

# *St. Thomas the Apostle Church*

*Church Bulletin - Website Edition*

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**



**JUNE 15, 2008**

*God's reconciling grace brings hope to the world.*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS**

*Sunday, June 15, 2008*

*Happy Father's Day*

**St. Thomas Mature Singles • 12 Noon • CC**

*Wednesday, June 11, 2008*

**Knitting Class • 10 AM • PC**

*Sunday, June 22, 2008*

**Monsignor Jim Lisante's Mass of Thanksgiving**

**12 Noon • Church**

**Reception following in the Msgr. Smith Auditorium**

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

All who worship regularly with the St. Thomas Parish Community are members of our faith community. We urge new members to register at the Parish Office so we may better know and respond to your needs. Those leaving St. Thomas Parish are asked to inform the Parish Office in order to keep our records accurate.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

The Sacrament of Baptism celebrates a person's entrance into the life of the Church and the community of believers. The Baptismal Team assists parents and godparents in their preparations for the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptisms take place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 2:00 PM. Parents should contact the Rectory to set a date for the Baptismal Class which takes place on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM, in the Parish Center. Parents of ALL children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish and attend a class before their child will be baptized. Godparents should be confirmed Catholics in good standing in the Church. The date of baptism will be confirmed at the class.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: PENANCE -**

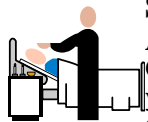
Celebrated every Saturday from 3:45 to 4:45 PM. Priests of the Parish are available any day (especially before Holy Days and First Fridays) to celebrate this Sacrament with you. Please call the Rectory for an appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Engaged couples are asked to arrange an appointment with one of the priests or deacons of the Parish at least SIX months prior to the desired wedding date. Reservations must be made by the couple ONLY.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Celebrated at a Mass by the community twice a year, in the spring and the fall. If it is an emergency or if a person cannot attend the communal celebrations, please call the Rectory. Every Saturday morning at the 9:00 AM Mass, after Communion, those who are entering the hospital in the coming week can be anointed. Inform the celebrant BEFORE Mass begins.

**VISITING THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND:**

Please contact the Rectory if you would like Eucharist brought to a member of your family who cannot come to Church for any reason.

**PLEASE NOTE**

The deadline for Bulletin submissions is ten days prior to publication.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>JUNE 14, 2008</b>
5:00 PM	Julianna Rose Rizzo
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>JUNE 15, 2008</b>
9:00 AM	Anthony Mauceri
10:30 AM	Members of Purgatorial Society and Tom Morgan
12:00 Nn	Frank Labo, Louis T. Romeo, Maureen Doyle, John Sebestyen, John and Teresa Banahan
6:00 PM	James Kevin Lally
<b>CHAPEL:</b>	
7:30 AM	Mary and Anna Evola
9:30 AM	Ann C. Langton
11:00 AM	Angelo Retta
12:30 PM	Anthony Calia and Giuseppe Buscaglia
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>JUNE 16, 2008</b>
7:45 AM	Billy Happs and Anthony Galjanic, Jr.
9:00 AM	<b>CHAPEL:</b> Agostino & Carmela Esposito
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>JUNE 17, 2008</b>
7:45 AM	Elmer Shonts, Charles and Mercedes Boschen
9:00 AM	Jacqueline Forelli
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>JUNE 18, 2008</b>
7:45 AM	Frank Cascio
9:00 AM	<b>CHAPEL:</b> Angela Covino
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>JUNE 19, 2008</b>
7:45 AM	Arthur Shonts
9:00 AM	Irving Weissman
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>JUNE 20, 2008</b>
7:45 AM	Kathleen Ann Jackson
9:00 AM	<b>CHAPEL:</b> Nicholas Cartolano
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>JUNE 21, 2008</b>
9:00 AM	Salvatore Provenzano, Frank Cascio, Raymond J. Fitzpatrick, Dorothy & Joseph Kaiser and Intentions of Nell Norton
5:00 PM	William Cowie
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>JUNE 22, 2008</b>
9:00 AM	Helen Clines
10:30 AM	Members of Purgatorial Society and William Koenig, Jr.
12:00 Nn	Anthony Mauceri, Maureen Doyle, Esperanza Emanuels, Alphonse Albano, Anthony Calia, Giuseppe Prudente and Domenica Prudente
6:00 PM	Angelina Covino
<b>CHAPEL:</b>	
7:30 AM	Rose Carullo
9:30 AM	Jimmy Medina
11:00 AM	Piero Calabrese
12:30 PM	Intentions of Mary Colombano (90th Birthday)

**BREAD AND WINE MEMORIAL**

The Bread and Wine consumed during the week of June 15, 2008 - June 21, 2008 have been donated in memory of

**Church: TOM MORGAN**

*With love & prayers from*

*Your Family*

**Chapel: JOSEPH & ANTONETTA NATALE**

*With love & prayers from*

*The Natale and Caprio Families*

## A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. JIM

WEBSITE: [msgrlisante.org](http://msgrlisante.org)

Dear Friends:

If you look up at the beauty of our magnificent parish church much, you'd have noticed that we've been missing the large cross atop the roof for a long, long time. Damaged severely by a storm, the cross has been undergoing repair and renewal. Happily, it's been made to last and is better and more striking than ever. Now when you gaze upward, you'll see the recently reinstalled cross on top of St. Thomas Church. It didn't get there without a lot of help. Let me take a moment to thank those most responsible for placing our great Christian symbol. **The Hempstead Fire Department** was particularly helpful, allowing the use of the 102 foot tower ladder of Harper Hook and Ladder Company Number 1. Special thanks to Ex-Chief **Robert S. Noonan**, Ex-Chief **Scott Clark**, Chief **Thomas Talento**, Chief **Charles W. Hendry**, Lieutenant **Richard Jones**, Fireman **Sean Wright**, and Ex-Captain **Lael Von Elm**. My thanks, as well, to Business Manager **Ray Rockensies** for coordinating all our efforts at returning the cross to its rightful spot.

We're coming to the end of our **Organ Replacement Campaign**. The two newly installed organs cost the parish \$180,000. We've received in memorials a little over one hundred thousand dollars. The remaining costs will be absorbed by the Parish Development Fund reserves. But there is still time for you to add the name of a loved one to the memorial plaques which will be installed in the Church and Chapel. If you'd like to honor a special person by donating to the Organ Fund, please contact the rectory and give us the necessary information for the creation of the memorial. The cutoff date is July 1. Thanks for helping us to achieve the acquisition of these great new musical instruments. I hope and pray they'll be used for generations to come as we pray and celebrate together in song!

As I head into the last days of my time here as your Pastor, I find myself growing very nostalgic about the past twelve years. Walking around the parish, I become increasingly more aware of all that we've shared together over these past twelve years. I look at what was once a **school** on thin ice, and see now a **vibrant academic community** with an impressive enrollment, a great faculty and a strong and dedicated Principal.

I look to our **Religious Education Program**, and know that our outstanding Staff and their many volunteer teachers have touched, literally, thousands of young people, implanting the seeds of faith and love that will only grow deeper with the years. I see a **Parish Outreach Program** in which so many good and needful people have been aided and strengthened in the sometimes precarious journey of life. I see a **Youth Program** that continues to grow with young adults and teens who genuinely love their faith, long to do good for others and come freely to spend time here at the parish. As I write this letter, the auditorium is once again filled with young people trying out for the annual summer musical show. How blessed we are by the work of our dedicated Youth Minister and her great staff and volunteers.

I see an unusual parish in that it has one community, but two houses of worship. And over these twelve years, both houses of prayer have been updated, renewed, cleaned up, renovated, and enhanced. They are both very special places to celebrate and worship. Aren't we blessed to have not one but two great places to pray?

I look to the rectory, and see not only a large house which has undergone so many physical improvements over the past decade, but also a house which has seen many priests come and go. And, I can say with great confidence, have lived with each other in a climate of mutual respect, genuine affection, animated dialogue and real fellowship. Believe me when I say, that is a rare and wonderful thing to find in any rectory!

### We are blessed.

What I'm trying to say is that these have been years of great and special times for all of us at **St. Thomas the Apostle Parish**. And none of this could have happened without you and your support, encouragement, honesty, friendship and goodness. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for the privilege of letting me be a Pastor here at St. Thomas. These have been the greatest years of my priesthood, and I will carry this special community in my heart always.

Next week, I'll celebrate my farewell Mass at 12 noon.

After that, I can be reached at:

**Msgr. Jim Lisante**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**  
**855 Carmans Road**  
**Massapequa Park, N.Y. 11762**  
**(516) 541-3270**

Know you are always welcome to visit. It's really simple to get there. You take the Southern State Parkway to exit 31 North (Linden Street). Make a left at the stop sign onto Linden Street. Go two miles and the parish is at the corner of Linden Street and Carmans Road.

And please take care of a very special man back here at St. Thomas, your *sixth Pastor*, **Monsignor Frank Maniscalco**. He is a true blessing and will bring many gifts to this parish we all love.

Have a peace-filled week.  
 In His Love,



Monsignor Jim Lisante  
 Pastor

## *Catholic Ministries Appeal*

### *Supporting the Community Around Us*

**GOAL: \$95,681**  
**PLEGGED TO DATE: 80,344**  
**NUMBER OF PLEDGES: 405**

Our thanks to those parishioners who have already made a pledge to this year's appeal.

We have not as yet reached our goal so this weekend we are going to have another Sign-In Sunday. We ask those of you who have not made a pledge to please consider doing so at this time. Whatever amount you pledge is essential to the success of this appeal. We truly need your help.

You will find pledge cards in the pews. You may send your pledge directly to the diocese. If you prefer, place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**  
**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL COMMITTEE**  
**Frank Cazzetto, Lucille Cazzetto, Genevieve Broschardt,**  
**Larry Doyle, Elaine Harman**

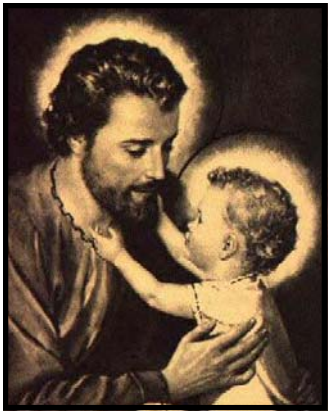
**VISIT THE ST. PATRICK'S ALTAR  
& PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

*We, the joy-filled Catholic community of St. Thomas the Apostle, are united in faith and drawn to the life-giving sacrifice of the Eucharist. Through worship, ministry and education we foster spiritual growth and Christian values. As a parish family, we share with and encourage each other through the many times of our lives. With open hearts and helping hands we respond to the needs of our community and the world.*

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour**

**~The Importance of Fatherhood~**



**All men play a special role  
in our lives**

**All men are welcome: fathers,  
grandfathers, husbands,  
brothers, uncles, cousins,  
friends, priests etc.**

**\*\*We celebrate all men this night\*\***

**Guest Speakers: Al Barbarino,  
Lay Franciscan of the Padre Pio Shelter**

**Date and Time: Friday, June 20, 2008 7:30-9:00pm**

**Location:**

St. Thomas The Apostle Church, Lower Church  
24 Westminster Rd, West Hempstead, NY 11552

For more information, please call **(516) 448-5792**

**\*\*Eucharistic Adoration,  
Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, Reconciliation\*\***



*Please Pray for the  
Deceased of the Parish*  
**JOSEPHINE SAN FILIPPA  
MARK W. CANNONE  
THOMAS NICKICH  
MARGARET CANDIDO**



**Please Pray For The Sick, Especially:**

*Timothy Michael Cluess, Jr. • Nina Adamo • Cecelia Lisante • Baby Thomas Cicalese • Baby Julia Roessner • Baby Rebecca Hyde • Baby Ashton Slade • Baby Joseph Richard Hopkins • Baby Andrew Frank • Grace Bevans • Marie J. Lutz • Marian McIntyre • Kevin Acer • Bernadine Kalkolf • Jacqueline LaRocca • Joseph Keating • Joseph Matthews • Tommaso Vellucci • Debbie Russo • Baby Massimo Miot • Thomas Brady • Lucille Redican • Loretta Szilagye • Julia Blumke • Brady Baylis • William Cloghessy • Michael Bieniek • Genevieve Pellegrino • Laura Rodgers • Marion Christenson • Lucy Ballow • Lou Pellegrino • Marilyn Tutino • Raffaella & Giovanni Mongelli • Julian Martin • Robert Guariglia • Richard Sheinfeld • Lisa Schulman • Veronica Mallory • Santa Leone • Kathy Cossari • Nello Cozzolino • Ron Cussmano • Marge Couture • Rose Demato • Juan, Aldo & Myriam Fuenzalida • Angelica Maria • Christine Doherty • Anne Ward • Gus Kalin • Monica Martin • Robert C. Sauer • John Evangelista • Janet Dibuono • Jerry Ceravolo • Michael DeDomenico • Tony & Elvira Bogatic • Christopher Michael & Juan Alicia • Margaret Maniscalco • Irene Santulli*

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Names for the sick list will appear for three consecutive weeks. If you would like to have someone placed on the sick list, please call the Rectory at 489-8585.*

If you are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Human Services at 538-7465.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:**

**Third Time:** Albert Maggio of St. Thomas and Michelle Orlandella of St. Lazarus • Leonard Poppi of St. Thomas and Caroline Lenardo of St. John's

**Second Time:** Kevin Milack of St. Catherine's and Piera Troia of St. Thomas

**First Time:** Sean M. McQuade and Tami R. Millan of St. Thomas • Matthew Amore and Danielle Marra both of St. Thomas • Andrew Papps and Casey Linehan of St. Thomas • William Hagen and Valerie A. Esposito of St. Thomas

**BAPTISM:** We welcome the following little Christians into the St. Thomas the Apostle Community:

*Charles Harry Jansen \* Kasey Richard Straub  
Lianna Marie Stark \* Chase Luca Cipollone  
Brandon Jonathan Sturm \* Luke Torre Zweben  
Zachary John Mehlman \* Cristian Miguel Rasuk  
Jerry Joseph Hickey \* Giuliana Maria D'Alessandro  
Austin Ryan Hayes \* Hailey Noelle Quinlan*

Please pray for the safe return of  
**JOEL MARCELLA, LCPL. • LT. COL. THOMAS BRENNAN  
MIGUEL A. FLAQUER • MARK E. SATIRA • LANCE CPL. MICHAEL C. VACCO**  
Members of St. Thomas the Apostle Church stationed in Iraq & Afghanistan  
**LT. PETER J. EBERHARDT • CAPT. JOHN LEHANE, USMC  
STAFF SGT. JOSEPH D. MARCIANO • CAPT. TIMOTHY MILLER USMC  
SPEC. KENNETH ALBARRAN • SGT. ERICH McCARTNEY • KRIS KLEFFMAN  
MAJOR PATRICK SWEENEY • LT. COL. PAUL SWEENEY  
SGT. MATTHEW R. SCHMIDT • SGT. CHRISTOPHER MCKAY  
JOSEPH DELLA RATTA PFC • CAPT. JOHN LAUTEN • KEITH ILENDIA  
CAPT. ANTHONY CARUSO**

have returned home safely from Iraq. The families wish to thank you for your prayers, and ask that you please continue to pray. God Bless You All.



## OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIM STATUE THROUGH THE LEGION OF MARY

Not everyone can go to Portugal and visit the Shrine of Fatima, but everyone in St. Thomas' Parish can have the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima visit their home for a week. Once you do, you will be glad of it, for she gives you peace and comfort. *She is Our*

*Mother!*

Please call **Grace Martello (516) 489-6886**, leave your name, phone number and I will get back to you. Thank you.

### PREPARATION

- A suitable place in your home where our Blessed Mother's statue will be put.
- A decorative table cover, candles, flowers and other desired objects have been placed there.
- Our Blessed Mother (symbolized by her image) is brought into your home with love, reverence and prayers by two members of the Legion of Mary.
- You may invite family and friends if you wish.
- At the end of the week when we pick up her statue farewell prayers are said.

## St. Thomas the Apostle Church & Chapel

### Music Ministry Organ Fund

Please consider our invitation to support this project by purchasing a memorial in one of the following categories:

**Platinum: \$1500**

**Gold: \$1000**

**Bronze: \$250**



15<sup>th</sup>  
Annual

# GOLF CLASSIC

## St. Thomas the Apostle Church and West Hempstead Basketball Association

*Proceeds to benefit St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
and the  
children of West Hempstead CYO Basketball  
and  
Intramural Programs  
and  
CYO Travel Baseball Teams*

**Monday, August 4, 2008**  
**Hempstead Golf & Country Club**  
Hempstead, NY

## This Week at . . . ST. THOMAS

### SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008

12 Noon Mature Singles—CC  
2 PM—6 PM Sec. Fran.—LC & PC

### MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008

7 PM—10 PM RCIA—LMR & PC

### TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008

9 AM—12 Noon Knitting—PC  
7:30 PM Development Comm.—RMR

### THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008

6 PM—10 PM Prayer-a-Cise—PC  
7:30 PM Legion of Mary—PC

### FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2008

7:30 PM Divine Mercy—LC  
7:30 PM AA—RMR

### SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2008

All Day Monsignor's Farewell—Auditorium

## Class Acts

Mrs. St. John

As I tear another month off my wall calendar, I gasp in disbelief!!! Where did the year go??? It seems like just yesterday I was greeting my new 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the school yard, learning their names, and bonding with them. Now, as the year draws to an end, the familiarity and comfort, which a year of growth yields, comes to an end.

The class of 2008 had a very good year. They accomplished many wonderful deeds and services for the community. They made healing blankets for the parish outreach, collected baby items for Mama's House during Advent, and donated money to the poor during Lent. They enjoyed a field trip into the city to see Mary Poppins, as well as enjoyed a day of outdoor fun at Nassau Boces' Project Adventure. The celebration of Confirmation was a highlight as the eighth graders received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Participation in two videoconferences and showing off their abilities during the talent show added to the year's excitement.

As the days wound down, the last highlight of the year approached....**graduation!** The members of the class of 2008 graduated from St. Thomas the Apostle School to attend some of the very finest Catholic high schools on Long Island: Sacred Heart Academy, Chaminate, Kellenberg, St. Mary's, and Holy Trinity. I wish them well on their journey to high school and pray that they will continue to grow in faith and knowledge during their high schools years and beyond.

**Congratulations Class of 2008**  
**God Bless You!!!**

ATTENTION:

**St. Thomas the Apostle School**  
**Class of 1978**  
**30 Year Reunion Celebration**  
**August 9, 2008**

Please contact: **Andrea Cazzetto**  
**Lotsocurls00@yahoo.com**

# Youth Group News:

## JUNE CALENDAR

We want to welcome our newest Adult Team members, **Dawn Kelleher, Ginnie Noonan, Monica Wenthen, Ryan Welsh, John Snyder** and **Anthony Stelmach**. We know they will make a great addition to our existing team.

**Registration and First Rehearsal** for the St. Thomas Youth Summer Theatre production of *Once Upon A Mattress* are scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2008 at 6:30 PM in the Monsignor Smith Auditorium. Registration costs \$125.00 per participant for Cast (Note: two participants in the same family costs \$230.00; three in the same family costs \$290.00), \$30.00 for Stage Crew and Pit Orchestra. Registration includes a tee shirt and cast party. A parent **MUST** be present to register. There will be a brief parent meeting after registration. First Rehearsal will begin immediately after the parent meeting.

**Rehearsals are mandatory** and are held Monday-Thursday evenings. Performances of the production will be held on August 8, 9 and 10. Please check your vacation plans prior to registration to ensure you can attend the rehearsals and all three performances! If you have any questions, please call 538-7467 or email: [stthomasyouth08@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasyouth08@gmail.com).

If you have any questions, please call the Youth Center at 538-7467 or email [stthomasyouth08@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasyouth08@gmail.com).

When unable to pick up a bulletin, visit [www.stthomasapostle.org](http://www.stthomasapostle.org).

Have a wonderful week, Mrs. Rockensies

### **Gospel** Matthew 9:36-10:8

This gospel reading gives us a glimpse into the heart of Jesus. When he saw the crowds who had come to hear him speak, we read that his heart was moved with pity "because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus couldn't leave them like that. He had to do something! So he gathered helpers, the apostles, and sent them out to care for the people. He told them: "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

### **Discussion Questions for Gospel:**

The month of June is traditionally celebrated as "the month of the Sacred Heart." The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a devotion. This devotion reminds us that Jesus loves us, and wants to care for us. He wants us to love and care for one another. How are we each a sheep in the flock of Jesus? How can we be like Jesus and let our hearts be moved with pity for others in need? How can we be shepherds and care for others that we meet along our way?

## **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send laborers for his harvest."

**Have you considered answering the call to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS . . .**

### **Do You Like to Sing?**

Join us on Wednesday mornings (10 am - 12 pm) at the Cathedral Post, Woodlawn Road. Sing-a-longs, visits to local hospitals and nursing homes. Please call: Carrie at 481-3097.

### **To the Friends of St. Thérèse**

If you wish to reverence the first class relic of St. Therese it will be available after the 9 AM Mass on the second Saturday of each month at the shrine.

**Do you like to sing & harmonize?** Visit the award-winning greater-nassauchorus.org or call 631-591-1107. You'll be glad you did!

**Nanny Needed:** St. Thomas parishioners seeking a live-out nanny for our two adorable, well-behaved boy (4) and girl (10 mths). Tue, Wed, Fri, from 8:30am—7pm. Flexibility to switch days and work extra hrs on occasion is needed. Clean/valid drivers lic; access to their own car preferred but not required. Need to provide a SS# to perform a formal background check. Strong references. We want someone who is looking for a long term commitment and hope will become an extended part of our family. If interested, please contact Jennifer at 516-978-8702 or [missdayton@aol.com](mailto:missdayton@aol.com).

### **HELP WANTED:**

~ **Food Vendor.** Must have "Food Certification". Spanish speaking preferred. Call (718) 829-1433.

~ **RN's and LPN's:** All shifts (7am-7pm) - (3pm-11pm) - (7pm-7am). Full time, part-time ~ Per Diem. Please contact, Maryanne Charles, Director of Health Services, Queen of the Rosary. #842-6000, ext. 271.

~ Mature babysitter looking for summer position 2-3 days a week. Excellent references. Valid drivers license. Please call Betty at (516) 385-1462.

~ Bookkeeper (PT or FT) exp. w/A/R, A/P, financial statement prep. College degree & computer skills. Send resume to: Holy Name of Mary, 55 E. Jamaica Ave., Valley Stream, NY 11580 or email: [hnmbusiness@aol.com](mailto:hnmbusiness@aol.com)

### **ROOM for RENT~HOUSE to SHARE:**

Beautiful home in Malverne, Walk to All. Please call Barbara (516) 599-3139, Cell: (646) 228-0172.

**FOR SALE:** Stunning Lrg. 3 bdrm. Colonial, W.Hempstead/Cathedral Grdns. LR w/dbl sided fpl, Frml DR, Sunrm/Den, EIK, fin basement w/family rm, fin. Attic, 2 full bths, 2 car garage, 4-zone heating, in-grnd sprinklers, on 60 x 100 lot SD 27. \$599,000. Call Gerri Moran. LSA 718-819-4012.

### **APARTMENT NEEDED:**

Quiet, responsible female looking for 1st or 2nd fl apt, \$900 /all, cat friendly. Please call (516)448-5792 if you have an apt avail for rent.

**APARTMENT FOR RENT:** 1 King size bedroom, living room/kitchen combo, full bath. Ground level, private entrance. No smoking/pets. All included, call: 481-0823

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** Adirondack Park, Chestertown, NY. 4 BR, 1 Bth, Kitchen, DR, LR w/fireplace. Screened in porch. 1.25 acres, 35 feet on Friends (private) Lake. 2 tiered deck. \$499K neg. 518-761-1052

# SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

## Daily Disciples

The first thing you notice about **Jim Joyce** is his kindness. It's written all over his face. The next is how he puts you at ease with his gentle sense of humor and constant willingness to help. It is not hard to understand how Jim has become involved in so many aspects of life at St. Thomas the Apostle.

An alumnus of the parish school, Jim served as an altar boy here through elementary and high school, earning a gold watch for his efforts. As he completed his education and started his career in medical imaging, he has never strayed far from his roots. He is a true West Hempstead man who has made service an integral part of his life.

In 1984, Jim's musical talents led him to become involved in St. Thomas' Youth Group and their summer theater productions. "The kids were great," he remembers, "and there was also a great social aspect for the adults, too, as we worked together every day through the summers to make the musicals come to life. It was an experience that gave me real personal satisfaction." So much so that he stayed committed to the group for six years. Another benefit was the opportunity to get to know the parish priests. **Frs. Bob Smith** and **Frank Caldwell** were at St. Thomas at the time and, Jim adds, "it was wonderful to see their talents and how involved they were with the parishioners."

When only in high school, Jim began playing the organ for St. Thomas masses, and he can still be found on the bench today when Music Director **Martha Pramnieks** has need of his help. His tenure in the Adult Choir began in 1981 and has never ended. "The camaraderie there makes people stay with it," he says. In the early '80s, Jim found another way to share his gift for music by working with Sr. Mary Sullivan to start a Children's Choir at St. Thomas.

Given his ear for music and his way with people, it is no wonder **Msgr. Lisante** entrusted Jim Joyce with the fundraising for the two new organs for the Church and Chapel. The effort has raised over **\$100,000** from 197 very generous donors. "This is something I was interested in so I had to say yes," Jim recalls. He attributes the success to a number of things. "It's Msgr. Jim. He had some really good ideas. As well as people in the Rectory who were so helpful, and a talented committee who were very good. I think it was really wonderful the way the donors supported the process."

Over the years, it would seem that Jim has already shared his blessings in every conceivable way, but a request to him for assistance rarely goes unanswered. He played an integral role, for example, in many of the parish's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary events and has even stepped out of his comfort zone on occasion, as when he volunteered for both the grounds crew and security in last year's Family Festival.

Why does he go above and beyond? "Everyone is very welcoming," he says. "It's also fun and let's me meet different people. And, for the most simple things, people are really grateful." According to Jim, a recent recipient of the *Spirit of St. Thomas Award*, "St. Thomas people are thoughtful, considerate and typically Christian. Their generosity to everyone comes through. Our priests are great and our pastor has created a place where people can not only receive but can also give. St. Thomas is special." Not least of all because of parishioners like **Jim Joyce**.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

### Sharing Our Blessings

Weekly Goal to Meet Operating Expenses:	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
Sunday Offering ( <i>June 8, 2008</i> ) Includes Faith Direct:	\$16,702.00
Over/Under Goal:	<b>- \$ 3,298.00</b>



# Altar Servers Corner

## July-August Schedule:

*We have started creating the summer schedule which will run for the months of July and August. If you plan on being away for an extended period of time, please let me know so that we can schedule assignments accordingly.*

## Altar Servers for Weddings:

*We are still in need of Altar Servers for upcoming weddings. If you've been trained to serve at weddings and are able to serve, please let me know. Thanks to those who have already volunteered.*

Altar server teams for next weekend's masses (June 21/22) are:

### Church:

5:00PM	Team 2
9:00AM	Team 10
10:30AM	Team 13
12:00PM	Special Mass
6:00PM	Team 26

### Chapel:

7:30AM	Team 34
9:30AM	Team 5
11:00AM	Team 6
12:30PM	Team 18

Thanks for all that you do!  
Rob

Questions, comments, suggestions?

Contact Rob Kaminski at the Rectory (489-8585) or via our e-mail address: [staaltarservers@optonline.net](mailto:staaltarservers@optonline.net)

## ALTAR SERVER WEDDING SCHEDULE – JUNE 2008

The following is the schedule of Weddings taking place during the month of June.

We will be filling these assignments on a first come-first served **volunteer** basis. Please leave a message at the Rectory (or e-mail your request) indicating which wedding(s) you would like to volunteer for.

### Sunday, June 15 – 3:00 PM

Nuptial Mass – Church – 2 servers needed

### Saturday, June 21 – 3:00 PM

Nuptial Mass – Church – 2 servers needed

### Sunday, June 22 – 3:00 PM

Nuptial Mass – Church – 2 servers needed

### Sunday, June 29 – 2:00 PM

Nuptial Ceremony – Church – 2 servers needed

*Note: Wedding assignments are only open to those servers who attended a training session for Weddings. Additional training sessions will be held in the future for those who are interested.*

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

MEETS ON THE

Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each Month  
@ 10:30 am

*The Staff, Administration and Clergy of  
St. Thomas the Apostle School Congratulates the Class of 2008*

*Adegboyega Asanpaola  
Holy Trinity*

*Victoria Farrell  
St. Mary's*

*Evan Penalzoza  
Holy Trinity*

*Harry Baldino  
St. Mary's*

*Charles Hendry  
Holy Trinity*

*Christopher Powell  
Lutheran H.S.*

*Kelcey Batzer  
Kellenberg*

*Daniel Henne  
Chaminade*

*Gary Ricca  
Holy Trinity*

*Sandhya Beharry  
Sacred Heart*

*Elizabeth Hutter  
Sacred Heart*

*Kurt Rockensies  
West Hempstead H.S.*

*Andrew Capetandes  
Kellenberg*

*Raven Johnson  
Kellenberg*

*Christopher Sagan  
Chaminade*

*Djenane Charles  
Holy Trinity*

*Kevin Joyce  
Chaminade*

*Richard Seery  
Chaminade*

*Imani Collins  
Mephram H.S.*

*Tara Kelly  
Kellenberg*

*Kyla Singleton  
Holy Trinity*

*Jasmin Cooper  
Holy Trinity*

*Joseph Lilli  
Chaminade*

*Lazaros Steffan, Jr.  
Holy Trinity*

*Amanda Corbin  
Holy Trinity*

*Daniel Mantone  
Chaminade*

*Jake Stephen  
Chaminade*

*Ashton Corbin  
Holy Trinity*

*Gina Medayil  
Sacred Heart*

*Caroline Teleisha  
Sacred Heart*

*Scott Davies  
Kellenberg*

*Allison Morello  
Kellenberg*

*Jose Teo  
St. Mary's*

*Julianne DeLay  
Kellenberg*

*Kerrin Morello  
Kellenberg*

*Armaia Thomas  
Sacred Heart*

*Kristen DeVivo  
Sacred Heart*

*Jessica Nedelka  
Sacred Heart*

*Cecilio Velasquez  
Holy Trinity*

*Matthew Donohue  
Chaminade*

*Brandon Padilla  
West Hempstead H.S.*

*Matthew Wodicka  
Chaminade*

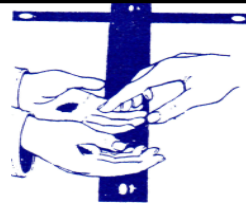
*Kaitlyn Espina  
Kellenberg*

*Emily Paruch  
Sacred Heart*





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## Religious Education Program

2008

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is time to plan for the next school year of Religious Education. In order to organize the classes and **recruit the teachers** for next year, we need to have you register now. The fees for the 2008-2009 year will be as follows:

**EARLY REGISTRATION FEES:**  
**If registered and paid by JUNE 30, 2008**

**\$90 - one child**

**\$105 - two children**

**\$125 - three or more children**

**After June 30, 2008; the fee will be:**

**\$125 - one child**

**\$140 - two children**

**\$160 - three or more children**

The fees cover the cost of the book (\$30 per child), the costs of printing, mailings, paper, phones, craft supplies, duplication fees, computer fees, heat, salaries and many other expenses. This fee is only a portion of what it costs to educate your child. **The fee must accompany the registration form.** If the entire fee cannot be paid at once, we will be happy to accept partial payment. Please call us at **538-7460** to set up a payment plan.

In order to update our records, we are asking you to **check over the information** about your child or **completely fill** out the enclosed registration form for your children. Please fill out the "Comment" information space with any information (medications, allergies, learning disabilities, family situations) that will help us to place and work with your child in the best way possible. All information will remain confidential. Our teachers are volunteer adults and local high school students from the parish. We are always in need of teachers on a regular and substitute basis.

*If you would like to volunteer, please call our office at 538-7460.*

For your convenience, there is an addressed envelope for you to enclose your **form and fee and a registration form for first graders and any new registrants.** All those registering children for **the first time** must enclose a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate.

In the beginning of September, you will receive a letter with your child(ren)'s class assignments and room numbers. **If you are not registered by June 30<sup>th</sup>, we cannot accept any special requests** (i.e. placing children in the same class for car pools). If you are **not registered**, you will not receive a letter or a class assignment. **No registrations or class assignments will be accepted the first week of classes.** (This is to insure the smooth running of classes that day). Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Ann Pellegrino  
Mrs. Eileen Minutoli  
Directors of Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education will take place the months of May and June.  
If your child(ren) are currently enrolled in the program, you will receive a registration form in the mail.  
Please enclose a Baptismal Certificate for all new registrants and first graders.  
Any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 538-7460.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM 2008-2009

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Step-Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father/Step-Father's Business #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's First: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Maiden: \_\_\_\_\_  
Step-Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother/Step-Mother Business #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Father: Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: Religion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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School: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church: Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
1st Eucharist Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reconciliation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** Is there any information that might help us in your child's religious formation? Please list medical information that might be important for us to know, e.g. allergies, medications, learning disabilities, illness, change in family situations, etc.

Class day requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grades 1 to 5 - Tuesday or Wednesday from 4 to 5:15 p.m.  
Grade 6 - Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.  
Grade 7 - Tuesday evening only 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.  
Grade 8 - Wednesday evening only 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Registration fees: by June 30, 2008:  
1 child - \$90; 2 children - \$105; 3 or more children - \$125

Postmarked after June 30, 2008:  
1 child - \$125; 2 children - \$140; 3 or more children - \$160

Please make checks payable to: **St. Thomas the Apostle**  
Send information to: St. Thomas Religious Education  
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West Hempstead, NY 11552