

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Peter K. Funesti, M. Div., Parochial Vicar • Rev. Philip A. Sanders, S.T.B., Parochial Vicar

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 & 7:00pm

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:
Paul DiBianca
Kimberley Mesiti

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR FAMILY
& ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES:
Robert P. Miller

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:
Mr. Timothy Dennin

PASTORAL COUNCIL:
Tom Rossano, Chairperson
Orly Trias, Vice Chairperson
Michele Sweetman, 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

Masses for the Week

Sunday, June 29

Saturday, June 28

5:00 pm Thomas A. Walsh - Friend

Sunday, June 29

7:30 am Michael Santasieri - Friends

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Agnes McDonald - Friend

12:00 pm Vincent Biase - Friend

Monday, June 30

7:30 am Edward Sauer - Friend

11:30 am Carol Longo - Friend

Tuesday, July 1

7:30 am Teodorico Q. Flores - Children

11:30 am Gertrude M. Norton - Bequest

Wednesday, July 2

7:30 am Grace Monticello - Son

11:30 am Thomas Walsh - Mother

Thursday, July 3

7:30 am Rose Russo - Friend

11:30 am Michael Dobransky - Family

Friday, July 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

8:30 am Carmine Sierchio - Family

Saturday, July 5

8:30 am Brian J. Scholl - Friend

Sunday, July 6

Saturday, July 5

5:00 pm Brian J. Scholl - Family

Sunday, July 6

7:30 am Michael Santasieri - Pastoral Council

9:00 am Joseph Marafiote - Friends

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Kathryn & Archie Barbata - Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Franco & Fasone Families,
Bob Moe, Shawn Barrett

REST IN PEACE

Ella Capaccio

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Anthony Ostoyic
Convent: Walter Krebs

Next Sunday's Readings:

Zechariah 9: 9-10

Romans 8: 9,11-13

Matthew 11: 25-30

Pray For Vocations



"...you are Peter." In today's Gospel, and uniquely on today's feast, the Church is reminded of the supremacy of Saint Peter. There are hints spread throughout the Gospel, but none is as determinative as this Gospel. The power Christ bestows on Peter is unique to him, and Saint Peter becomes the human foundation of the Church based on Christ's gift. Are you willing to follow the successor of Saint Peter as he guides us to Christ's eternal Kingdom? If so, you may have a priestly or religious vocation. Pray for the intercession of the canonized/beatified popes, as well as the health of long life of our current Holy Father and contact the Office of Vocations at kellybar@rcan.org or 973.497.4365.

Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program

The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Mon-Fri, 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Call the Parish Center at 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.



Right to Life

For expectant parents: that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mother they might wait in joyful hope for the wonders God will bring them;

We pray to the Lord

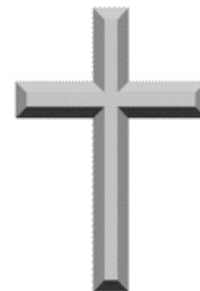
Happy 4th of July!



**Friday, July 4th, 2008
there will be only one Mass
at 8:30 a.m.**

The Parish Center will be closed.

From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Parishioners,

Our Archbishop recently assigned Father Peter Funesti to be the new pastor of the Church of the Nativity in Midland Park. We will miss him when he begins his new assignment on July 1, 2008. All of us here at St. Thomas the Apostle wish him great happiness and success in his new role as pastor of a Catholic community.

At this time there is no priest available to join our pastoral staff as a replacement for Father Peter, so Father Philip and I will do our best to cover the pastoral needs of our community.

Last Sunday Father Peter celebrated his farewell Mass of Thanksgiving, which was followed by a reception for parishioners and friends in Herron Hall. It was a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to meet with Father Peter and express their thanks for his years of ministry within our parish. I want to thank chairpersons, Rosalie Mescall and Paul Alongi, as well as all who served on the Farewell Committee for their hard work and dedication in preparing the day's celebrations. Their efforts were enjoyed by Father Peter, his family and by all who attended.

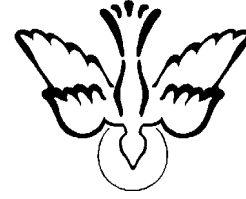
I also want to take this opportunity to inform you that Father Daniel Kyom, who worked in our parish last summer, will be returning to our parish to help during the summer months of July and August. So when you see him, be sure to welcome him back to St. Thomas the Apostle.

Please pray for your priests - Father Peter as he begins his new assignment and your own parish priests as they continue to minister to you here at St. Thomas the Apostle. Have a wonderful and restful summer in the Lord!

Father Charles

Rev. Charles J. Miller,
Pastor

Thank you from Father Peter...



Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas,

Praise the Lord! and **WOW!** ...are the first two expressions that come to mind after this weekend. My Farewell mass was just *fantastic*. The Music was inspiring, the singing and prayers we experienced were truly a gift of God's presence among all of us. The presentations were touching along with the slide show, which was a lot of FUN. The reception afterwards was filled with the spirit that makes STA a special place.

I would like to publicly Thank Frs. Miller and Sanders for their friendship & support during these past 2 years. I would like to Thank Fr Tom Blind for his support & encouragement over the past 5 years that he has lived here, and Nancy Cardone for her amazing ability to coordinate all the choirs' musicians, music and programs. I have learned a lot from Nancy these past 13 years, mostly how important the text of a song has to be if the assembly is going to sing it. I want to Thank Paul Dibianca and Kim Mesiti for their input and gift; and also the *dedicated people of our choir*, you certainly helped us to pray deep within our souls.

A special Thank you goes out to Barry Centanni (*timpanist*) and Sheryl Centanni (*violinist*) who always give St Thomas their Time & Talent.

I want to thank the Altar Servers old and new who were present either on the altar or at Mass. You are a special group of ministers.

To the Ushers, Lectors, and Ministers of Holy Communion, thank you for your Commitment to serve at the Table of the LORD.

I want to thank the committee of people who did *So* much for this Farewell, they are: Rosalie Mescall & Paul Alongi – Co-Chairs – along with Joan and Tom Nelson, Jim and Kathy McKittrick, Toni Alongi, Frank Mescall, Tom Rossano, Alicia and Ken Von Schaumberg, Gregg and Janice Childers, Don and Mary Powers, Orly and Priscilla Trias, Tim and Lisa Dennin, Tyler Dennin, Donna Elsby.

I want to thank the Youth Group under the leadership of Tim Dennin who always are a backbone for set-up and clean-up; also the Rosaries and the cornerstone women who baked and baked and baked for the event. There are probably many others who gave of themselves to help in what ever was needed to do. Thank *you* very much.

My Parents and my Family were so pleased and proud of all that you did for me over the past 13 years. They, and certainly myself, cannot ***THANK YOU*** enough. I leave you with a scripture quote from St. Paul to the beloved people of Philippi. It is a Quote that when I read it will always remind me of the Community of St Thomas the Apostle:

“I thank my God for you every time I think of you, and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy, because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the Gospel, from the very first day until now.”

Thank you for you your LOVE, support, friendship, example, and patience over these 13 years. You have prepared me to be a GOOD PASTOR for my next Parish.

I LOVE YOU and will MISS YOU!

Fr. Peter

*Solemnity of
St. Peter & St. Paul the Apostles*



These two great preachers and missionaries to the Jews and Gentiles suffered martyrdom under the Emperor Nero. He persecuted Christians in order to take attention away from the fire that destroyed much of the city of Rome (64-67 AD).

Peter was crucified on the Vatican Hill. Tradition says that he asked to be hung on the cross upside down because he was not worthy to be crucified in the same manner as Christ. Because he was a Roman citizen, Paul was not crucified but beheaded outside the city of Rome. The basilicas that bear their names were built over the places where they were buried.

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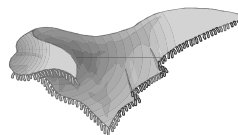
Lectionary

■ **FIRST READING/PSALM:** In the reading from Acts we hear the story of Peter's escape from prison. An earthquake cracks open the wall of the prison, and an angel leads Peter to safety. This image is referred to in the response to Psalm 34, in which those who fear the Lord are rescued by the Lord's angel.

■ **SECOND READING:** Paul's second letter to Timothy contains the affirmation that Paul has fought the good fight and has run the race, while always keeping the faith. In this letter, written while he was imprisoned in Rome, Paul speaks of his conviction that ultimately he will be with God in the heavenly kingdom.

■ **GOSPEL:** Jesus gives Peter the keys to the kingdom in response to Peter's confession of faith in which he declares that Jesus is the Messiah.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



During this vacation time, let us remember to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them.

Our summer meetings are Sundays July 20th & Aug 17th at 1:30 p.m. Also Wed .evening @ 7:30 on Aug 6th. Come join us in this satisfying Ministry. If you need a shawl please call Sr. Arleen @ the Parish Center or Alicia @ 973-473-6633

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 6/30

Women's Cornerstone meeting - 7:30pm in St. James

Thursday – 7/3

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 7/4

INDEPENDENCE DAY
PARISH CENTER CLOSED

Going Fishing

Wednesday, August 27, 2008 @ 7:00 a.m.
On the Mi – Jo II Atlantic Highlands, NJ



Cost: \$50 per person - includes bait, rod and reel

Send your check payable to St, Thomas the Apostle with your name(s) and phone number and drop off at Parish Center. Reserve your spot now as space is limited

For further info, contact Parish Center 973-338-9190 or Jim McKittrick 973 338 3145

ATTENTION

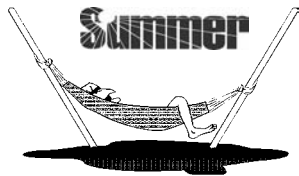
**NEW MEMBERS OF THE
WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE
RETREAT TEAM**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

When: Monday, June 30th
Where: Parish Center
Time: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

NEWARK'S 1ST CATHOLIC DEAF CHURCH

In the Past, St. Thomas the Apostle has provided one Interpreted Mass for the Deaf every fourth Sunday of each month. This will no longer be. St. John's Church on Mulberry St. in Newark has become Newark's first deaf church! They now provide signed Mass every Sunday at 12:00 noon beginning September 7, 2008.



THE SUMMER MONTHS ARE AMONG US! IT'S TIME TO KICK BACK AND RELAX! THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.

- MEN'S PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY - Next meeting September 8th.
- MINISTRY TO THE SEPARATED, DIVORCED AND WIDOWED - Meetings to resume in the fall.
- RESPECT LIFE HOLY HOUR - Resumes in September

Wellness Ministry

St. Thomas' Annual Blood Drive

September 28, 2008
8 AM to 2 PM in Herron Hall



It's time to think about giving blood. If you have never given, please consider this a gift of life. There are four and a half million Americans who would die each year without life saving blood transfusions.

Think about it, pray about it.

We hope to see you there.

~ ~ *September Club News* ~ ~

ATTENTION:
MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE... THE JULY MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008

July 29, 2008 Join us on our trip to



Dinner at Buckalews •
Show at Surfite Theater "ALL SHOOK UP"

Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m.
PRICE - \$65.00 Per Person

September 22nd through 26th, 2008

For the perfect get-away, join us at the...

ROCKING HORSE RANCH
in Highland, NY



Price... \$484.00 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

For reservations call Diana Del Vecchia 973-338-8545
or Grace Giangrande 973-773-1990.

There will be a second collection next week, July 6th to Support our Youth in Faith.



This goes towards our religious education programs.

GOOD TO KNOW!!

FREE Directory Assistance



Phone companies are charging \$1.00 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to!

When you need to use 411 information, simply dial 1-800-FREE-411 or 1-800-373-3411 without incurring a single charge. This service can be used from home or your cell phone.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

Accepting registrations for 2008-09 now!



FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN
Grades Pre-K 3 through 7
Before & After School Programs

Pre-K options include full-day and/or half-day sessions

(Minimum requirement of two sessions per week)

For more information: Phone: 973-338-8505
or Email: staoffice@catholic.org

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The Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle
patron saint of our parish
July 3, 2008

"My Lord and my God!"

John 20:28

Pray for us.