

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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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  
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Tracey Rennie

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FOR PARISH MINISTRY:  
Sister Arleen Crimmins, O.P.

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DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL  
MUSIC MINISTRIES:  
Nancy A. Cardone

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MUSIC MINISTERS:  
Paul DiBianca  
Kimberley Mesiti

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

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:  
Mr. Timothy Dennin

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Tom Rossano, Chairperson  
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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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July 20, 2008 . 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Week**

**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

Monday, July 21

7:30 am Barbara Duffy - Friend

11:30 am Jeffrey Khan - Friend

Tuesday, July 22

7:30 am Emidio DiMichele - Family

11:30 am Mary Roberts (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) - Family

Wednesday, July 23

7:30 am Deceased Members of Klenk Family - Bequest

11:30 am David Barrett - Friend

Thursday, July 24

7:30 am Sigmund Zawistowski - Friend

11:30 am Joseph & Louis Ferraro - Family

Friday, July 25

7:30 am Nicky Balint - Friend

11:30 am Anna Korec - Family

Saturday, July 26

8:30 am Sadie & James Burns - Family

**Sunday, July 27**

Saturday, July 26

5:00 pm Amy M. Poster - Family

Sunday, July 27

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Roma DiMarco - Family

10:30 am Angie Williams - Friend

12:00 pm Angelina Williams - Friend

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Paul Strickland, Franco & Fasone Families,  
Shawn Barrett, Frank Korec, Anthony Meola

**REST IN PEACE:** Vincent A. Scaringello

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

**Church:** Edward Ditto "Balong" Fernandez

**Rectory:** Joan Hlatky

**Convent:** David Kossack

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8: 28-30

Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



"Those who are just must be kind," says today's first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord's harvest.

**Pray For Vocations**



The Gospel today is one of patience. Christ is explaining the patience God has with humanity by using the parable of the man who sowed good seed in a field. The duty of the priest and religious is to demonstrate that same patience to the flock entrusted to his pastoral care. Are you willing to become a priest or religious of patience, just as Christ is? If so, you may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Pray for the patience Christ demonstrated, even from the cross, and contact the Vocation Office at 973.497.4365 or email [kellybar@rcan.org](mailto: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.



**Right to Life**

For seminarians and novices and all who prepare for religious life: that they might be imbued with the vitality and joy of the Gospel of Life;

*We pray to the Lord*

**A SUMMER PRAYER**

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord,

Help me to rest awhile

in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people.

AMEN

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



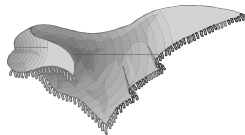
In the midst of the usually slow pace of summer, it is good to challenge ourselves to not be so busy and so anxious that we miss the opportunities to experience God and his blessings. Remember that Ordinary Time during the summer is the time to experience, in the very ordinary things of life, the extraordinary presence and action of God in Jesus Christ.

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### Lectionary

- **THE GOSPEL:** We hear a series of parables from Jesus in which he references the kingdom of heaven. The parable of the wheat and the weeds coupled with the mustard seed and the yeast gives a fuller image of that kingdom in which we all long to be.
- **FIRST READING** The author of the book of Wisdom proclaims God's justice and of his willingness to forgive sins.
- **PSALM 86:** In the psalm, we echo the First Reading as we sing of God's goodness and mercy.
- **SECOND READING:** We continue to hear from St. Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul credits the Holy Spirit with helping us to pray when we are unable to pray.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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"**

**Thursday – 7/24**

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

**Friday – 7/25**

SCC Friday - 7:00pm 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](mailto: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.

*"We are all called to do something beautiful for others."*

*-Mother Teresa*

## Pope Benedict XVI

America's brand of secularism poses a particular problem: it allows for professing belief in God, and respects the public role of religion and the Churches, but at the same time it can subtly reduce religious belief to a lowest common denominator. Faith becomes a passive acceptance that certain things "out there" are true, but without practical relevance for everyday life. The result is a growing separation of faith from life: living "as if God did not exist." This is aggravated by an individualistic and eclectic approach to faith and religion ... each person believes he or she has a right to pick and choose, maintaining external social bonds but without an integral, interior conversion to the law of Christ. Consequently, rather than being transformed and renewed in mind, Christians are easily tempted to conform themselves to the spirit of this age. ... We have seen this emerge in an acute way in the scandal given by Catholics who promote an alleged right to abortion.

*Pope Benedict XVI, Responses to the Questions Posed by the Bishops, April 16, 2008*

## SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and  
Grandparents of Jesus  
Saturday, July 26, 2008



In the scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. His mother's family is not only neglected, but we know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names of Joachim and Anne come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died.

The heroism and holiness of these people, however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. Whether we rely on the legends about Mary's childhood or make guesses from the information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfillment of many generations of prayerful persons, herself steeped in the religious traditions of her people.

The strong character of Mary making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives - all indicate a close-knit family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past.

Joachim and Anne - whether these are their real names or not - represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure.

**Comment:** This is the feast of "grandparents". It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come. They must make the traditions live and offer them as a promise to little children. But the feast has a message for the younger generation as perspective, depth of experience, and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.

**Quote:** "The family is the foundation of society. In it the various generations come together and help one another to grow wise and to harmonize personal rights with the other requirements of social life."

### ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

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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 8<sup>th</sup> grade must take the 2008 COOP Exam. The exam will be given on Friday, November 7, 2008. For more information, visit [www.coopexam.org](http://www.coopexam.org) or call 1-888-921-COOP.

## PENCIL IN THE DATE!

Wednesday, September 17, 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 coverage of the 2008 Summer Olympics.

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 12, 2008. ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT RICH BEVERE AT (973) 338-6444 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 01, 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
November 16	1:30pm
December 7	1:30pm

## 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.

No charge!!!

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

July 22:	Bella
July 29:	Babette's Feast
August 5:	Tèrese
August 12:	Becket

For information, contact Bob Miller at 973-338-9190 x-29.

## ~ ~ September Club News ~ ~

### July 29, 2008

Join us on our trip to  
Long Beach Island, NJ

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

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



### September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008

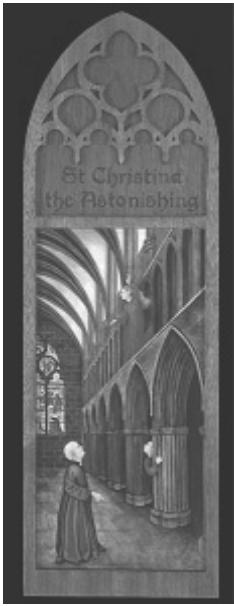
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## INCLUSIVE FAMILY MASS

*"The face of God is in all people"*

**Thursday, July 24, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Aloysius Parish**, located at 219 Bloomfield Ave., Caldwell, in celebration of the Feast of St. Christina the Astonishing. She has been claimed by some families as patron saint for people with autism spectrum disorders. However, she has the ability to speak to anyone who struggles with a behavioral disorder and to all of us as a reminder that the face of God is in all people. This is the third year this feast is being celebrated. All are welcome, but people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

and their families are especially invited. Questions? Call Ed Karpinski (973) 226-0209 x-9 or Anne Masters (973) 497-4309 or email [masteran@rcan.org](mailto:masteran@rcan.org). After Mass, there will be an opportunity to talk about inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in the sacramental life of the church.

### WEEKEND RETREAT FOR SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

A weekend retreat for those separated or divorced will be given on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>, 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

Jesus said, "Come follow me."

- Mathew 4:19

## 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.***

## Our lives are busy...

...but the purpose of our lives is all about relationships - with God as well as with each other. To neglect our relationships, especially with those who are close to us, is to not exercise good stewardship.

Our relationships can be a lot of work, but they are crucial for our survival. We must give our relationships proper time and attention - just like the gardener giving proper time and attention to his garden. Some ideas for tending the garden of our relationships:

- † Send a card to someone who is in need of support.
- † Invite some friends over that you haven't seen in a while.
- † Sign up for a Marriage Encounter weekend. It's a great stewardship of your marriage.
- † Visit the homebound, especially any relatives, friends or parishioners.
- † Tell someone that they are gifted - compliment them on their talents.



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