

*Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish
Thanks Father Peter Funesti*



*We will miss you.
May God go with you.*

Masses for the Week

Sunday, June 22

Saturday, June 21

5:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Marco Cieri - Brother-in-law

Sunday, June 22

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Bernice Shiel - Friend

10:30 am Janet Besida - Family

12:00 pm Lottie Szajkowski - Family

Monday, June 23

7:30 am Renato Cayetano - Family

11:30 am Paul Spera - Daughter & Son-in-law

Tuesday, June 24

7:30 am Camille & Bill Ricigliano - Family

11:30 am John Ponzio - Wife

Wednesday, June 25

7:30 am Leah & Sam Sedicino - Family

11:30 am Mary Fagan - Family

Thursday, June 26

7:30 am Edward Sauer - Friend

11:30 am Edward Sauer - Friend

Friday, June 27

7:30 am Peter Rohan, Sr. - Family

11:30 am Edward Sauer - Friend

Saturday, June 28

8:30 am Carol Longo - Friend

Sunday, June 29

Saturday, June 28

5:00 pm Thomas A. Walsh - Friend

Sunday, June 29

7:30 am Michael Santasieri - Friends

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Agnes McDonald - Friend

12:00 pm Vincent Biase - Friend

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Bob Moe, Eleanor Franco
Nicholas Fasone & Fasone Family

REST IN PEACE

Francis E. Bosco, Pauline Avallone, Jennie C. Yanieri
Paul D. Brady, Rev. John T. Browne

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Members of the Palangio Family

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 12:1-11
2Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
Matthew 16:13-19



"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed," Jesus tells us in the Gospel today, "and nothing hidden that will not become known." May our stewardship of God's gifts be such that we would not be ashamed of it were seen in the clear light of day.

Pray For Vocations



Christ reminds us in the Gospel that the value of a person is in their very personhood—not wealth, looks or intelligence, as valuable and good as these things are. The role of the priest, religious and deacon, while assisting in those areas, is also to ensure the realization of the value of the human soul. Are you interested in assisting humankind realizing its full potential—spiritually, and otherwise? If so, you may have a vocation. Pray to the God who found us worthy enough to send His very Son for our salvation and contact the Office of Vocations at kellybar@rcan.org or 973.497.4365.

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 all medical students, that they might learn to rely on God and on his law as the guiding principle of their careers;

We pray to the Lord



PLEASE NOTE
Our Sunday Afternoon Mass
Has Been
PERMANENTLY CHANGED
To 12:00 Noon

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Nativity of John the Baptist Tuesday, June 24th

During this week, we will celebrate the solemnity of the nativity of John the Baptist. In many European countries, bonfires are held to honor St. John. This is the Church's response to the pagan fire festivals that celebrated the summer solstice on midsummer night - the same time as this solemnity. The Christianization of such an event is significant. In the scriptures, St. John the Baptist cries, "Prepare the way of the Lord" (Matthew 3:3). He calls us to ready ourselves to receive the great light that is Christ. The solemnity of St. John's nativity occurs during a time when sunlight begins to decrease - days get shorter, and night falls earlier. John himself said:

You yourselves can testify that I said [that] I am not the Messiah, but that I was sent before him. The one who has the bride is the bridegroom; the best man, who stands and listens to him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made complete. He must increase; I must decrease. (John 3:28-30).

As St. John calls us to 'prepare the way' (Matthew 3:3), we wait for the light that will increase (literally) with his birth at Christmas.

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Lectionary

- GOSPEL: Jesus encourages the disciples to not fear and to have faith in God during times of uncertainty and anxiety. We are, indeed, worth more in God's eyes than a whole flock of sparrows, none of which fall to the ground without God's knowledge.
- FIRST READING: Jeremiah denounces those who seek to trap him in his preaching - those who seek to destroy him for what he has been prophesying. The faith of the prophet, however, prevails and it is voiced strongly in the second half of the reading.
- PSALM 69: The psalmist sings of the faithful servant who bears insult and injury. The Lord hears the cries of the poor and does not ignore their trials.
- SECOND READING: We continue the semicontinuous reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans. Today he tells the Romans that just like sin (and thus death) entered the world through one man, so does the abundant grace of God come into the world through the one man, Jesus Christ.

SAINT 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

Session Dates for Baptism for 2008

CATECHESIS PREPARATION

In the St. James Room in the Parish Center

July 6	1:30pm
Sept 7	1:30pm
Oct 12	1:30pm
Nov 2	1:30pm

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS FOR 2008

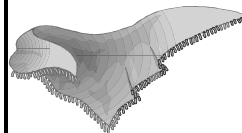
July 20	1:45pm
Aug 10	1:45pm
Aug 31	1:45pm
September 14	12:15pm
October 26	1:45pm
November 16	1:45pm
December 7	1:45pm

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT TEAM

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

When: Monday, June 30th
Where: Parish Center
Time: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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

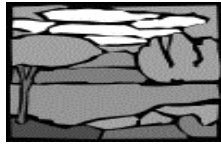
Visit our website at www.stachurchloomfield.com

~ ~ *September Club Travel* ~ ~

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

ROCKING HORSE RANCH

in Highland, NY



September 22nd through 26th, 2008

Price... \$484.00 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

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

“THIS WEEK”

Monday – 6/23

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Eucharistic Adoration - 12noon in Church

Respect Life Holy Hour - 7:30pm in Church

Men's prayer and Bible Study – 7:30pm in St. Matthew

Thursday – 6/26

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 6/27

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in Church

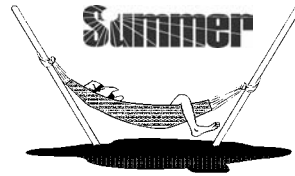
**HOLY NAME SOCIETY
2008 RETREAT - TIME TO PLAN**



Now is a good time for all returning STA retreatants and other interested STA men to plan for our 2008 retreat. This year our retreat is October 24-26, 2008, at San Alfonso, “Where God and Sea Come Together”.

The Theme for 2008 is: Matthew Matters - “Keys of Life”. Talks will cover; the keys of relationships, the keys for a good confession and the keys for mission.

Sign-up begins in September. The Photo above of HNS Retreatants smiling angelically is from the 2006 retreat.



THE SUMMER MONTHS ARE AMONG US!
IT'S TIME TO KICK BACK AND RELAX!

THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES WILL NOT BE MEETING
OVER THE SUMMER. MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN
SEPTEMBER.

- MEN'S PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY - Last Meeting, June 23rd. Next meeting September 8th.
- MINISTRY TO THE SEPARATED, DIVORCED AND WIDOWED - Last meeting, June 13th. Meetings to resume in the fall.
- RESPECT LIFE HOLY HOUR - Last meeting of the season Monday, June 23rd. Resumes in September

Going Fishing

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

On the Mi – Jo II Atlantic Highlands, NJ



Cost: \$50 per person - 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

FOR

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th 2pm to 7pm

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

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Eucharistic Adoration this Monday, June 23rd, from Noon to 7:30 PM followed immediately by the last Life-Awareness Holy Hour of the season. All are invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament.



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.

3 For 1 Scholarship Fund Drive

June 28 and June 29

Sponsored by
the Saint Thomas the Apostle
Respect Life Committee

To benefit

The Children of the Roman Catholic Mission
Turks Caicos Islands
Holy Family Academy

The Catholic Church in the Turks & Caicos Islands; established and staffed by the Archdiocese of Newark. It's mission is to bring the Word of God to the more than 5000 Catholics living in the islands.

A CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

A Scholarship Fund has been set up to assist families in need to register their children at HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY. The cost to sponsor one child is \$ 2,850. The local government guarantees the sponsorship of two children at the school for each child that the Catholic School is able to secure. It is our hope that Holy Family Academy will benefit local children and their families with a high level of education.

Thank you for your generous response
to our 2007 Fund Drive.

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



315 Prospect St.
Midland Park, NJ 07432

We wish him many blessings in his new parish.



ANY ADVERTISEMENTS
FOR THE JULY 6TH BULLETIN MUST
BE SUBMITTED
TO THE PARISH CENTER BY
10:30 A.M. FRIDAY, JUNE 27th

Moving?



Please let us know.

Within the parish – to update new address
Out of parish – to discontinue mailings

Please call the Parish Center at
(973) 338-9190.

Did you know

ST. THOMAS PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are presently not on our mailing list, receiving envelopes and the various parish mailings, the chances are that you are not a registered member of our parish. You are not automatically a registered member because you were married here or even if you were brought up here and lived in the parish with your parents—or went to school here. Membership is by formal registration only. Just call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190 and let us know that you wish to register and the registration form will be mailed to you. Bring it back or send it back to us by mail and we'll take care of the rest!

**DON BOSCO PREPARATORY
HIGH SCHOOL**

2008 Ironman Football, Basketball, Baseball, and Lacrosse Camps to be held throughout the summer.

Ironman Football Academy for boys ages 7-18.

- Three sessions: June 24-27, June 30- July 3, July 7-10 (DBP Freshmen)

Ironman Basketball Camp for boys grades 2-9.

- Three sessions: July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25

Vision Lacrosse Camp for boys ages 7-18.

- Three sessions: July 21-25, July 28-Aug 1, Aug 4-8

Ironman Baseball Camp for boys ages 9-14.

- One session: July 14-17

For more information, please call during the daytime, 201-327-8003, ext. 104 or evenings, 201-444-9497 for football; 201-722-0885 for basketball; 201-925-4255 for lacrosse and 201-384-6418 for baseball.

**BERGEN CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**

1040 Oradell Ave, Oradell, NJ 07649

The following Summer Camp Programs will be held at Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, NJ

- The Crusader Basketball School: 3 Sessions - July 14-18, and July 21-25. For boys ages 8-15. For information: BC Basketball Office at (201) 634-2204
- 2008 Championship Football Camp: 2 sessions - July 28-31, and Aug 4-7. For boys grades 5-9. For information: BC Football Office (201) 634-4127.
- The Central Bergen Lacrosse Camp: 2 sessions - July 7-11, July 14-18. For boys ages 8-15. For information: BC Lacrosse Office (201) 634-4141
- Soccer's Edge: 1 session - June 23-27. For boys entering grades 6, 7 & 8. For info (201) 847-2500.

For information email: dbell@bergencatholic.org.

R Rutgers University-Newark will be running its 17th annual *Summer BASKETBALL Program* for children ages 7-17.



The program is July 14-18, July 28-August 1, & August 4-8, 2008 from 8:30 to 3:30pm. The cost for one week is only \$150. Discount rates if you attend two or three weeks. For more information / brochure call Joe Loughran at 973-353-1483.

“Offer to God praise as your sacrifice and fulfill your vows to the Most High...” Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you live the vow you took on the altar. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is July 11-13 for more information please call 800-823-5683 or go to www.geocities.com/wwme.newarknj.

GOOD TO KNOW



No charge for Directory Assistance

Phone companies are charging us \$1.00 or more for 411 information calls – when you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial 1-800-FREE-411 or 1-800-373-3411 Without incurring a single charge. This works on home phones as well as cell phones.

12th Catholic Tent Revival 2008
Praise, Worship, Inspirational Speakers,
Music & Food!

Sunday-Tuesday June 22-24

each evening 6:30pm • Admittance is FREE

At St. Veronica Church 4215 HWY 9 North

Howell, NJ 07731

This year's guest speakers: with special sharings on Forgiveness & Healing.

- NYC Police Detective, Steven McDonald focusing on his road to inner & outer recovery
- Richard Lane Catholic Convert, radio talk show host and lay evangelist. Son of NFL legend Dick "Night Train" Lane, focuses on reconciliation & healing to those fallen away from the church. Fr. Bill Halbing Exciting & dynamic speaker, Pastor of St. Antoninus Church, Newark, NJ
- Most Rev. Bishop John Smith Bishop of Trenton Celebrant closing Mass Tuesday Night

Live Music Every Night & Kids entertainment Sunday

For info, call 1-800-430-0586

or visit www.goodnewsinternational.net

Prayer for Summer!

Dear God,

You made the four seasons. Each summer arrives as part of your perfect pattern and will, yet it is unique unto itself.

This summer, help me to see not only the enjoyment of vacations, but the joy of your will.

Help me to feel, not only the pleasure of the warm sun, but the contentment of a life guided by you.

Help me to know, not only the satisfaction of a project completed, but the fulfillment of a heart filled by you.

Help me to see you in all things, Lord, in all the seasons of life you give us.

~ AMEN