

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
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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COMMUNITY
SERVICES
OFFERING SOCIAL
SERVICE ASSISTANCE
1(800) CCS-7413
Fax: 596-3735

July 27, 2008 . 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, July 28

7:30 am Providence F. Mauro (1st Anniv.) - Sister

11:30 am Valentino & Cresencia Yebes - Family

Tuesday, July 29

7:30 am Josephine Attalla - Friend

11:30 am Kathryn Barbata & Lonergan Family - Bequest

Wednesday, July 30

7:30 am Edward Ganning - Wife

11:30 am Wm. Fred Roberts (24th Anniv.) - Family

Thursday, July 31

7:30 am Dennis Ryan - Friend

11:30 am Sister Paula DeRogatis - Sister

Friday, August 1

7:30 am Mary Dapoz - Friend

11:30 am Rose & Harry Scott - Family

Saturday, August 2

7:30 am Richard Matt - Wife

Sunday, August 3

Saturday, August 2

5:00 pm Thomas P. Mahon, Jr. - Family

Sunday, August 3

7:30 am Peter Rohan, Sr. - Family

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Gail Pilsbury - Husband

12:00 pm Dr. Philip A. Rispoli - Friend

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Anthony Meola
Franco & Fasone Families,
Judy Sabatino, Frank Korec

REST IN PEACE:

James Noll

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Brian English

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 55: 1-3

Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Matthew 14: 13-21



“The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces,” says the Psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?

Pray For Vocations



“he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.”

Just as the man did to buy the pearl, so to does the person with a vocation to the priesthood or religious life sell what they have in its pursuit. As the person finds the value of their vocation, they realize the lack of meaning to their current life, except in light of that vocation. Are you struggling to realize a true meaning to your life? If so, the answer could be rooted in God's Church and a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Pray for the wisdom to know your calling 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 Monday-Friday, 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.



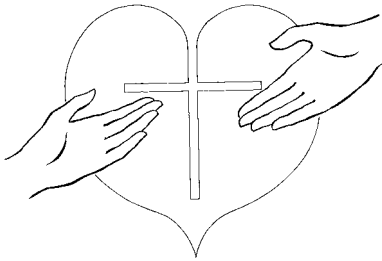
Right to Life

That governments sanctioning abortion, destructive embryo research or the death penalty may be led by courageous prophets to embrace the Gospel of Life;

We pray to the Lord

**Visit our website at
www.stachurchbloomfield.com**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*All things work together
for good.*

Rom 8:28

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Lectionary

■ **THE GOSPEL:** Today we continue to hear parables of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus notes that it is like a treasure buried in a field, a pearl of great price, a collection of fish of every kind from a great, all-encompassing net. His teaching is like the head of the household in his parables: he brings from the storeroom both new and old.

■ **FIRST READING:** First Kings recalls the wonderfully edifying story of Solomon, the son and heir of King David. It was under David that Israel experienced the golden years – unity, prosperity, and military power. In Israel's later history, this becomes the image of the great messianic kingdom, which would be the fulfillment of the covenant.

In the reading we hear today, David has died and Solomon has been proclaimed king. The Lord appears to Solomon in a dream and tells him that whatever he asks, the Lord will give him. With great humility and compassion for his people, Solomon asks nothing more from the Lord than an understanding heart so that he might be a just ruler able to distinguish right from wrong. Solomon is a wonderful example to all of us – would that the Lord bless us with such hearts.

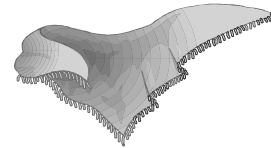
■ **PSALM 119:** The psalmist sings praise of the Lord for his law and commandments.

■ **SECOND READING:** The Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans proclaims that God predestined us to be images of his Son, conformed to Christ and justifies through him.

*“You should be a light for other people.
Live so that they will see the good things you
do and will praise your Father in heaven.”*

– Matthew 5:16

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 Sunday Aug 17th at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday evening Aug. 26th, @ 7:30. Come join us in this satisfying Ministry. If you need a shawl please call Sr. Arleen at the STA Parish Center 973 338-9190 x-34 or Alicia at 973-473-6633.

“THIS WEEK”

Monday – 7/28

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Tuesday – 7/29

Movie Night – 7:30pm in St. Peter

Thursday – 7/31

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 8/1

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter

Sunday – 8/3

Feast of God the Father – 12:00pm in St. Peter

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.

Pope Benedict XVI

The dreams and longings that young people pursue can so easily be shattered or destroyed. I am thinking of those affected by drug and substance abuse, homelessness and poverty, racism, violence, and degradation—especially of girls and women. While the causes of these problems are complex, all have in common a poisoned attitude of mind which results in people being treated as mere objects—a callousness of heart takes hold which first ignores, then ridicules, the God-given dignity of every human being.

Pope Benedict XVI, Meeting with Young People and Seminarians, St. Joseph's Seminary, April 19, 2008

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**

Middle States Accredited

**Eighth graders and their families interested in
attending a Catholic high school in September 2009**

THE COOPERATIVE ADMISSIONS EXAMINATION

**for participating Catholic High Schools in the
Archdiocese of Newark will be administered on
Friday, November 7, 2008.**

Application forms and handbooks for this test and a listing of all Catholic High Schools and their admission requirements are available from:

- MCS/CTB at their website, www.coopexam.org or email support@coopexam.org
- Catholic Elementary Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark
- Catholic High Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark

QUESTIONS or to obtain registration form, please call 1-888-921-2667 or visit www.coopexam.org.

God, Father of All Humanity



Let us celebrate
"The Feast of the GOD THE FATHER"

August 3, 2008 (Sunday)

- 12:00 p.m. Holy Mass
- 1:00 p.m. Consecration to God our Father
Formal Chaplet & Litany
- 2:00 p.m. Fellowship (Parish Center)

For information, please Gary Illustrisimo
973.202.8431 or visit our website:
www.twoheartsnj.net

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
STEWARDSHIP DAY

"CALLED TO STEWARDSHIP"

PARAMUS REGIONAL CATHOLIC H.S. IN PARAMUS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MSGR. MICHAEL CORONA
PASTOR OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES PARISH IN
PHILLIPSBURG, NJ

PAST PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNSEL AND AN
EXPERT ON STEWARDSHIP.

MSGR. CORONA WILL BE SPEAKING ABOUT WHAT
HIS PARISH WAS LIKE WHEN HE FIRST BECAME
PASTOR; HOW HE TAUGHT STEWARDSHIP TO THE
PARISHIONERS; THE STEWARDSHIP MEASURES HE
INSTITUTED AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE PARISH
TODAY; AS AN EXAMPLE WHAT ALL PARISHES CAN
ACHIEVE USING STEWARDSHIP.

THE DAY BEGINS AT 9AM AND WILL CONCLUDE AT
2:30PM. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WILL BE
AVAILABLE FROM 8:00AM - 8:45AM AND LUNCH AT
12NOON.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

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

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 29: Babette's Feast

August 5: Tèrese

August 12: Becket

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

CRAFTERS WANTED

THE 34TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW
AT CALDWELL COLLEGE

Space Available

Saturday, November 22 and Sunday November 23
from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Two-day space rental from \$120.00

For info contact Sharon Kievit at 973-618-3547
Craft fair sponsored by The Friends of Caldwell

~ ~ September Club News ~ ~

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.



2nd Annual St. Thomas Picnic Carnival

Saturday, September 20th, 2008 2pm to 7pm
Rain Date- Sunday, Sept. 21st, 2008, same hours

GREAT DEALS!

ALL DAY RIDE TKTS FOR THOSE OVER AGE 8: \$20
BUY IN ADVANCE AT \$15

ALL DAY RIDE TKTS FOR AGES 7 & UNDER: \$10
BUY IN ADVANCE AT \$7

RIDES:

Section obstacle course, 22 ft dual lane slide, miniature golf, 3 in 1 sports center, moonwalk, and sea of balls.

GAMES:

Carnival tents for 8 carnival games with prizes - 1000 small and 1000 medium plush. Also sand art, the popular dunk tank and bingo under the tent.

FOOD:

From Vinnie's Pizza - Pizza, sandwiches (meatball & egg-plant parm, sausage & peppers) Pasta (penne vodka & ravioli), Soda & Water (great deal from Pat, the owner).

From Philippine community - Hot dogs, burgers, etc.

From our entertainment company - ice cream, popcorn, snowball ice cones, cotton candy.

Also available - Zeppoles

We will have \$1 tkts for games & food (same color)
There will be different prices, example 2 tkts for pizza or 1 tkt for water etc. so buy multiple tkts.

ADVANCE SALE TICKETS FOR FOOD & GAMES

15 tickets for \$10

Picnic day face value example: 10 tkts for \$10

ADVANCE SALE TICKETS TO BE SOLD...

After Masses on Sat, Aug 23rd, and Sat, Sept 6th and Sundays, Aug 24th, and Sept 7th after 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon Masses.

OTHER: Large tent with tables for 100 people -eating and bingo. Tent for purchase of ride tkts, food and game tkts, 50/50 raffle cash purchase, Candy-cash, Beer-cash, Bingo-cash.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to work the games, some of the rides, the cash booth, bingo, raffles and soda & water.

**CALL PAUL ALONGI 973-338-4665
OR PARISH CENTER 973-338-9190.**

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Founder of the Jesuits

Feast Day: July 31, 2008



Spanish nobility. Youngest of twelve children. Page in the Spanish court of Ferdinand and Isabella. Military education. Soldier, entering the army in 1517, and serving in several campaigns. Wounded in the leg by a cannonball at the siege of Pampeluna on 20 May 1521, an injury that left him partially crippled for life. During his recuperation the only books he had access to were *The Golden Legend*, a collection of lives of the saints, and the *Life of Christ* by Ludolph the Carthusian. These books, and the time spent in contemplation, changed him.

On his recovery he took a vow of chastity, hung his sword before the altar of the Virgin of Montserrat, and donned a pilgrim's robes. Lived in a cave from 1522 to 1523, contemplating the way to live a Christian life. Pilgrim to Rome and the Holy Land in 1523, where he worked to convert Muslims. In 1528 he began studying theology in Barcelona, Alcalá, and Paris, receiving his degree on 14 March 1534. His meditations, prayers, visions and insights led to forming the *Constitutions of the Society of Jesus* on 15 August 1534; it received papal approval in 1541. Friend of James Lainez, Alonso Salmerón, Nicholas Bobadilla, Simón Rodríguez, Blessed Peter Faber, and Saint Francis Xavier, the group that formed the core of the new *Society*. He never used the term *Jesuit*, which was coined as an insult by his opponents; the *Society* today uses the term with pride. He traveled Europe and the Holy Lands, then settled in Rome to direct the Jesuits. His health suffered in later years, and he was nearly blind at death.

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.