

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Parochial Vicars: Rev. Andrew N. Onyemaobi, M.Div., M.A. • Rev. Camilo E. Cruz, M. Div.
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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.

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Ms. Joan Ferraer

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MUSIC MINISTRIES:
Nancy A. Cardone

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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 16, 2011 . 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, January 16

Saturday, January 15

5:00 pm Lottie Szajkowski – Family

Sunday, January 16

7:30 am GeorgeAnn Sabato – Family

9:00 am Barbara Ellmer – Husband

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Taryn Zingaro Fisher (3rd Anniv.) – Family

Monday, January 17

8:30 am Jennifer English – Friend

Tuesday, January 18

7:30 am Rosemarie Bonfante – Family

11:30 am Charles Ofsak – Family

Wednesday, January 19

7:30 am Mary Montesano – Daughter

11:30 am William F. Scully (31st Anniv) – Wife

Thursday, January 20

7:30 am Bettye Kehrlle – Friend

11:30 am Mary C. Miller – Family

Friday, January 21

7:30 am Carl Johnson – Friend

11:30 pm Maria Gadaleta – Family

Saturday, January 22

8:30 am Jerome M. Judd – Family

Sunday, January 23

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5:00 pm Louis Scaglione – Family

Sunday, January 23

7:30 am Jacob Szajkowski – Daughters

9:00 am Dennis Mc Donald – Family

10:30 am Klenk Family – Bequest

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

James H. Lynch

REST IN PEACE:

Clemente Pedro Lecea, Robert Mattia

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Frank Janiec

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings continue the themes we have heard throughout the Christmas season. Jesus is the servant prophesied by Isaiah, the one for whom John prepared the way. By our Baptism, we too have been called to be servants of the Gospel.

FIRST READING: The First Reading is drawn from the second of the four “servant songs” in Second Isaiah (we heard a portion of the first of these servant songs last Sunday). Talk about vacations! From his mother’s womb, this man has been called to be the Lord’s servant. At the end of the reading we get a glimpse of what the servant’s mission will be – not simply to “raise up” and “restore” God’s chosen people, Israel, but to be “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6), so that God’s salvation can reach to the whole world.

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 40 is the song of a faithful servant of the Lord, who speaks the justice of God without fear. In the antiphon – “Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will” – we hear the willing, joyful response of Jesus; but as we join in the response, we make those words our own.

SECOND READING: The Second Reading is the very beginning of 1 Corinthians, which we will read for the next two months. Today we hear the formal greeting with which the letter opens. Paul follows the custom of the ancient world in stating clearly at the outset who the letter is from, who it is for, and adding a greeting of good will. But unlike most letters of the time, Paul does not focus on the titles and dignity of those whom he addresses; instead, he casts everything in terms of relationship to God. The only title he claims for himself is “apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God” (1 Corinthians 1:1); and he addresses the Corinthians as the “church of God,” “sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy” (1 Corinthians 1:2). Before entering into his subject Paul humbly remembers where his authority is from – and he reverently acknowledges the presence of God in the community to whom he writes.

THE GOSPEL this week is from John, and like last Sunday’s Gospel, it focuses on the baptism of Jesus. John the Baptist sees Jesus, and speaks the marvelous words we echo at every Mass, words that reveal the whole mission of Jesus: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world” (John 1:29). John says, “I did not know him” (John 1:31) – unlike Luke, this Gospel seems to show Jesus and John meeting for the first time at this moment – and yet the names by which John calls Jesus show that he knows who Jesus is on the deepest level. He is the “Lamb of God” (John 1:29) - the one who will be sacrificed to take away the people’s guilt. Jesus will take away the sins not just of the chosen people, but, as Isaiah had foretold, of the whole world. By the testimony of the Spirit, John is able to recognize Jesus as “the Son of God” (John 1:34). At his baptism, Jesus’ true identity is revealed for those with eyes to see. And the same is true for all who are baptized in Christ’s name.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Monday, January 17, 2011
One Mass only at 8:30 a.m.
School and Parish Center closed.

Visit our website at:
www.stachurchbloomfield.com

SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS



**Hosted by
St Thomas the Apostle
Home & School Assoc.**

**Performed by Surfliht Theatre
Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011 @ 3:00 p.m.
in the Auditorium** * Doors open 2:30 p.m.

Limited seating. Order your tickets today!
All orders due by January 23, 2011

Family Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Quantity: Adults @ \$12.00 _____

Children 12 & under @ \$10.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Checks payable to: STA Home & School Assoc.
Mail to: St. Thomas the Apostle School Office
Att: Marilyn Sartori or Barbara Espinal
50 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003
Ticket Questions ? Call Marilyn @ 973-634-7789
or Barbara @ 973-224-0480

St. Thomas the Apostle School
MOMMY 'n ME PLAYGROUP
Tuesday Mornings 
11:00 a.m. till 11:45 in the school gym

- ☺ The playgroup will serve children from 2-4 years old
- ☺ The playgroup aims to promote new and lasting friendships for both children and their parents.
- ☺ Parents will be responsible for the supervision of their children at all times.
- ☺ If you, or a friend, have any questions, please call the school office at **973-338-8505**.

Free program!
www.stthomastheapostlenj.com

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO OUR
OPEN HOUSE**



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
and TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST**

- † **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
- 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.



**You're Invited to the
34th Annual STA Tricky Tray!**



**Thursday, March 3, 2011 @ 6:30pm
The Brownstone, Paterson NJ**

**Join us for an evening of fun and prizes!
GREAT DINNER-GREAT COMPANY-COOL PRIZES!!!!**

Admission tickets can be purchased for \$35 per person.
Includes dinner (salad, main course, dessert ,coffee/tea).
Cash Bar - Adults only!! - Doors open at 6:30pm.

Please complete the form below and return to the school office ATTN: TRICKY TRAY TICKETS, no later than February 14th! Admission tickets will be mailed home.

We hope to see you there! Bring your family & friends!!

Please contact Michelle Jaworski @ 816-686-2400 or Blanca DelRio-Munoz @ 973-634-2324 with questions.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER FEBRUARY 14, 2011

I would like # _____ tickets @ \$35 each for a total cost of \$ _____ (checks payable to STA Home & School)

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

I prefer to sit with: _____

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 1/10

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Thursday – 1/6

Job Seekers – 7:00pm in St. Peter

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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
January 9th collection:	17,206
YTD amount Dec 31st	(-40,407)



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:

JANUARY 9TH KICK-OFF MEETING FOR 2011

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

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – Sun., Jan. 16th

Blood pressure screenings will be held on Sunday, Jan. 16th, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Fellowship will be sponsored by the Filipino Community.

Right to Life

For all mothers experiencing difficult circumstances: That through the spiritual and practical resources of the Catholic community they will experience Christ's compassionate love for them;

We pray to the Lord



RCIA Rite of Welcoming

On Sunday, January 23rd St. Thomas the Apostle will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming at the 9 a.m. mass for RCIA candidate Michelle Catona. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues her journey toward the reception of First Eucharist and Confirmation.

JOB SEEKERS GROUP

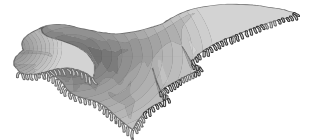
Don't let your job search get you down. St. Thomas's Work Ministry offers a free, comfortable place to find support, ideas, and inspiration.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:30 in the Parish Center. Keep checking the bulletin for our programs geared to help in your job search. All are welcome to join us if you are looking for a job or need a person to fill a position. For more info, send an e-mail to workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com

January 20: 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 by Sunday Jan 16).

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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



All are welcome to work and pray with us. We are again in need of shawls. Our present project is to again, make red scarves measuring 7 inches by 60 inches for the Aids patients at Broadway House. Our Youth Group will give the scarves, along with cookies they will make for Valentine's Day. If you have any questions or you wish to give someone a shawl or lap robe, please contact the Ministry Bernadette at 973-893-0114, Sister Arleen at 973-338-9190 or Alicia at 973-473-6633

Save the Date !!!

Don't Miss The 40th Reunion of the Class of 1971



Saturday March 12, 2011 7:00pm
50 Burd Avenue Bloomfield NJ

\$50.00 per person

The Graduating Class of 1971 is having its 40th Reunion on March 12, 2011. It is scheduled to be held in Herron Hall. We are still in the process of locating some of our classmates. If you were a member of that class, or know someone who was, and have contact information, please call **Chris Helm** at 973-951-7669 or email him at chrishelm@optonline.net

Women & Spirit:

Catholic Sisters in America

Catholic Sisters in America, a traveling exhibit sponsored by the Leadership Council of Women Religious (LCWR) is at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, Statue of Liberty National Monument through January 22, 2011. This creative and compelling exhibit illustrates the enormous impact the lives of these remarkable women have had and continue to have on both our church and our nation's history. Visit www.womenandspirit.org for more information.

St. Thomas the Apostle Mission Statement

The Roman Catholic faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle recognizes God's call to be a sign of His Kingdom in the communities we serve. We respond to this call by:

- † Leading people to a deeper relationship with Christ by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, renewal, education, the celebration of the Sacraments, and the worship of God in the sacred liturgy;
- † Encouraging a commitment to justice and to service of those in need;
- † Promoting good stewardship of our time, talent and treasure;
- † Building a community of hospitality and support in the daily living out of Christian ideals by nourishing mutual respect and understanding within our Church, our families, our community, and other faith traditions.



LOST AND FOUND BOXES ARE LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AS WELL AS IN THE PARISH CENTER. THERE ARE GLASSES, GLOVES, ELECTRONICS KEYS, SCARVES, JACKETS, ETC. STOP BY TO SEE IF ANYTHING MAY BELONG TO YOU.

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.

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH YOUR LOSS

We will gather on
Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011 – 1:00-2:15 p.m.
in the Parish Center

Our theme will be:
We Are God's Work of Art

Questions?
Please call Sister Arleen at 973-338-9190 ex.133

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 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON BEGINNING JANUARY 28, 2011 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2011.

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.

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.

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.

Catholic Charities
HEALTHY CHILDREN, HEALTHY FAMILIES
IMPORTANT

*You may be eligible
for free or low cost health insurance coverage
for your children
through NJ. Family Care.*

Call Catholic Charities' **Healthy Children, Healthy Families** Outreach Program today to learn more. A trained staff person will review eligibility requirements, help enroll your family and do follow up. If you already participate in this program and need to renew your policy will be happy to assist you. Please call (973) 266-7947 for more information.

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.

MILITARY MASS IN ORANGE

Will commemorate Civil War's 150th Anniversary

On Sunday, February 20, 2011, Fr. David Moreno, SDB, Chaplain of the 7th Regiment New Jersey Volunteer Infantry Civil War reenactors, will celebrate a Civil War Military Mass at Our Lady of the Valley Church, 510 Valley St., in Orange. At the Mass, which is scheduled for 12:15 p.m., Fr. Moreno will be joined by dozens of reenactors from the 2nd New Jersey Brigade and other living history organizations who will participate in their Civil War uniforms and dresses. The Mass will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War which is generally considered to have started with the bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861. An Abraham Lincoln impersonator will present Lincoln's "Farewell to Springfield" address, Lincoln's words of farewell to his home town of Springfield, Illinois, on the occasion of his departure for his inauguration in Washington, DC.

The Mass will include Latin chants, and Civil War-era Mass vestments, and hymns, and will be followed by a three-volley military salute and the playing of "Taps" to honor all who fell during the Civil War. A light luncheon, courtesy of the OLV Health & Wellness Ministry, will follow in the parish center on Nassau St. For more information about the Mass contact Fr. Moreno at 973-674-2400 or ChaplainDM@gmail.com

Prayer for Peace

Christ, Prince of Peace, as we celebrate your coming anew, open us to the moral wisdom of our Pope. Help us discern in his words your call for Peace on Earth.

Give us the grace to support international cooperation to build the common good. Help us speak out with courage and conviction on matters of justice and peace as a way to affirm that we are all brothers and sisters, all members of your human family.



**“Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world”**

(John 1:29)