

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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

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

August 3, 2008 . 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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

Monday, August 4

7:30 am George McGarry - Bequest

11:30 am Virginia Mortorano - Daughter

Tuesday, August 5

7:30 am Joseph Michalek - Wife

11:30 am Baby Vito Michael Capio - Family

Wednesday, August 6

7:30 am Thomas J. McGarry - Bequest

11:30 am Michael Dobransky - Family

Thursday, August 7

7:30 am Ralph Latorraca, Sr. - Friend

11:30 am Anna & Jerry Parcaro - Daughters

Friday, August 8

7:30 am John Fagan - Family

11:30 am Rosemary Pucci

Saturday, August 9

8:30 am Catherine Lacognata - Friend

Sunday, August 10

Saturday, August 9

5:00 pm Agnes McDonald - Friends

Sunday, August 10

7:30 am Betina Burke - Family

9:00 am Agnes McDonald - Friend

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Muriel & Harry Scott - Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Anthony Meola, Doris Sanders
Judy Sabatino, Frank Korec, Claire Mykowski

REST IN PEACE:

Kathleen Murphy, Cipriana Salibay,
Brian English, Vincent J. Klika

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Marge Le Borgne

Next Sunday's Readings:

1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a

Romans 9: 1-5

Matthew 14: 22-33



In today's Gospel, Jesus feeds the five thousand with five thousand loaves and two fish. The message of stewardship is that God's gifts, *shared*, will always be more than enough.

Pray For Vocations



The multiplication of the loaves and fishes is a precursor to the later Sacred Meal Christ will give His Apostles, His people and His Church—The Eucharist, which is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity taking the appearance of bread and wine. As a priest or religious the duty is to guide people to Christ and salvation, and the basic means of this is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is the Eucharist, the sacrament of salvation. Are you willing to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the meal by which we receive Christ truly present in the bread and wine, for God's people daily? If so, you may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Pray for God's grace and strength as He provides it to humanity in the Eucharist 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

For all who dwell in the darkness of sin, but especially those imprisoned by sins against life: That God might fill them with wonder at the miracle of life, from conception to natural death;

We pray to the Lord

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Presents

Sunny Sicily & Italy

12 day vacation travel experience!
November 10 thru 21, 2008.

Round Trip Airfare & Hotel Transfers
19 Meals Included with Special Welcome & Farewell Celebrations
Baggage Handling & Portage at First Class Hotels.

Tour includes visits to Palermo, Monreale, Segesta, Trapani, Marsala, Agrigento, Taormina, Syracuse & Catania, Messina, Calabria, Sorrento with an optional side trip to Capri. While in San Giovanni Rotondo we will also visit the tomb of Padre Pio and then continue on to Rome. While there we will visit the historic sites of Ancient Rome including the Colosseum, the Vatican with a special tour of St. Peters including mass and a visit to the burial crypt of the popes, including the tomb of John Paul II. And subject to the Holy Father's schedule, a Papal Audience with Pope Benedict XVI.



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**Basilica
of
Saint Peter
Vatican City
Rome**

Interested?

***Then call
St. Thomas
Parish Center***

973-338-9190

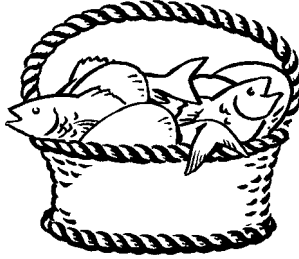


**Mosaic of
Christ
Pantocrator
in the apse
of
Monreale
Cathedral
Sicily**

***Monday - Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.***

***Ask for a copy
of the full Italy
Color Brochure
with all the
details!***

***Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time***



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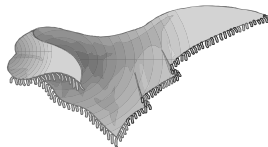
Lectionary

■ **THE GOSPEL:** Jesus feeds about five thousand people, not counting the women and children. With only five loaves of bread and a couple of fish, Jesus instructs the disciples, “Give them some food yourselves” (Matthew 14:13-21). In this Gospel, Jesus shows compassion toward his people who have great need. They are poor, hungry, and desperate – and so Jesus tells his disciples to feed them. Thus, integral to his compassion is action. The disciples take care of the problem instead of just offering concern.

■ **FIRST READING:** The First Reading from Isaiah is the same as that heard on Holy Saturday. Come to the feast, the prophet calls. With no cost to yourselves, come and eat well. This vision of the Messianic Banquet is that into which we touch each and every Sunday when we gather around the altar of the Lord.

■ **PSALM 145 / SECOND READING:** The psalmist sings of the Lord’s graciousness and kindness. The response sings of the Lord who feeds us and answers all our needs. This is the heart of the Second Reading as well. In the letter to the Romans, St. Paul asserts that nothing can separate us from the love of God that comes to us through Christ.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



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

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Our summer meetings are Sunday Aug 17th at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday evening Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, @ 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.

**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](http://www.twoheartsnj.net)

**“THIS WEEK”**

**Tuesday – 8/5**

Movie Night – 7:30pm in St. Peter

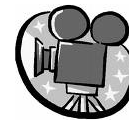
**Thursday – 8/7**

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

**Friday – 8/8**

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter

**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.**

- August 5: Tèrese
- August 12: Becket

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

Indeed, I wish everyone to be as I am, but each has a particular gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

~ *Corinthians 4:7*

## Pope Benedict XVI

For Christians ... an indispensable field for the apostolate and for Gospel witness is always open: to protect life with courage and love in all its stages. ... It is necessary to witness concretely that respect for life is the first form of justice to apply. For those who have the gift of faith this becomes a mandatory imperative, because the disciple of Christ is called to be increasingly a "prophet" of a truth that can never be eliminated: God alone is the Lord of life. Every person is known and loved, wanted and guided by him. Here alone lies the deepest and greatest unity of humanity: in the fact that every human being puts into practice God's one plan, originates in God's same creative idea. One thus understands why the Bible says: whoever profanes man, profanes the property of God (cf. Gn 9: 5).

*Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Members of Italy's Pro-Life Movement, May 12, 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](mailto:staoffice@catholic.org)

Middle States Accredited

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

#### COOPERATIVE ADMISSIONS EXAM

...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](http://www.coopexam.org) or email [support@coopexam.org](mailto: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](http://www.coopexam.org).

### 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

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

#### BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

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|--------------|---------|
| Aug 10       | 1:30pm  |
| Aug 31       | 1:30pm  |
| September 14 | 12:00pm |
| October 5    | 1:30pm  |
| November 16  | 1:30pm  |
| December 7   | 1:30pm  |

### ~ ~ September Club News ~ ~

Final payment for **ROCKING HORSE RANCH** September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008, is due August 8, 2008.



Kindly submit payment and name of room-mate to Diana Del Vecchia at 14 Ferncliff Rd. in Bloomfield.

Price... **\$484.00 per person DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**  
Call Diana Del Vecchia 973-338-8545 with questions.



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Thomas Picnic Carnival**

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 2pm to 7pm**  
Rain Date- Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 & eggplant 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Sat, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and Sundays, Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, and Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## **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.

## **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.

### **ARE YOU GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL? DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER IN THE HOSPITAL?**



We would like to visit our parishioners who are home-bound, in the hospital or other health care facility.

Because of patient confidentiality laws, however, the only way we can know is if someone informs us. Call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190, leaving your name and number so we may return your call, or you may leave the information at the Parish Desk on Sunday mornings.