



St. Joseph St. Thomas Parish

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June 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday

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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.

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

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 _____

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Welcome

St. Joseph's Church

Saturday, June 3, 2017

5:00pm(Vigil) Loretta Coyne

Sunday, June 4, 2017

8:00am Rose Romano
10:00am Madeline Ewald
12Noon Irene M. & Henry E. Lucas

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish
Tuesday: 9:00am Mimmo & Mimma Galante
Wednesday: 9:00am Loretta Coyne
Thursday: 9:00am Joseph & Filippa Maganza
Friday: 9:00am Helen Scagnelli

Saturday, June 10, 2017

9:00pm Thomas, Theresa & James Iorizzo
5:00pm(Vigil) Diane Dai

Sunday, June 11, 2017

8:00am Patricia DePutron
10:00am Vincent Carreca
12Noon Christopher & Mary Plunkett

St. Thomas Church

Saturday, June 3, 2017

6:00PM(Vigil) Flo & Pat Merli

Sunday, June 4, 2017

9:00am Jack Beccaccio
10:00am Sibilia & Pietro Dellegrazie
11:00am Margaret & Michael Clarke
1:00pm Margaret Gatto
6:00pm Madeline, Jerry, Michael & Jamie Vitacco

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00am John Matula
8:00am Thomas Bracken
Tuesday: 7:00am Jose Nieva, Jr.
8:00am James Larkin
Wednesday: 7:00am Baltazar Capistrano
8:00am Alda McGovern
Thursday: 7:00pm Kaitlyn Murray-Anger
8:00am Frank Capua
Friday: 7:00am Marge Naples
8:00am Nicola & Antonia DiGioia

Saturday, June 10, 2017

8:00pm Barbara Cannizzaro
6:00pm(Vigil) John & Angela Lupacchino

Sunday, June 11, 2017

9:00am Agnes & Vincent Pepe
10:00am Antonio Valenzano
11:00am Barbara Cannizzaro
1:00pm Isidor Rodriguez & Antonio Prince
2:30pm Special Needs
6:00pm Bernadette McNerney



MEMORIALS

Our Bread and Wine this week is offered :

At St. Thomas Church *In Loving Memory of Dorothy Galeota* requested by The Brancale Family.

At St. Joseph's Church *In Loving Memory of Peter & Jeanne Barlow* requested by Joseph & Doreen Somma.



MARRIAGE BANNS

1st Banns Joseph DiMicelli & Nicole Marselle
1st Banns Joseph Fattorusso & Jacqueline Cossean



**SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 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

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Father's Day is just around the corner. We shall remember our fathers, living and deceased, in all our Masses on **Father's Day, June 18th**, and throughout the month of June. Mass remembrance cards are available in the Church vestibule and in the Parish Office

BAPTISM SEMINAR
SATURDAY, June 24, 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.

Celebration of Marriage



Sunday, June 18th - 1pm Mass at St. Thomas Church Parishioners celebrating their 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th and beyond Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 will be honored in our parish. ***Please call the parish office if you wish to be included in the celebration at 718-356-0294.***

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Bereavement ministry invites all bereaved persons that have completed our 8-week Support Group to our monthly on-going group meetings. We meet on the first Thursday of each month. Please call Pat Monahan at 718-317-7544 if interested in attending.



50/50 CLUB

It's Your Move...
Invest & Win!

Winner Every Month – It could be you!”
“Share & Share Alike”

Donation to enter: \$5.00 – Next Drawing – June 30th



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Religious Education News

Religious Education Registration:

Registration for **St. John Neumann** will be on Monday, June 5th from 7-9 in the school gym.

Registration will be on **Monday, June 12th from 7-9p.m. in the school auditorium.** Parents of new registrants must bring their parish envelope number, the child's original baptismal certificate, emergency phone numbers and fee of :

- \$200.00 for one child ,**
- \$280.00 for 2 children**
- \$340.00 for 3 children**

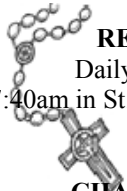
For further information please call the Religious Education office at (718) 984-1156. **ATTENTION:** Parishioners of private school children who will be entering 2nd or 7th grade in September should register their children also. Please bring the child's original baptismal certificate, envelope number.

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, 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, Peter Fiorella, Lucy George, Joseph George, Frank Vitarelli, James Brady, Danielle Cameron, Edward Joyce, Margaret Quinn, Janice Blanchard, Maria Ruggeri, Maureen Murray, Maria Gambino, Matthew Taylor, Christina Rodriguez, Georgina Takoushian, George Day, Sr.

In your sympathy, please pray for: Theresa Gagliardi and Anna Marie Bosco.



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, July 1 – St. Thomas Church
Rosary at 6pm – Mass in the English language at 7:15PM

ROSARY & HEALING MASS

Tuesday, June 27th – 8pm – St. Joseph Church
All are welcome.

**St. Joseph Retreat Center, 850 Hylan Blvd.
(718)720-1097**

A Midsummer Silent Directed Retreat

Friday-Sunday, July 7-9

Facilitated by Sister Gerrie Contento, MPF and Nanci Bachman
Fee: \$250 Single \$200 Double

In the peace and quiet of this weekend, give yourself the gift of being still and meeting God. Through prayer and reflection with a spiritual director and celebrating the Eucharist with a community of faith, your relationship with God, yourself and others will **be refreshed and renewed.**

300 CLUB WINNERS - WEEK # 14

Congratulations!

\$100.00	Peggy Taylor	# 014
\$ 25.00	George Ward	# 292
\$ 25.00	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cacioppo	# 225

300 CLUB WINNERS - WEEK # 15

Congratulations!

\$100.00	Peggy Taylor	# 014
\$ 25.00	Edna Norris	# 228
\$ 25.00	Thomas Flannery	# 010

A Special Thank You!

The Cross Road Foundation has sent a letter of "Thanks" to our parish. Our donation of \$92.00 and beautiful new baby items from the Wishing Well in our churches are very much appreciated and needed. The funds will be well used to support mothers and newborn babies who come to them for material assistance. Such gifts help remind mothers of the great value their children are to all of us in the community.



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 at 3:00pm, next meeting will be on June 10, 2017 in St. Thomas Church -Msgr. Finn Hall. For more information, call Nancy Hahn at 917-295-8954.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday:	Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34
Friday:	Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday:	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday:	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

Pentecost Sunday

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit was given by Jesus and received by the disciples. The readings from Acts and the Gospel of John offer accounts of that day while First Corinthians offers an analysis of the many gifts that resulted from the infusion of the Holy Spirit. The psalm and the sequence read today are filled with praise for the work of the Spirit. Today represents a culmination of all the difficult days that have gone before, the triumph of Holy Thursday, the death and despair of the Cross, the astonishing Resurrection, and the appearances of a familiar but transformed Jesus to his disciples. It represents the pivotal transition for the disciples from people of uncertainty and fear to people of commitment and action. The Spirit moves the disciples and moves us as well.

SAFETY IN NUMBERS

The apostles and all the believers in Jesus have been through a tumultuous time. They have experienced the heights of Holy Thursday and the depths of Good Friday, the uncertainties of Easter Sunday, and the multiple appearances of Jesus after his death and resurrection. They have not recognized Jesus, and when they have, they have demanded reassurance from him. Throughout most of this time they have stayed together. Acts describes them all in one place, together, when wind fills the house and tongues of fire rest on each of them. They then find themselves able to communicate with and be understood by those who had not understood them. Everyone recognizes this as a mighty act of God. John reminds us and the disciples that receiving the Spirit brings with it peace and the need for action. They receive the Spirit so they can be sent into the world to forgive sins.

ACTION IN THE SPIRIT

When our world has been turned upside down, when we are faced with uncertainties about what is real, when we are unsure about what lies ahead for us, when we don't know what we should do next, we do not want to be alone. Neither did the apostles and all those who loved Jesus. They wanted to be together when they needed to make sense of what was happening to them and what was going to be asked of them. There is safety in numbers but neither the apostles nor we can remain huddled together. The Spirit requires that we act. All the manifestations of the Spirit are given in order to benefit us and our world. The many different gifts given by the Spirit demand that we do many kinds of work, many forms of service. But we do not work alone. The Spirit is always with us.



Festa di San Antonio

Martedì 13, Giugno alle 6:00 p.m. ci sarà la processione in onore di S. Antonio, la processione partirà dalla Chiesa di St. Thomas, Amboy Road, Staten Island. Adulti e bambini sono invitati a indossare l'abito di S. Antonio.

Seguirà la santa messa e distribuzione del pane benedetto. Se volete portare il pane per esserlo benedetto dal prete, per favore mettete il vostro nome vicino la borchetta così alla fine della messa sarà dato indietro a voi.

Annual St. Anthony Novena & Procession

Join us in celebrating the Feast of St. Anthony on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Church on Amboy Road. Mass will be celebrated following the procession. Followed by the procession will be the distribution of the blessed bread. Any family who wishes to have bread blessed can do so by having a basket of bread labeled with your name on it and left on the altar. Your bread basket will be blessed and handed back to you at the end of the mass. Children and adults are invited to dress in imitation of Saint Anthony, to lead the procession.

Pentecost Sunday

In the readings on Pentecost Sunday, the Spirit is described as a driving wind and tongues of fire. Knowing that the Holy Spirit is a Person of the Trinity, we seem to be able to picture the Spirit only in terms of what the Spirit does. In our second reading, Paul tries to explain just that. Though the English translation sounds vague, let's jump in.

First, Paul says that we cannot know Jesus as Lord without the Spirit. The Spirit is the way Jesus is present today, so anyone who truly believes in Jesus is guided by the Spirit. The Spirit never contradicts Jesus, so anyone claiming to have new knowledge that is opposed to what Jesus taught is not using the Spirit. So, for example, if someone starts a cult that teaches that we no longer need to love our enemies, we know that the Spirit is not in them.

Second, Paul acknowledges that the Spirit works in many ways. As examples, he mentions there are many different gifts and services in the church. He emphasizes that all these differences come from one and the same God. Even today we see this happening; people serve the Church in different ways and with different abilities. People even have different ways of looking at things. Some have more patience than others, some are better listeners, and some are great organizers. The point is that all these differences come from the same source, God.

When we think of the strength of the Church, we usually think of its unity, i.e., one baptism, one faith, one Lord. But we also draw strength from the diversity of gifts and services that people offer to God. No one person can do all it takes to bring the world to Christ. Even Jesus shared his work of spreading the gospel with his disciples. If sin brought a multitude of problems to the world, then the Spirit brings a multitude of gifts to help us through these problems. As Paul says, this diversity of gifts is all part of one Body of Christ. So look at the gifts of those around you, and you may be able to see the Holy Spirit more clearly.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, the languages of the whole world arise to God in a Pentecost of praise. In some American dioceses, the Mass is offered every Sunday in more than thirty different languages, including the silent praise of American Sign Language. Fifty years ago, the landscape of liturgy was very different. It was grounded firmly in Latin, which is to the present day still the official language of the Roman Rite. Very few people were fluent in Latin, even though in those days Latin was far more widely studied in school. Nevertheless, almost every Catholic was competent in the responses and chants of Latin since it is not difficult to pronounce. The clergy were normally minimally competent in Latin, since much of seminary education was conducted in that language.

When the Second Vatican Council was convened, all of the debate and daily work of the council was to be in Latin. In the first session in 1962, Boston's Cardinal Richard Cushing continually complained about it, and threatened not to return in 1963 if something wasn't done. He convinced the fathers when he rose to speak in fairly fluent Latin in an unforgettable Boston twang. The next year, he returned, but with a simultaneous translation system funded by the people of Boston. The ordinary everyday language of the people, the vernacular, had arrived at the Vatican via Boston!

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN

Kevin Bartley – U.S. Coast Guard- Texas
Michael Stilson – Marine
Staff Sgt.-Christopher Saydeh- Air Force
Garrett Chelsen- Navy
Kirk Chelsen- Navy
Zane Chelsen-Navy
Sgt. James Giamboi – U.S. Marine – Iraq
Tracy Valero Farley – Air Force – Georgia
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Thomas St. Pierre, Jr.- Navy
Steven Muirhead – Navy – Iraq
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Joseph Fezza- Navy
Tommy Steele –Army- Afghanistan
Ivan Lansang – Air Force – California
Danny Quinn – Army
Joseph Urkonis – LCPL- Marines- Japan
Michael Fitzpatrick – U.S. Navy - Guam
Thomas Picciurro-U.S. Marines-Japan
Stephen Picciurro-U.S. Marines- NC
Gennaro Rubino-U.S. Marine
Benjamin Lieb-Army- Sgt.
Anthony Misuraca-Army-Afghanistan
Rito Sabanal III-Army
PFC. Daniel Aber-Army-East Africa

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