

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
Vincent Lipoma, 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 24, 2008 . 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, August 24

Saturday, August 23

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, August 24

7:30 am Jean Niemi - Family

9:00 am Helen Kleissler - Friend

10:30 am Robert Westerfield - Children

12:00 pm Alphonso Londono - Grandchildren

Monday, August 25

7:30 am Armas Niemi - Family

11:30 am Gertrude Pezzutti - Friend

Tuesday, August 26

7:30 am Ann Marie Nigro - Family

11:30 am John Heeney - Family

Wednesday, August 27

7:30 am Helen Appleton - Friend

11:30 am Catherine Golan - Friend

Thursday, August 28

7:30 am Edward Godleski - Family

11:30 am Pilar Escobinas - Friend

Friday, August 29

7:30 am Marie Siegfried - Family

11:30 am Mary Dopaz - Friend

Saturday, August 30

8:30 am Antonette DeLorenzo - Friend

Sunday, August 31

Saturday, August 30

5:00 pm Virginia Mahon - Friend

Sunday, August 31

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Agnes McDonald - Friend

10:30 am Paolina Soccolich (1st anniversary) - Family

12:00 pm Alice Cerbone - Friend

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Anthony Meola, Cathy Spagnuolo
Judy Sabatino, Frank Korec, Eleanor McKeon

REST IN PEACE:

Fr. Morris Wells, Louis A. Occhetti, Marilyn Polanski

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Glenn J. Stickers

Rite of Christian Initiation



Do you or another adult that you know need to receive the sacrament of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation? St. Thomas the Apostle Church offers classes for adults needing to receive these sacraments beginning the first Sunday in October and running through Pentecost. Call Bob Miller for more information at (973) 338-9190 x29.

Session Dates for Baptism 2008

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

In the St. Thomas Room in the Parish Center

Sept 7 1:00pm

Oct 12 1:00pm

Nov 2 1:00pm

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

Aug 31 1:30pm

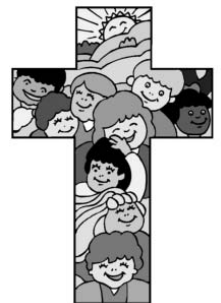
September 14 during 12:00pm Mass

October 5 1:30pm

November 16 1:30pm

December 7 1:30pm

Religious Education News



CCD classes will begin the week of September 22nd. Grades 5 through 8 will meet on Mondays and grades 1 through 4 will meet on Tuesdays from 3:40 – 5:00 each week.

We need two teachers for Monday afternoons. We will provide training and guidance – no experience necessary. Please consider sharing your faith with a child.

Call Tracey or Maria in the Religious Education office at 973-338-7400.

Catechists mark your calendars for our Fall Meeting on Tuesday, 9/16 in Herron Hall at 7:00 p.m. All teaching materials and information will be given out – if you are unable to attend the meeting please call the office and make an appointment to pick up your materials. Also, mark your calendars for Catechetical Sunday on 9/21 at the 10:30 mass. A special blessing will be given to our teachers from school and religious education programs.

**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!***



School News
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL
WWW.STTHOMASPREK.ORG

WELCOME BACK!!!

2008-2009 School Year – Classes begin as follows:

Grades 1-8

Wednesday, 9/3, 8:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, 9/4, 8:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Friday, 9/5, 8:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Monday, 9/8, 8:10 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Kindergarten

Friday, 9/5, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Orientation (Parent and Child)

Monday, 9/8, 8:10 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Pre K 3

Monday, 9/8, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Orientation (Parent and Child)

Wednesday, 9/10, Regular classes begin

Pre K 4

Tuesday, 9/9, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Orientation (Parent and Child)

Wednesday, 9/10, Regular classes begin

BeforeCare begins Wed., 9/3, at 7:00 a.m.

AfterCare begins Mon., 9/8

New Family Social, Wed., 9/10, at 7:30 p.m.

Opening School Liturgy, Mon., 9/15, at 11:30 a.m.

- Openings are still available grades Pre-K – 7
- Pre-K full-day and/or half-day sessions.
- FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

If you are interested, please call the School Office at (973) 338-8505.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

WELCOME BACK!!!

KICK-OFF MEETING SEPT. 7TH AT 7PM

MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT

IN THE PARISH CENTER FROM 7-9PM.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

9/17 TRUST NIGHT

9/20 PARISH PICNIC - WITH SQUARELASH

9/26 STEVE ANGRISANO CONCERT IN RIDGEFIELD PK.

EMAIL TIM DENNIN WITH ANY QUESTIONS tdennin@att.net

Confirmation dates to remember:

Sept. 23 - Penance Service at 7pm

Sacrament of Confirmation (A thru L) Oct. 19th

Sacrament of Confirmation (M thru Z) Oct. 26th

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



The tone of the scriptures proclaimed on Sunday is beginning to change. For weeks we have been hearing parables of the kingdom, what it means to be a disciple, the meaning of the Messiah's death. Now the scripture readings for the second half of the season present a different focus: The destination of Jesus' journey becomes clearer - Jerusalem.

Lectionary

■ **THE GOSPEL:** We hear Peter's great confession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus asks what the people are saying about his identity. Peter proclaims Jesus to be the Christ. Jesus promises Peter the keys to the kingdom.

■ **FIRST READING:** In the book of the prophet Isaiah, the Lord gives another "key." This time the key of David is given to Eliakim, the steward of King Hezekiah.

■ **PSALM 8:** The psalmist sings praises to the Lord.

■ **SECOND READING:** In the letter to the Romans, St. Paul asserts that all things exist from, through, and in God. This reading is one of the scriptural roots of the great doxology, which we hear at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen"

Next Sunday's Readings:

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12: 1-2

Matthew 16: 21-27

Pray For Vocations



In today's Gospel we hear the naming of St. Peter to be the first Pope, prince of the Apostles, Vicar of Christ on Earth. This Gospel, the foundation of the papacy and the Church, has a powerful impact upon vocations as well. Just as the power to bind and loose is given to St. Peter, it is also given to all priests in union with him. Are you willing to work with the Pope, the Servant of the Servants of God, to loosen the bondage of sin that envelops secular society? If so, you may have a vocation to the Priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Pray that you may also acknowledge Christ's Divine and human personhood with St. Peter and contact the Vocation Office at 973.497.4365 or email kellybar@rcan.org.

STA SOCIETIES, ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS



Right to Life

For the very old weighed down by the burdens of age: that our love for them might bring hope and strength;

We pray to the Lord

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.



In today's readings, St. Paul reminds the Romans - and us - that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that all is a gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.

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.

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 8/25

September Club - 10:00am in St. Peter

Thursday – 8/28

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 8/29

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in St. Peter

**Final Call!!!
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**

Drop off your check payable to St, Thomas the Apostle with your name(s) and phone number at Parish Center. Remember, space is limited.

For further information, contact the Parish Center at 973-338-9190 or Jim McKittrick 973-338-3145.



The Rosary Confraternity

We would like to update our register of enrolled or transferred Rosarians. We are especially interested in the years 1980 through 2000. Please complete, clip and return this form to the parish center:

Rosary Society - attention: Mary Stark

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

DATE ENROLLED / TRANSFERRED _____

If you remember an officer's name, please include it.

Out first meeting takes place on Mon., Sept. 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Peter room at the Parish center. Anyone interested in joining the Rosary Society is always welcome to attend. Please come and join us as we pray the Rosary. Installation of new members will take place at the October meeting. Contact Lorraine at 973-893-1405.



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 & 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 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.

Feel good about yourself - - Give blood



*St. Thomas' Annual
Blood Drive
Sunday, September 28,
2008
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in
Herron Hall*

Our blood banks are in need of all types of blood. Please consider this as your gift for life. Come to our blood drive and donate. We welcome our "regulars" and those of you who will be "first timer donors".

Juice, bagels, and snacks will be served.

All donors must present signed or picture ID's and know their social security number. Please eat a meal before you donate.

Complimentary Cholesterol screening for all blood donors. For more information call the blood center of New Jersey at 973-676-4700.

10 REASONS TO DONATE BLOOD

- Blood transfusions save lives.
- There's no substitute for human blood.
- Every three seconds someone needs a blood transfusion.
- About 60 percent of the population is eligible to donate blood, yet less than five percent do.
- A pint of blood, separated into components, can help up to three people.
- You'll make your community a safer place.
- Fulfills your desire to "give back" to the community.
- You'll receive a mini physical (blood pressure, temperature, iron level).
- You'll learn your blood type.
- It's safe, simple, and it saves lives.



**Monday,
September 1, 2008**

**One Mass only
at 8:30 a.m.**

**Parish Center
will be closed.**