

## *Thank you from Father Peter...*



Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas,

**Praise the Lord!** and **WOW!** ...are the first two expressions that come to mind after this weekend. My Farewell mass was just *fantastic*. The Music was inspiring, the singing and prayers we experienced were truly a gift of God's presence among all of us. The presentations were touching along with the slide show, which was a lot of FUN. The reception afterwards was filled with the spirit that makes STA a special place.

I would like to publicly Thank Frs. Miller and Sanders for their friendship & support during these past 2 years. I would like to Thank Fr Tom Blind for his support & encouragement over the past 5 years that he has lived here, and Nancy Cardone for her amazing ability to coordinate all the choirs' musicians, music and programs. I have learned a lot from Nancy these past 13 years, mostly how important the text of a song has to be if the assembly is going to sing it. I want to Thank Paul Dibianca and Kim Mesiti for their input and gift; and also the *dedicated people of our choir*, you certainly helped us to pray deep within our souls.

A special Thank you goes out to Barry Centanni (*timpanist*) and Sheryl Centanni (*violinist*) who always give St Thomas their Time & Talent.

I want to thank the Altar Servers old and new who were present either on the altar or at Mass. You are a special group of ministers.

To the Ushers, Lectors, and Ministers of Holy Communion, thank you for your Commitment to serve at the Table of the LORD.

I want to thank the committee of people who did *So* much for this Farewell, they are: Rosalie Mescall & Paul Alongi – Co-Chairs – along with Joan and Tom Nelson, Jim and Kathy McKittrick, Toni Alongi, Frank Mescall, Tom Rossano, Alicia and Ken Von Schaumberg, Gregg and Janice Childers, Don and Mary Powers, Orly and Priscilla Trias, Tim and Lisa Dennin, Tyler Dennin, Donna Elsby.

I want to thank the Youth Group under the leadership of Tim Dennin who always are a backbone for set-up and clean-up; also the Rosaries and the cornerstone women who baked and baked and baked for the event. There are probably many others who gave of themselves to help in what ever was needed to do. Thank *you* very much.

My Parents and my Family were so pleased and proud of all that you did for me over the past 13 years. They, and certainly myself, cannot ***THANK YOU*** enough. I leave you with a scripture quote from St. Paul to the beloved people of Philippi. It is a Quote that when I read it will always remind me of the Community of St Thomas the Apostle:

“I thank my God for you every time I think of you, and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy, because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the Gospel, from the very first day until now.”

***Thank you for you your LOVE, support, friendship, example, and patience over these 13 years. You have prepared me to be a GOOD PASTOR for my next Parish.***

***I LOVE YOU and will MISS YOU!***

***Fr. Peter***