



# St. Joseph St. Thomas Parish

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March 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

REV. ROBERT W. DILLON, Pastor  
REV. EVANGELIO R. SUAYBAGUIO, Parochial Vicar  
REV. NEIL A. KELLY, Parochial Vicar  
REV. RIZALINO P. GARCIA, Parochial Vicar  
DEACON E. GARY VILLANUEVA, M.D.  
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MRS. ELIZABETH A. BRIM, Director of Religious Education  
MR. GREGORY M. HAUCK, Coordinator of Religious Education  
DR. CHARLES P. TALLEY, Director of Music  
MR. FRANK DeCANDIDO, Sports Council President

## MASSES

Saturday Evening:

St. Joseph: 5:00 P.M.

St. Thomas: 6:00 P.M.

Sunday:

St. Joseph: 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon

St. Thomas: 9:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. Italian Mass

11:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M., 6:00 P.M.

## HOLY DAYS:

Due to the variable nature of Holy Days, the schedule of Masses for these special celebrations will be printed in the bulletin prior to the feasts

Weekdays:

St. Joseph: Monday—Saturday 9:00 A.M.

St. Thomas: Monday—Friday 7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M.

Saturday 8:00 A.M.

## DEVOTIONS:

**Miraculous Medal:** Mondays after the 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. Masses at St. Thomas Church and after the 9:00 A.M. Mass at St. Joseph Church

**Our Lady of the Community (Virgin of the Barangay):** 1st Saturday of the month—Rosary 6:00 P.M., Mass at 7:15 P.M. at St. Thomas Church.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Holy Hour 5:00pm—6:00pm in St. Thomas Church— First Friday of every month.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Sunday—Saturday 9:00 A.M.—8:00 P.M.

St. Thomas is  Accessible

## WELCOME TO ALL

**Our Parish Family invites** all to be active and participating members in every aspect of parish life! Every family moving into the parish is invited to register at the Parish Office. If you change your address, please notify us.

Again, Welcome!

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is administered on every Sunday of the month at 2:30 P.M. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for the sacrament.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Sacrament of Matrimony is an image of God's love and commitment to us. Couples should make arrangements with a priest at least six months prior to the ceremony. The date of the ceremony should be finalized with the church prior to making any other arrangements

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick comforts and strengthens the seriously ill and the elderly. It is a help for the living. We should not wait until there is a danger of death. In case of emergency call the Rectory.

## COMMUNION OF THE SICK

Regular administration of the Sacraments should be arranged for shut-ins by calling the Parish Office.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00—4:45 P.M. at St. Joseph

5:00—5:45 P.M. at St. Thomas

On the last weekend of each month, confessions are heard before, during and after all Masses.

Confessions can always be scheduled individually by calling the parish office.

## WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A PARISHIONER

Please fill out the form below and drop it into the Collection Basket next weekend. We will mail you a census form.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_



### St. Joseph's Church

#### Saturday, March 18, 2017

5:00pm(Vigil) Mariano Tartamella

#### Sunday, March 19, 2017

8:00am Maryanne Barranco

10:00am Francesco Crociata & Leonardo Bambina

12Noon Lorraine DeAngelo-Augustine

#### WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish

Tuesday: 9:00am Arthur B. Crozier

Wednesday: 9:00am Rose Nelson

Thursday: 9:00am Gloria Fago

Friday: 9:00am Paul Albanese

#### Saturday, March 25, 2017

9:00am Michael Buffamante

5:00pm(Vigil) Vincenzo & Giuseppe DiCapua

#### Sunday, March 26, 2017

8:00am Dominick & Lena Torrusio

10:00am Avidano & Tedeschi Family

12Noon Luke & Domenica Napodano

### St. Thomas Church

#### Saturday, March 18, 2017

6:00pm(Vigil) Angelina Pascale

#### Sunday, March 19, 2017

9:00am Joseph Nasta & Joseph Nasta, Sr.

10:00am In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

11:00am Barbara Cannizzaro

1:00pm Jean Marino & Catherine Correale

6:00pm Pino Faggiano

#### WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00am Robert Marino

8:00am Vincenzo & Bellina Demetrio

Tuesday: 7:00am Kay Jones

8:00am Mary Cumming

Wednesday: 7:00am William Sciara

8:00am Peter Catania & Deacon Art Fama (Living)

Thursday: 7:00am Robert Losarda

8:00am Thomas Geressy

Friday: 7:00am Rosemarie Napoli

8:00am June McCarthy

7:30pm Marsha Montalbano

#### Saturday, March 25, 2017

8:00am Josephine Loporcaro Waldron

6:00pm(Vigil) Rose Pascale

#### Sunday, March 26, 2017

9:00am Rosemarie Flannery

10:00am Paolo & Giovanna Pignataro

11:00am Robert Oglio

1:00pm Gorizia & Antonio Prince

6:00pm Richard S. Lacirasella



#### MARRIAGE BANNS

1<sup>st</sup> Banns Robert Abbadessa & Nicole Mormando

1<sup>st</sup> Banns John DiCaprio & Kayla Giacomo

2<sup>nd</sup> Banns Cosimo Damian Grimaldi & Lauren DiMaio



#### MEMORIALS

*Our Bread and Wine this week is offered :*  
At St. Thomas Church *In Loving Memory of*  
*Paul Josenhans* requested by  
Theresa Libretta.

#### BAPTISM SEMINAR

##### SATURDAY, March 25, 2017

Immediately following the 6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas Church there will be a meeting for expectant parents and parents of newborn babies. Parents are expected to be at Mass as well as the meeting.

We urge parents to attend before the baby is born. We also urge Godparents to participate by attending this meeting. This is a requirement for all parents prior to the Baptism of their child.



#### Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Easter Mass Remembrance cards for the living and deceased are available at Church and in the Parish Office. The intentions will be placed on our altars throughout the Easter Season.



#### Memorial Easter Flower Offering

Memorial Easter Flower Offering envelopes are also available in the rear of our Churches and will be placed on our altars throughout the Easter Season.

## LENT

Lent, the penitential season of the Church year begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until Easter. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence: everyone between the ages of 18 and 59, inclusive, are seriously obliged to eat no more than one full meal and two smaller meals throughout the day, and to avoid eating meat throughout the day. All Fridays of Lent oblige everyone who have reached his or her 14<sup>th</sup> year to abstain from all meat.

### Mass:

Every Friday at 7:30pm at St. Thomas Church.

### Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday following the 9:00am Mass at St. Joseph . At St. Thomas Church at 12noon in Italian and after the 7:30pm Mass.

## SACRED HEART REMEMBRANCE VIGIL CANDLES

will burn for 1 year in St. Thomas Church :

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
EMANUELA MEIROVICI  
“FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS”  
“ALWAYS LOVED - NEVER FORGOTTEN”  
YOUR LOVING FAMILY  
*requested by Your SJST Friends*

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
PHYLLIS IMBROSCIANO  
“OUR DEAR & BEAUTIFUL WIFE, MOM &  
GRANDMA”  
YOUR LOVING FAMILY  
*requested by Maria Donofrio*

*For more information about  
Sacred Heart Remembrance Candles  
please call the Parish Office.*

## 50/50 CLUB

*Congratulations!*

Mr. William Ewald

Our February 50/50 winner

“A Winner Every Month – It could be you!”

“Share & Share Alike”

*Donation to enter: \$5.00 – Next Drawing – March 31<sup>st</sup>*

**OUR REMEMBRANCE VIGIL CANDLES**  
will burn for 1 year in St. Thomas Church for:

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
SALVATORE LITO, SR.  
LOVING HUSBAND, FATHER  
& GRANDFATHER  
“IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER”  
*requested by MaryAnn Denora*

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
SALVATORE DENORA, JR.  
CHERISHED SON, BROTHER, FATHER  
LIFE ENDS—LOVE DOESN'T  
“4 EVER YOUNG—4 EVER IN OUR HEARTS “  
YOUR LOVING FAMILY  
*requested by MaryAnn Denora*

For more information about  
Remembrance Candles  
please call the Parish Office at 356-0294.

## EASTER DUTY

Every Catholic who has been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist is obliged to receive Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins **at least once a year**, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season. Frequent reception of the Eucharist and confession are strongly encouraged.

## Third Sunday of Lent

Education experts often debate testing: when to test students, why, and how. Our readings today suggest that testing is so central to the human experience that we require proofs even from God. In the book of Exodus, Moses gives two names to the spot where God provides water from a rock: Meribah, signifying complaint or bickering, and Massah, meaning a test or proof. When the Israelites complain of their thirst, God provides proof of divine providence. Water flows from a rock, and God passes the test. In the Gospel story of the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus passes his own test with flying colors, convincing a skeptical woman that he is indeed the Messiah. Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans guarantees Christians permanent success—not because we are good at tests, but because God is. Jesus proves God's love once and for all by dying for us.

### **SICK & HOMEBOUND**

If someone is homebound or in the hospital, please notify us. Arrangements can be easily made for the Sacrament of Anointing. Holy Communion is brought to the sick by the priests and Eucharistic Ministers weekly or monthly as requested. Please let us know your needs by calling the parish office.

Ethel Ducey, Frank DeJulio, Carol Kopczynski, Ed Kopczynski, Peter Cruciat, John Anthony Benedetto, Christina Greco, Joseph Roesch, Stacy Wolski, Brian Orlick, Joseph Piazza, Melissa Monahan Connolly, Russell Monahan, Thomas Ambrosio, Linda Kolarcik Monahan, Harriet Cummings, Anthony Bambina, Beth Cherick, Audie Parker, Mary Metzger, James Principato, Werner Kropp, Dean Agirio, Ryan Hansen, Caroline Phelps, Angie Patterson, Tony Flynn, Allen Reese, John Spadaro, Joseph Onorio, Louis Amatrudo, Vincent Ippolito, Dominic Aiello, Stephanie Phillips-Verbett, Michael Iannozzi, Daniel Panarella, Sophie Fiorella, Peter Fiorella, Lucy George, Joseph George, Frank Vitarelli, Amanda Gold, James Brady, Helen Gaffney and Danielle Cameron, James Harkin, Edward Joyce, Margaret Quinn, Janice Blanchard, Maria Ruggeri, Anthony Dattilo, Thomas Jakabowski.

*In your sympathy, please pray for: Beatrice Menghi, Concetta Higgins, Constance Militano and Angelina Ippolito.*

### **RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**

Daily recitation of the Rosary takes place 7:40am in St. Thomas Church and 8:30am at St. Joseph's Church.

### **CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

Monday at 8:00 P.M. at the receiving room of St. Joseph-St. Thomas Parish Center (Blue House).

### **VIRGIN OF THE BARANGAY MASS**

**Saturday, April 1** – St. Thomas Church

Rosary at 6pm – Mass in the English language at 7:15PM

### **ROSARY & HEALING MASS**

Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – 8pm – St. Joseph Church  
All are welcome.

## **300 Club**

Our new **300 Club** is now in progress.  
Numbers are still available

*Please come and join us!*

For more information call the Parish Office.

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Long ago, the custom of sending some pieces of consecrated bread from the Lord's table began to take hold. Originally it was a way of assuring the sick and imprisoned of their bonds of faith and affection with the community from whom they were separated. By the third century, at least in Rome, we have evidence that the bishop would consign some of the sacred elements to presbyters or deacons.

There was a crisis in the unity of the church early on, called the quartodeciman controversy, since some people wanted to celebrate the Pasch on the fourteenth day (quartodecima) of the Jewish month Nissan, even if it didn't fall on a Sunday. The debate so fractured the church that the historian of the era, Eusebius, reported a new development to the pope. He wrote that the churches holding to the Lord's Day sent out consecrated bread to the disgruntled people of the quartodeciman pastors with whom they were quarreling. Meanwhile, bishops complained about people taking the Eucharist home. St. Cyprian told a cautionary tale of a sinful woman who tried to open the "casket" containing the consecrated bread in her home. She was deterred from receiving, he said, by flames erupting from the box. Clearly, he wanted people to think twice before bringing Communion home!

The Council of Nicaea defined the "old rule of the church" as allowing for reserving the eucharistic bread for the sake of the dying. The same council could foresee circumstances of persecution when people might have the Eucharist on hand to administer to one another in a time of great danger, literally, at the point of a sword. The first and enduring purpose for reserving the Eucharist is viaticum for the dying.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



**SPRING FLING LOTTERY**  
**Drawing - March 25, 2017**  
**ONLY 350 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD**

- Grand Prize \$12,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$3,000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$1,000
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$1,000
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize \$1,000



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**SPRING FLING LOTTERY**

Yes, I wish to support St. Joseph-St. Thomas Parish by purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ tickets By donating \$100 per ticket. Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Checks may be made payable to St. Joseph-St. Thomas R.C. Church. Complete the information below as you would like it to appear on the lottery share:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Initialed	_____

Numbered lottery tickets will be mailed to you.

For further information, please contact the St. Joseph-St. Thomas Parish Office at 718 356-0294.

**SCHEDULED PARISH MEETINGS**

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY/MEN'S CLUB**  
 Tuesday, April 11 – 8pm  
 Msgr. Finn Hall – St. Thomas Room  
 All men 18 yrs. of age and older are invited.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**  
 Wednesday, April 19 -7:30pm  
 Msgr. Finn Hall - Infant of Prague Room

**ST. THOMAS ADULT CHOIR**  
 Rehearsal every Wednesday at  
 8pm in St. Thomas Church

**JUNIOR CHOIR**  
 Rehearsal every Tuesday in St. Thomas Church  
 4:00pm-5:15pm

**SPORTS COUNCIL**  
 Tuesday, April 25 – 7:30pm  
 Msgr. Finn Hall / St. Joseph's Room

**ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
Thursday, March 23, 2017 – 7:15pm  
 Msgr. Finn Hall  
The Cardinal Sins—  
Wolsey, Richlieu, Talleyrand.  
 Father Neil Kelly – Program Presenter  
 Joseph Delaney—Program Coordinator

**The Holy Name Society of**

**Monsignor Farrell High School**

will be hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Father John Co-miskey Memorial Mile on Sunday April 2, 2017 at Msgr. Farrell High School. We ask that all former students attend this event in order to honor this stellar educator, who dedicated over 40 years of service to our school and the community. Anyone interested in participating in this event should click on the following link:  
[www.tinyurl.com/5thcomiskeymemorialmile](http://www.tinyurl.com/5thcomiskeymemorialmile) in order to download and complete the registration form. Please contact John Fox at Msgr. Farrell High School at [jfox@msgrfarrellhs.org](mailto:jfox@msgrfarrellhs.org) for further details.



The pleasure of your company  
is requested at

**The Golden Cross  
for Education  
Award Breakfast**

Presented by The Catholic School Region of  
Staten Island

Join us in Prayer and Celebration  
as we Honor the Outstanding Individuals  
who have Supported Staten Island  
Catholic Schools.

**Sunday, April 23, 2017**

Mass at 8:30am-St. Charles  
Award breakfast- Excelsior Grand-  
9:30am to 12:30pm

**2017 Honorees**

**Assemblyman Michael Cusick**

*New York Staten Assemblyman, 63rd District*

**Rev. Monsignor Peter G. Finn**

*Dean of Staten Island*

*Co-chairman-Staten Island Regional Board*

**Guest Speaker**

**Most Rev. Bishop John J. O'Hara,**

*Episcopal Vicar of Staten Island*

&

**Celebrating the 22**

**Members of our School Communities**

receiving the

**2017 Outstanding Catholic  
Community Award**

Tickets are \$37.00 or \$350.. For a table  
of ten. For more information visit our  
website at [www.adny-si.org](http://www.adny-si.org) of email  
[Diana.Gatto@archny.org](mailto:Diana.Gatto@archny.org) or order tick-  
ets on line at [www.evenbrite.com/e/the-  
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breakfast-tickets-3241767621](http://www.evenbrite.com/e/the-golden-cross-for-education-award-breakfast-tickets-3241767621).



**The Parish Family of  
St. Joseph-St. Thomas**

**Welcomes the following Families to our Parish:**

Mr. Giuseppe Albanese	Mr. Michael Barber
Johnny Alio & Theresa Gagliardi	Mr. James Bligh
Mr. & Mrs, Gilberto Caban	Ms. Nancy Caggiano
Ms. Antoinette Cammarano & Marc Fariello	Ms. Barbara Cartolano
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Caramanno	Mr. & Mrs. Mike DePrima
Michael D'Alessio & Katelyn Cermenello	Mr. Joseph Galli
Ms. Stacy Galli	Ms. Christine Garofalo
Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Gemelli	Mr. & Mrs. Ernesto Guzzo
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Giovanelli	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Joseph
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Lombardo	Mr. Alfred Lombardo
Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Lopiccolo	Ms. Kim Marselle
Ms. Danielle Maurio	Ms. Jacqueline McMahon
Ms. Jeanette Merola	Ms. Carol Moran
Ms. Valerie O'Connell	Ms. Elena Orama
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Punzone	Ms. Franca Reneo
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Roy	Mr. Richard Sciabrea
Mr. Christopher Scotto	Nevien Shoukry
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sisino	Mr. & Mrs. Chad Solfaro
Ms. Carmela Sorrentino	Mr. & Mrs. Dan Staehs
Ms. Jennifer Sy-Lopez	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Vinciguerra

**A special welcome to our newly baptized!**

<i>Frank Michael Lomangino III</i>	<i>Dominick Albergo</i>
<i>Gia Sophia Borriello</i>	<i>Audriana Rose Fama</i>
<i>Tristan James Santacroce</i>	<i>Liam Robert Kelly</i>
<i>Randy Cruz, Jr.</i>	<i>Gianna Bekaouri</i>
<i>Emma Joan Bujka</i>	<i>Nicholas Ralph Strubel</i>
<i>Michael Salvatore Onofrietti</i>	<i>Ella Rose Veloz</i>
<i>Giovanna Magliocco</i>	<i>Matteo Alberto Nappi</i>
<i>Michael Joseph Leader</i>	<i>Samantha Jo Austin</i>
<i>Anthony Angelo Austin</i>	

**Prayer to St. Joseph**

**O**h, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

**O**h, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.

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Have a Blessed Week! !