



# St. Joseph St. Thomas Parish

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March 5, 2017

First 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.

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## 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

## ANOIDTING 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.

## © J. S. Palumbo © 2017 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 4, 2017**

5:00pm(Vigil) The Mangin Family

**Sunday, March 5, 2017**

8:00am Franco Pomponio  
 10:00am In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother  
 12Noon Edward Hollywood, Sr.

**WEEKDAYS**

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish  
 Tuesday: 9:00am Frances Dulhmeyer  
 Wednesday: 9:00am Rosalie Lippo  
 Thursday: 9:00am Paul Albanese  
 Friday: 9:00am Jeffrey Fitzpatrick

**Saturday, March 11, 2017**

9:00am Michael Buffamante  
 5:00pm(Vigil) Richard Williamson

**Sunday, March 12, 2017**

8:00am George & Rose Murasso  
 10:00am Dominick & Teresa Scappatura  
 12Noon Maria & Norina Iovine

**St. Thomas Church**

**Saturday, March 4, 2017**

6:00pm(Vigil) John & Angela Lupacchino

**Sunday, March 5, 2017**

9:00am Ronald Seggio  
 10:00am Sibilia & Pietro Dellegrazie  
 11:00am Stephen Cummings, Sr. & William Cummings  
 1:00pm Vincent Caratozzolo & Robert & Rose Tarantola  
 6:00pm Charlie Termini

**WEEKDAYS**

Monday: 7:00am John Strange  
 8:00am Dorothy O'Mara  
 Tuesday: 7:00am Janice L Bartello  
 8:00am In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony  
 Wednesday: 7:00am Donald Scanlon  
 8:00am Josephine & Charles Russo  
 Thursday: 7:00am Angelina Careccia  
 8:00am James Dowling  
 Friday: 7:00am Dorothy O'Mara  
 8:00am Sabrina Ippolito  
 7:30pm Dorothy Grace O'Mara

**Saturday, March 11, 2017**

8:00am Josephina "Dora" Bocchino  
 6:00pm(Vigil) Jenny Losardo

**Sunday, March 12, 2017**

9:00am Andrew Cretella & James Martinos  
 10:00am Vincenzo & Bellina Demetrio  
 11:00am Robert Clark  
 1:00pm Donald Erkman  
 2:30pm Special Needs  
 6:00pm Dr. Joseph Mormino



**MARRIAGE BANNES**

2<sup>nd</sup> Banns Christopher Fiocco & Melissa Diele  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Banns George Selleck & Anna Marie Mastandrea  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Banns Stephen DeLuzio & Erica Riviuccio



**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017**  
**ST. THOMAS CHURCH**  
**2:30PM**

The Parish of St. Joseph-St. Thomas welcomes all special people with their families and friends!  
**All children will receive a Special Blessing!**

For more information:  
**Call 718-984-1156**

or  
 email: [sjstchildofGod@gmail.com](mailto:sjstchildofGod@gmail.com)

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**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.

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

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
SALVATORE E. BONELLO  
*requested by Serafina Bonello*

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

**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.

**SCHEDULED PARISH MEETINGS**

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY/MEN'S CLUB**

Tuesday, March 14– 8pm  
Msgr. Finn Hall – St. Thomas Room  
All men 18 yrs. of age and older are invited.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Wednesday, March 15 -7:30pm  
Msgr. Finn Hall - Infant of Prague Room

**ST. THOMAS ADULT CHOIR**

Rehearsal every Wednesday at  
8pm in St. Thomas Church

**JUNIOR CHOIR**

Rehersal every Tuesday in St. Thomas Church  
4:00pm-5:15pm

**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

**SACRED HEART**  
**REMEMBRANCE VIGIL CANDLES**

will burn for 1 year in St. Thomas Church :

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
ANTHONY NASTASI  
*requested by Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Nastasi*

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
MY HUSBAND  
ROBERT RAMOS  
“MAY YOU REST IN PEACE  
WITH GOD  
UNTIL WE ARE TOGETHER AGAIN”  
*requested by Vincent Ramos*

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
JOHN DeCAPIO  
“WE WILL LOVE YOU FOREVER”  
BELOVED BROTHER, GODFATHER & UNCLE  
FOREVER MISSED  
YOUR LOVING FAMILY  
*requested by Regina DeCapio*

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
JOSEPH MANNO, SR.  
“ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS”  
FOREVER MISSED  
LOVING HUSBAND, FATHER  
& GRANDFATHER  
YOUR LOVING FAMILY  
*requested by Jennifer Gaudino*

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
ANTONIO GAUDINO  
LOVING HUSBAND, FATHER &  
GRANDFATHER  
“FOREVER MISSED”  
YOUR LOVING FAMILY  
*requested by Jennifer Gaudino*

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

### **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 Cruciata, 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, Eileen McCaul, Frank Vitarelli, Amanda Gold, James Brady, Helen Gaffney and Danielle Cameron, James Harkin, Edward Joyce, Margaret Quinn, Janice Blanchard, Maria Ruggeri.

*In your sympathy, please pray for: Rose DiOrio, Adeline Nastasi, Arthur Anderson and Walter Richter.*

### **MEMORIALS**



*Our Bread and Wine* this week is offered :

At St. Thomas Church *In Loving Memory of Katherine Celia* requested by The Darienzo Family.

At St. Joseph Church *In Loving Memory of The Lucas & Yasosky Families* requested by Diane A. Lucas.

### **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, March 4** – St. Thomas Church  
Rosary at 6pm – Mass in the English language at 7:15PM

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in various forms of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some people suggest that this recovers an ancient tradition in the church, when in fact the practice belongs to a later time. The custom of showing the consecrated host to the people, encased in a vessel called a monstrance, developed in a period of history when even very pious people received Communion only rarely. The opportunity to see the host raised high above the head of the priest at Mass, or to see the host exposed outside of Mass, was thought by many to be a form of spiritual Communion. Without question, our Catholic practice of reserving the consecrated host both for adoration and Communion of the sick and dying is a cherished tradition.

Over the next few weeks, we'll look at how these traditions developed and how the Church envisions reservation and adoration today. We do this by the light of the liturgical reforms that have restored a heightened appreciation for how receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is central to our worship. "Perpetual Adoration," "Reservation," "Benediction," and "Reposition" are all part of the Catholic vocabulary. Often the terms are misused, and a tangled history—as well as widely varying practices in our parishes—adds to the confusion. Many Catholics today have never participated in Benediction, or even spent time in adoration on Holy Thursday night. There's plenty of interesting history, much of it surprising and challenging, and we will do our best to inform you along the way.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday:</b>	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday:</b>	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday:</b>	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday:</b>	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
<b>Sunday:</b>	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

# Spring Fling

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Numbered lottery tickets will be mailed to you.

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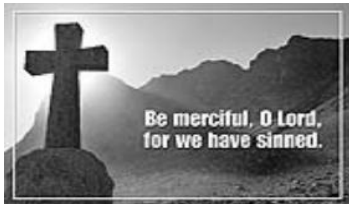
For further information, please contact the St. Joseph-St. Thomas Parish Office at 718 356-0294.

## Spring Fling Lottery

**FREE TICKET**

**WINNER**

**Mr. Thomas Monahan #149**



### 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.

## TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

**FRIDAY March 10, 2017**

School Gym

50 Maguire Avenue

7:00 PM Check in - 8:00 PM Start

**\$125 Donation to Play/500 Chips**

Re-buys & Add-ons

FOOD, Drinks & 50/50 Raffle

*\*Register by March 8th and Receive\**

500 Bonus Chips

\$50 Deposit per person to register

Call John O'Connor for more info at 917-923-7397



### Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Are you caring for a loved one with dementia? Join us as we support each other. Meetings

on the second Saturday of each month, starting on March 11, 2017 in St. Thomas Church -Msgr. Finn Hall. For more information, call Nancy Hahn at 917-295-8954.

## Sports Corner – w/e March 5-6, 2017

Bowling (Adults and Kids) \* Basketball \* Soccer \* Tennis (Adults and Kids) \* Golf (Adults and Kids) \* Cheerleading \* Track and Field \* Volleyball (Adults and Kids) \* Flag Football \* Girls Softball

### Spring 2017 Sports Registration

Please continue to check the SI Play signup website in the Spring 2017 for the status for each sport:

<https://sjstsports.siplay.com/site/>

Parents will need to set up an online account and then sign up their child for currently open sports.

#### Contacts:

Below is a listing of contact for each of the sports:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Email</u>
Soccer (Limited Space)	Anthony Mauriello	sjstsoccer@gmail.com
Tennis (Kids and Adults)	Sue Campagna	sbcmgc99@aol.com
Bowling (Kids and Adults)	Frank DeCandido	stjsttsoccer@si.rr.com
Track and Field	Bob Smith	terrier72@aol.com
Swimming	Eva Cusick/ Christine Singer	sjstswimteam@gmail.com

#### Golf, Volleyball, Lacrosse, and Flag Football Programs Looking for Director

The Golf, Volleyball, Lacrosse, and Flag Football Programs are looking for a Director for the Spring 2017 season. If you have a background in these sports and want to get involved with the sports program for the Parish please contact Frank DeCandido at 718-317-0946.

#### Basketball Highlights

Please see below for Basketball highlights:

2/9/17

##### High School

St. Joseph/St Thomas 45 Holy Family 23  
Jon Michael (Monaco 14 points), Joe Sortino (13 points)

2/11/17

##### 6 Grade Boys A

St Joseph St Thomas 38 Our lady Queen Peace 18  
PJ Scalisi (offense)

2/12/17

##### 7th Grade Boys B

St. Joseph/St. Thomas Green 32 Our Lady Help of Christians 30  
Ryan Walter, Danny Kost and Sal Saputo combined for 26 points.

##### 11th Grade Boys

St. Joseph/St. Thomas 45 St. Patricks 40  
Mike Ferenczi and Giorgio Bellina combined for 25 points.

Please email Frank DeCandido at [stjsttsoccer@si.rr.com](mailto:stjsttsoccer@si.rr.com) if you would like to put anything into a future Sports Corner. Also, see <http://www.sjstparish.org/sports/> for contact information on all of the sports programs for St. Joseph/St. Thomas.

## DAYLIGHT



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Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12, 2017 and ends on Sunday, November 5, 2017.

## Youth Fest 2017

All high school students on Staten Island are invited to attend Youth Fest 2017 on Saturday, March 11th from 10AM to 5PM at Moore Catholic High School. This is a day of fun, faith, friends, food, and free cash raffles. The day ends with a 4 PM Vigil Mass with Bishop O'Hara.

### **Catholic Daughters Court St. Clare DAY Trip to Washington D.C.**

Visiting The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception & The Saint John Paul II National Shrine.

**Thurs., April 20, 2017** Departing 6:30am from St. Clare's parking lot 110 Nelson Ave. Returning approx.. 11:30pm. Trip cost is \$55, includes lunch.

Please contact Julie for more information: (917)974-9582 or [StClareCDA@aol.com](mailto:StClareCDA@aol.com)

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Have a Blessed Week! !