

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

Rectory/Parish Center: (973) 338-9190 . Fax: (973) 338-4224 . Religious Education: (973) 338-7400

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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

July 6, 2008 . 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, July 6

Saturday, July 5

5:00 pm Brian J. Scholl - Family

Sunday, July 6

7:30 am Michael Santasieri - Pastoral Council

9:00 am Joseph Marafiote - Friends

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm Kathryn & Archie Barbata - Family

Monday, July 7

7:30 am Patrick Narducci - Wife

11:30 am Deceased members of McIntyre family - Bequest

Tuesday, July 8

7:30 am Mary Freeman - Friend

11:30 am John & Mary Walters - Family

Wednesday, July 9

7:30 am Joseph Pettoni - Family

11:30 am Tomasina Carbonaro - Family

Thursday, July 10

7:30 am Savino Goffredo - Friend

11:30 am Ann Imfeld - Family

Friday, July 11

7:30 am Savino Goffredo - Friend

11:30 am Frances & Louis Ferraro - Family

Saturday, July 12

8:30 am Ellen Briscoe - Family

Sunday, July 13

Saturday, July 12

5:00 pm Vincent J. Melillo - Friend

Sunday, July 13

7:30 am Mary Miller - Pastoral Council

9:00 am Paula Caggiano - Friends

10:30 am Antonio Passero - Friend

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Paul Strickland, Franco & Fasone Families,
Bob Moe, Shawn Barrett

REST IN PEACE

Joseph Ciuba, Ralph J. Caprio

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Patrick Kelly

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 55: 10-11

Romans 8: 18-23

Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



Do you remember these words from Psalm 42 describing the thirst for something greater?

As a deer longs for flowing streams, So my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the Living God. (Psalm 42:2)

Our wholeness comes from having our total existence fed: body, mind, and spirit. To put it plainly, wholeness, meaning, and joy come to us completely when we love and serve God with our entire being. That is, when we choose to be good stewards of our entire existence: bodies, minds, and souls.

Pray For Vocations



“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” In the secular world, the priesthood and religious life is not often viewed as a life of freedom—obedience, celibacy and poverty are not the virtues most commonly associated with one that possesses a light burden in their life. However, as Christ reminds us in the Gospel today, He is the one that takes the burden upon Himself. The life of service that the priest and religious enter allows them to be free from the true burdens that are experienced in life-- burdens such as arrogance, lust and greed. When the promises or vows of poverty, chastity and obedience are made, the priest or religious free themselves to be true servants of God and His Church. Are you willing to let go of these worldly burdens and take the steps necessary to be one of those who answers Christ’s call to the priesthood or religious life? If so, you may have a vocation. Pray for the strength Christ gives 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 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 our Holy Father:
in thanksgiving for his devotion to the Gospel of life;

We pray to the Lord

***Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time***



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Lectionary

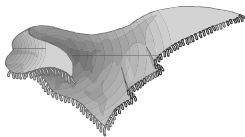
■ THE FIRST READING from the prophet Zachariah brings with it images of Advent and Christmas. It prophesies that the King shall come humbly riding on an ass. He is always present to us in our lives; never intruding, but standing watchfully by, ready to make his presence and action known to us.

■ THE GOSPEL: Jesus' words echo the First Reading: "I am meek and humble of heart" (11:29). He calls all who are burdened, and promises refreshment.

■ PSALM 145: We sing the praises of the Lord who is merciful, compassionate, and good to all.

■ SECOND READING: Paul exhorts the Romans to live not by the flesh, but by the Holy Spirit, whom they have received in Christ Jesus.

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

"THIS WEEK"

Thursday – 7/10

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

Friday – 7/11

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

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

**NEWARK'S FIRST
CATHOLIC DEAF CHURCH**

In the Past, St. Thomas the Apostle has provided one Interpreted Mass for the Deaf every fourth Sunday of each month. This will no longer be. St. John's Church on Mulberry St. in Newark has become Newark's first deaf church! They now provide signed Mass every Sunday at 12:00 noon beginning September 7, 2008.

~ ~ *September Club News* ~ ~

ATTENTION:

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE... THE JULY MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008

July 29, 2008 Join us on our trip to



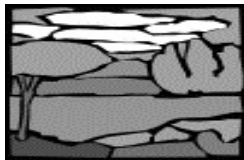
Dinner at Buckalews •
Show at SurfLite Theater "ALL SHOOK UP"

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

September 22nd through 26th, 2008

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

ROCKING HORSE RANCH
in Highland, NY



Price... \$484.00 DOUBLEOCCUPANCY

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

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.

**We welcome back
Father Daniel Kyom**

Fr. Daniel was with us last year throughout the summer months and will once again be assisting us throughout the months of July and August. Please give him a warm St. Thomas greeting if you should see him.

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

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**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.

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.

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

Moving?



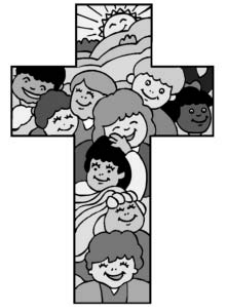
Please let us know.

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

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

Religious Education News

Another wonderful year at Vacation Bible School has come to an end. We had lots of fun learning about how much God loves us! A big thank you to all the families who brought their children to VBS and to all the parents who stayed and helped out with the kids! Special thanks to our activity leaders – Crafts – Nancy McLaughlin and Sue Coury, Music – Kathy Monacelli, Snacks – John Colby and Annie Mescall, and Puppets – Ally Brinka, Caitlyn Dye, Jillian McLaughlin, Melissa Mautone, and Shannon Rennie. Also, thanks to all of our Confirmation candidates for getting up early every day and helping out! See you next summer.



Parents are reminded that Religious Education begins the week of September 21st. Grades 5 – 8 meet on Mondays and grades 1-4 meet on Tuesdays from 3:40 - 5:00. If you have not yet registered your child please stop by the Religious Education Office in the school before July 11th to do so. All children wishing to make their First Communion in grade 2 need to attend a full year of religious education prior to the sacrament. Thank you.

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

July 20	1:30pm
Aug 10	1:30pm
Aug 31	1:30pm
September 14	12:00pm
October 5	1:30pm
October 26	1:30pm
November 16	1:30pm
December 7	1:30pm

There is a major difference between a critic and a prophet. Critics stand outside a system and mock it. Prophets remain, clear-eyed and conscientious, inside a sinful system and love it anyway. It is easy to condemn the country, for instance. It is possible to criticize the Church. But it is prophetic to love both Church and country enough to want them to be everything they claim to be - just, honest, free, equal - and then to stay with them in their faltering attempts to do so.

~ Joan Chittister, OSB

**Special thanks
from the Sisters of Charity
of Saint Elizabeth**

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth PRAYERFULLY AND GRATEFULLY acknowledge your gifts received from our Annual Parish Collection. These gifts help in the support of our nearly 300 aging and infirm sisters as well as helping to benefit the ministries and programs of the sisters.

**THIS YEAR'S COLLECTION AMOUNTED TO:
\$17,314.44**

Know that we pray daily for the intentions of our benefactors. We ask God to bless you with His Peace and we thank Him for His Providential care for us as evidenced through YOU.



**Free Ministry to Traveling Catholics
For Nationwide Mass Times & Locations
Call 1-410-676-6000 or visit www.masstimes.org**



- An Undergraduate Information Session for Adults will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 and Wednesday, August 13, 2008 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hennessy Center in the Holt Room.
- A Graduate Information Session will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hennessy Center in the Holt Room.

**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.

**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 8th grade must take the 2008 COOP Exam. The exam will be given on Friday, November 7, 2008. For more information, visit www.coopexam.org or call 1-888-921-COOP.

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!

ARE YOU GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL?

DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER IN THE HOSPITAL?



We would like to visit our parishioners who are homebound, 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, leave your name and number so we may return your call, or leave the information at the Parish Desk on Sunday mornings.

SUMMER...

God our Creator,
You have blessed us,
As you do each year
With the long, bright days of summer –
Days when the sun rides high in the sky,
And the light seems to last forever.

Thank you for these days –
Days of warmth and gladness,
life and growth.

Thank you for this tiny vision
of celestial land,
Which needs no sun nor moon;
Where you and Christ the Lamb,
Provide continuous light,
And never ending day.

- Peter Mead