

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Charles J. Miller, M. Div., Pastor

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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 & 7:00pm

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

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1(800) CCS-7413
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July 13, 2008 . 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, July 13

Saturday, July 12

5:00 pm Vincent J. Melillo - Friend

Sunday, July 13

7:30 am Mary Miller - Pastoral Council

9:00 am Paula Caggiano - Friends

10:30 am Antonio Passero - Friend

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, July 14

7:30 am Mary Freeman - friend

11:30 am Richard F. Curcio - Wife

Tuesday, July 15

7:30 am Carl Tuosto (5th Anniv.) - Family

11:30 am Joseph Michalek - Wife

Wednesday, July 16

7:30 am Pedro & Juliana Cayetano - Family

11:30 am John Reynolds - Family

Thursday, July 17

7:30 am Mary Freeman - Friend

11:30 am Natale & Salvina Mifsud - Sister

Friday, July 18

7:30 am Joseph Powers - Family

11:30 am Elizabeth Molnar (21st Anniv.) - Family

Saturday, July 19

8:30 am Carol Ann Longo - Friend

Sunday, July 20

Saturday, July 19

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, July 20

7:30 am Paul Miscione - Friend

9:00 am Cecile Anderson - Friend

10:30 am Marion Valentovic

12:00 pm Anna Korec - Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Franco & Fasone Families,
Shawn Barrett

REST IN PEACE

Thomas G. Greenfield

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Lillian Damiano

Next Sunday's Readings:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Romans 8: 26-27

Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



May our stewardship of time and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred - or sixty - or thirty-fold!

The three essentials for stewardship are:

- *an entrustment from a master*
- *a responsible user-ship by the steward*
- *a final accounting between master and steward*

Pray For Vocations



Today's Gospel gives opportunity to reflect upon the Parable of the Sower in light of vocations and vocation awareness. The seed that is being spread is that of Faith—as each priest or religious preaches the Word of God and the Church's teachings it is Faith that is spread through the world. In a similar manner, as seed fell on various types of ground, so to does the preaching of these holy priests and religious. Some people will hear you, others will ignore you, still others will be discouraged and the faith will be lost. Yet, as Christ concludes in the Gospel, the production ratio is one-hundred, sixty or thirty fold. Are you willing to spread the seed of faith in Christ as He encourages in the Gospel? If so, you may have a vocation. Pray for perseverance in following vocation you may possess and contact the Vocation Office at 973.497.4365 or email kellybar@rcan.org.

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.

There will be a second collection next week, July 20th for the Archdiocesan Assessment.



Right to Life

For every child who died this week by abortion: that they might rest for eternity in the gentle arms of God;

We pray to the Lord

SPECIAL THANKS FROM FR. PETER



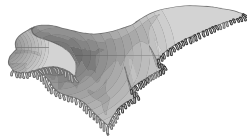
A heartfelt **Thank You** for all the amazing sentiments that I received these past few weeks. I truly felt **LOVED** by you through the many cards and gifts that I received. It was a true testament to the Faith filled loving community that you are. Know that I will always keep you in my heart and prayers as I begin this new ministry as pastor. Please pray for me that **GOD** helps me to be the best Pastor I can be.

I also want to thank the *pastoral and support staffs* that are so essential to the work at St Thomas. These people were so good to me and even put up with me through the years. I can't thank them enough, Joan Ferraer, Jimmy Gasparini, Sr. Arleen Crimmins, Tracey Rennie, Tim Dennin, Bob Miller, Nancy Cardone, Anna Graziano, Terry Lupo, Judy Koziatek, Mary Powers, Jeanne Revene, Gerry Michalek, Sofia Guerra, Maria Russo, Rosalie Mescall and Kim Perez.

Thank you Thank You Thank You
Peace Fr. Peter

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"

Wednesday - 7/16

Men's Cornerstone Meeting - 7:00pm in St. Peter

Thursday - 7/17

SCC Thursday - 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday - 7/18

SCC Friday - 7:00pm in St. Peter

Sunday - 7/20

Prayer Shawl Meeting - 1:30pm in St. Peter

Fr. Peter's new parish is *Church of the Nativity*



315 Prospect St.

Midland Park, NJ 07432

Phone (201) 444-6362 - Fax (201) 444-5056

Fr. Peter's email address is: peter@funesti.com

Going Fishing

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

@ 7:00 a.m.

On the Mi - Jo II

Atlantic Highlands, NJ



Cost is \$50 per person

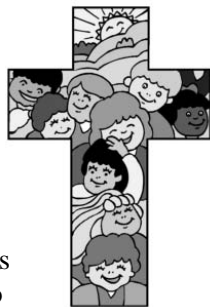
Price includes bait, rod and reel

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.

Religious Education News

Another year of summer CCD has come to a successful end! The last two weeks have been busy for the children and their teachers as they learned more about their faith. We would like to thank all of our teachers who so willingly give of their time to serve our children and plant the seeds of faith: Grade 3 – Dina Pizzano and Deanna Rubino; Grade 4 – Elaine Montanari, Barbara Calluori, Bea Farrell, and Maria DeRosa; Grade 5 – Destiny Sica, Diane Mautone, and Judy White; Grade 6 – Jeannine Hanna and Mia Celluro; Grade 7 – Jeanne Aiello, Rosemarie Rabasca, and Antonella Catalano; and Grade 8 – MaryJo D’Allesandro and Lisa Chagnon. Thank you also to all those others who shared their special gifts and talents with our children to make this a memorable summer for them – Sr. Arleen with church tours, Fr. Charles with a teaching mass, Fr. Philip with a class on church behavior, Fr. Tom with a class on the mass, Mary Ann Carini and Bea Farrell with a class on the Rosary, Nancy McLaughlin and Laura Pandolfo with music classes, and Carolyn Santora and Lillian Donatiello for all of their office help. Thank you also to all the parents and Confirmation Candidates who helped out in the office and in the classroom and baked for our various celebrations. Summer CCD is a truly incredible example of our parish sharing their time, talents, and treasures!



The eighth grade students who are beginning to prepare for Confirmation were able to make all of the angels for our Christmas Giving Trees and they visited the Community Food Bank of NJ in Hillside to spend some time helping fight hunger in our area. The 7th and 8th grade classes also picked local charities and ran their own fundraisers to help their selected cause.

We are very proud of all of these young people and we know they will be wonderful representatives of our parish as they continue to grow in faith. Have a wonderful, blessed summer!

Religious Education for the fall begins September 22nd for grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 and September 23rd for grades 1, 2, 3, and 4. All children must re-register each year. If you have not registered yet for the upcoming school year please call the Religious Education Office at 338-7400 to set up an appointment. Thank you.

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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ATTENTION STUDENTS WHO WILL APPLY TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL THIS FALL!

In order to apply to the 32 Catholic high schools in the four counties within the Archdiocese of Newark, students in the 8th grade must take the 2008 COOP Exam. The exam will be given on Friday, November 7, 2008. For more information, visit www.coopexam.org or call 1-888-921-COOP.

Tuesday Movie Nights



Come join us for Movie Night on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Peter room in the parish center beginning July 15.

No charge!!!

Join us at 7:00 p.m. for evening prayer if you can.

July 15: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe

July 22: Bella

July 29: Babette's Feast

August 5: Térése

BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA Feast Day -- July 14, 2008

Kateri was born in 1656 in a Mohawk village in upper New York. She was baptized at the age of 20 and lived a life dedicated to the care of the sick and the aged. A woman of prayer, she was the first Native American to be beatified. Kateri died at the age of 24.



Kateri's image can be seen in stained glass in our STA church.

PENCIL IN THE DATE!

Wednesday, September 19, 2008
@ 7:30 p.m. in the St. Peter room

ALL ARE WELCOME

The Holy Name Society
is sponsoring a presentation by...

Steve Politi,



Sports writer of the Newark Star-Ledger.

Steve will share his experiences in covering such events as the Giants victory over the Patriots in Super Bowl XLII, baseball, basketball and his impressions of the Summer Olympics to be held in China.

There will be a Q & A session immediately following Steve's presentation.

Questions: Please call Don Powers at (973) 667-5791.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL RETREAT



HOLY NAME SOCIETY RETREATANTS WILL BE ENJOYING THE SPIRITUALITY AND HOSPITALITY OF THE SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE FROM OCTOBER 24, TO OCTOBER 26, 2008.

SAN ALFONSO, "WHERE GOD AND SEA COME TOGETHER", IS NINE ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL OCEANFRONT PROPERTY IN WEST END, NEW JERSEY.

ALL MEN OF ST. THOMAS PARISH ARE INVITED TO SPEND THIS WEEKEND WITH US. THE COST FOR THE WEEKEND RETREAT IS \$160.00 WHICH INCLUDES ROOM AND MEALS.

A \$25.00 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 01, 2008. ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT RICH BEVERE AT (973) 338-6444 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 12, 2008.

Session Dates for Baptism for 2008

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

In the St. James Room in the Parish Center

Sept 7	1:30pm
Oct 12	1:30pm
Nov 2	1:30pm

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

July 20	1:30pm
Aug 10	1:30pm
Aug 31	1:30pm
September 14	12:00pm
October 5	1:30pm
October 26	1:30pm
November 16	1:30pm
December 7	1:30pm

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



Vince Aris Bodingan

Parents: Gaea (Sabay) & Christopher Bodingan

Quiana Valentina Gervasi

Parents: Cristina A. (Munoz) & Robert J. Gervasi

Samantha Marie Grella

Parents: Jaimee (Giglio) & Nicholas Grella

Luciana Carmean Martinez

Parents: Kimberly B. (Battita) & John C. Martinez

Ava Fatima Iacona

Parents: Maria F. (Oliveira) & Michael J. Iacona

Kyle Jordan Twomey

Kayla Sophia Twomey

Aidan Joseph Twomey

Parents: Jennifer L. (Delmotte) & Christopher J. Twomey

Mason James Determann

Parents: Maura (Munnely) & Jesse Determann

Jayan George Philip

Parents: Anisha (Kurian) & Sephy Philip

Patrick Michael Sceppaguerchio

*Parents: Dana M. (Tortorello) & Patrick A.
Sceppaguerchio*

Joseph Fitzgerald Venezia

Parents: Lisa (Fitzgerald) & Brian J. Venezia

**NEWARK'S FIRST
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.

KEEP CHRIST IN YOUR VACATION



During the summer months, let us remember to keep the Lord in our lives. The opportunity to witness His message through Scripture and to be strengthened by the Eucharist is a necessity in our relationship with God and with each other.

As you travel on vacation, take time to visit and worship the Lord in a nearby Church. For those remaining at home in your Parish, and to all visitors, the invitation for continued worship at St. Thomas's is extended and will certainly serve to enrich your summer. For Nationwide Mass Times & Locations, call 1-410-676-6000.

**WEEKEND RETREAT FOR SEPARATED OR
DIVORCED**

A weekend retreat for those separated or divorced will be given on September 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2008 in Newton, NJ, by a Franciscan retreat team.

For more information,
call Fr. Tom Kelly, OFM (973) 985-9736
or Deacon Milt (973) 271-5097.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE'S
SECOND ANNUAL PICNIC CARNIVAL**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 2pm to 7pm

**FOOD - DRINKS - GAMES AND RIDES!
A COUPLE OF NEW ATTRACTIONS TOO!**

Last year was our first and it was very successful. We will be tweaking our program to fit all ages. Please come - it is a great way to celebrate our community spirit. More announcements to come but for the time being - have a great summer.

Chair Person, Paul Alongi

No one has ever become poor by giving.
- Anne Frank

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 ~ ~

July 29, 2008

Join us on our trip to
Long Beach Island, NJ

**Dinner at Buckalews
Show at SurfLite Theater**
featuring "ALL SHOOK UP"



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

September 22nd - 26th, 2008

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

**ROCKING
HORSE
RANCH**

in Highland, NY



Price... \$484.00 per person DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

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

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