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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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
(Penance/Confessions)
Saturday: 11:00am

Marian Devotions:
Mondays
Novena Prayer
11:30am Mass

Liturgy of the Word
With Children:
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September - June

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SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS

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

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH YOUR LOSS
We will gather on
Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011 –1:00 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

“THIS WEEK”
Monday – 2/14
September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter
Wednesday – 2/16
SCC Wednesday/Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Andrew
Thursday – 2/17
Job Seekers – 7:30pm in St. Peter
Friday – 2/11
SCC Friday – 7:30pm in St. Peter
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, February 13**
- 5:00 pm James Palagano – Family
- 7:30 am Jane & Joseph Beard – Family
- 9:00 am For the People of the Parish
- 10:30 am Joseph Russomanno (4th Anniv.) – Family
- 12:00 pm Alfred & Mildred Paul – Family

**Monday, February 14**
- 7:30 am Josephine & Dominick Tortorello – Bequest
- 11:30 am Marie Ammann – Sisters

**Tuesday, February 15**
- 7:30 am Gail Pilsbury – Husband
- 11:30 am Chritiana Lee – Friend

**Wednesday, February 16**
- 7:30 am Juliana & Pedro Cayetano – Family
- 11:30 am Al Lang – Family

**Thursday, February 17**
- 7:30 am Nicholas J. Pieroni – Father
- 11:30 am John Mescall – Family

**Friday, February 18**
- 7:30 am Mary Straniero – Cousin
- 11:30 pm Burns & Boyle Families – Family

**Saturday, February 19**
- 8:30 am Helen Axt – Family

**Sunday, February 20**
- 5:00 pm Michael John Melograno – Wife
- 7:30 am Albert F. Lang – Family
- 9:00 am Constant Montesano – Daughter
- 10:30 am For the People of the Parish
- 12:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Davenport – Family

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**
- Barbara Savage, Marion Molnar, Allan White, Frank Korec, Lois Cunningham, Sandra Luehrs-Shaw

**REST IN PEACE:**
- Sr. Irene Mongrandi, James Lynch

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**
- Church: Catherine Sabella
- Convent: Marie & Kathleen Lataro

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- www.stachurchbloomfield.com

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The readings today are all about God's law—and our choices.

**FIRST READING:** Sirach is one of the wisdom books of the Old Testament. It is really a collection of maxims—memorable nuggets of wisdom addressed by a wise man to his son, a teacher to his disciple. Today's reading emphasizes free will. No one can say that they have no choice; that the commandments are impossible to keep. “If you choose,” says the teacher, “you can keep the commandments” (Sirach 15:15). And the choice is clear cut—it is the difference between fire and water, life and death, good and evil.

**RESPONSORIAL:** Responsorial Psalm 119 is the longest of all the psalms, with 22 distinct sections, one for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The psalm praises the law of God. For the faithful person, the law is full of "wonders" (Psalm 119:18), a source of joy and blessing. Notice how many different words are used to describe the law in the few short verses we hear today—the law is many-faceted, demanding a response that involves the whole person—mind, heart, and body.

**SECOND READING:** Last Sunday, St. Paul reminded the Corinthians that he preached to them not in his own words and wisdom, but with God's. Today he expresses what that wisdom is like—"mysterious, hidden," unknown to the "rulers of this age," and essentially unknowable—unless the Holy Spirit reveals it to us (1 Corinthians 2:7,8).

**THE GOSPEL** We hear a lengthy passage from the Sermon on the Mount, as Jesus gives to his disciples a new vision of the law. "I have come not to abolish but to fulfill," Jesus tells them (Matthew 5:17). Jesus then proceeds to take several commandments, one after the other, and interprets them in a whole new light. For Matthew Jesus is the new Moses, and here he is the lawgiver, handing down a new series of commandments far more challenging than the first. Moses said not to kill; Jesus calls us to a much higher standard of morality, a righteousness that comes from an inner purity.
CONFIRMATION 2011 MEETINGS
FOR PARENTS
AFTER ALL MASSES
FEBRUARY 19 & 20 AND 26 & 27
IN THE PARISH CENTER.

Saint Thomas the Apostle Rosary Confraternity’s

ANNUAL
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DINNER
catered by
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Friday, March 18th, 2011
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Herron Hall

Adults: $12.50
Children*: $7.50
*Chicken available for children only

- Dessert & Beverage Included
- Bring your own beer or wine
- Eat In or Take Out
  (Please indicate on reservation form)

RESERVATIONS DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH
PLEASE NO WALK-INS

Attention Rosarians: Baked goods (cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc.) are needed for the dessert table. Please drop off baked items in Herron Hall Fri., March 18th after 2:00 p.m.

Questions, please contact:
Mary Ellen DeCotiis - 973-893-9625
Bernadette Lipoma - 973-893-0114

FISH & CHIPS RESERVATION FORM

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PHONE:_______________________________________

(check only one): ___________ EAT-IN ___________ TAKE-OUT

**PLEASE SEAT ME WITH: ____________________________

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED $____________________

Make checks payable to: STA Rosary Confraternity

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Our next meeting is Sun., Feb. 20th from 11:30 a.m.until 2:00 P.M. at the Parish Center. Come 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  Sister Arleen @ 973-338-9190, Alicia @ 973-473-6633

Are you sick of snow and ice and can't wait to get out and see beautiful green grass?
Then mark your calendars, for the
7th Annual St. Thomas Golf Outing!
This year's Golf Outing will be held on
Monday June 6th.

We are back at Glen Ridge Country Club this year. Please check the bulletin in a few weeks for our brochure. Please contact Joe Re at 973-338-5960 with any questions.

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

2/1 $500 Anthony & Geri Safonte
2/2 $100 Barbara Giaquinto
2/3 $ 50 Lorraine Purcell
2/4 $ 75 Lisandra Stefanelli
2/5 $100 Paul Cafone
2/6 $ 75 Dr. & Mrs. DiCamillo

Congratulations!!!!!!
19th Annual Holy Name Society’s
“Irish Night”

featuring
MIKE BYRNE

Saturday, February 26, 2011,  6:30 to 10:30 p.m.
St. Thomas the Apostle School – Herron Hall

Traditional Irish Music, Irish Step Dancing, Bag Piper, Sing-Along and Raffle

- Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
- Irish Soda Bread
- Beer
- Wine
- Soda
- “BYOB”

Donation: $25.00 Per Person (Not available at door)

Deadline: February 12, 2011
For information, call Frank Helmstetter at 973-338-5872.
Or Rich Bevere at 973-338-6444

Women’s Cornerstone
COMING THE WEEKEND OF March 25th & 26th.
OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS:

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN AT THE WELL

Based on the scripture reading: Women at the well.
Please mark your calendars to come and join us.
More information will follow! The Cornerstone Team

The Graduating Class of 1971 is having its 40th Reunion on March 12. It is scheduled to be held in Herron Hall. 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

Don’t miss out!!!

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:

1st Prize: $10,500 or 35% of tickets sold
2nd Prize: $3,000 or 10% of tickets sold
3rd Prize: $1,500 or 5% of tickets sold

Application form
Reserve your ticket now.

_____ Ticket(s) for 600 Club @ $ 50.00

Name or Names (please print)

Address

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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
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 30th collection: 18,220
YTD Amount as of Jan. 31st: (-41,394)

2012 MASS BOOK OPENING
Tues., March 15th from 9:30am-1pm in the parish center.

Masses from January through December of 2012 will be scheduled. We will be taking intentions for 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. daily masses and weekend Masses. We ask that you please limit the number of Masses you reserve. For this reason we are limiting Mass reservations on opening day to a maximum of two weekend Masses or four weekday Masses. For example, one can reserve four weekday Masses or two weekday and two weekend Masses. Perhaps a birthday or anniversary might be an initial date – thus giving all Parishioners the opportunity to reserve the dates and times they may wish. Another way to remember your deceased loved ones would be to make donations to our Memorial Fund. The Memorial Fund allows us to purchase needed Vestments, Altar Linens, Vessels, etc. to be used at the celebration of Mass. Also available are Sanctuary Offerings which include the Sanctuary Candles in Church, the Rectory and the Convent. They burn weekly in memory of your loved ones as well as for special intentions: birthdays, anniversaries, improved health, etc. Cards are available announcing your donation to both the Memorial Fund and the Sanctuary Candles.

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:
February 13th Cookie Night for AIDS
March 19th Confirmation classes begin
March 27th Stations Practice begins

For more info contact Tim Dennin at tdennin@att.net

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.

Job Seekers Group
"Don’t Just Think Outside the Box – Think Out of This World" (2011 Job Search Strategies) presented by Abby Kohut, known on the web as Absolutely Abby (www.absolutelyabby.com)

When: Thurs., Feb. 17, from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Where: St. Thomas the Apostle, Parish Center

Join us for a free presentation to get a new angle on your job search. Abby’s articles on AbsolutelyAbby.com and her bi-weekly Career Wake Up Calls inspire job seekers to stay motivated as they continue their search for their ideal job – Learn how to see the light when there doesn’t appear to be any, how to uncover the hidden job market, – How to turn misfortune into opportunity – Learn to differentiate yourself in order to win the race to the finish line.

Please reserve your seat by Monday, February 14, 2011 by emailing workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com

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
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