-5959. Tickets also available at Rectory office.

Did you know

**REGISTRATION FOR
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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.



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.



LACORDAIRE ACADEMY

Spring Cleaning?

It's that time again!

Donate Used Books

for a Great Cause –

Educating Young People!

Lacordaire Academy is accepting donations of
gently-used hardcover, paperback and audio books
for its annual book sale. This year, proceeds
benefit arts and sciences at the Academy.

It's So Easy! Think of us during spring cleaning
and drop off your books any time under the covered
porch at the front door of the high school—155
Lorraine Ave., Upper Montclair. Deadline for
donations is May 10, 2010.

Lacordaire's Annual Used Book Sale will take
place Thursday-Sunday, May 20-24, 2010. For
more information, contact Suzanne or Teresa at
LacoBookSale@msn.com.

Jesus, you are risen! *You are with us. Keep us
ever mindful of how you are a part of our lives in a deep
and profound way. Surprise us with a touch of your love
in places where we never thought that we would find
you. Fill our hearts with hope. May the gift of your
presence transform every ordinary moment of ours into
a sacred place where you dwell. Help us to see this gift
through the eyes of faith. Fill us with your peace.
AMEN.*