



St. Joseph St. Thomas Parish

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March 12, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

REV. ROBERT W. DILLON, Pastor
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REV. RIZALINO P. GARCIA, Parochial Vicar
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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 11, 2017

5:00pm(Vigil) Richard Williamson

Sunday, March 12, 2017

8:00am George & Rose Murasso

10:00am Dominick & Teresa Scappatura

12Noon Maria & Norina Iovine

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish

Tuesday: 9:00am Deceased at St. Joseph Cemetery

Wednesday: 9:00am Loreti & Ungarelli Family

Thursday: 9:00am Doris & Vincent Bracco

Friday: 9:00am Robert M. Brisk

Saturday, March 18, 2017

9:00am William P. Gallagher (Living)

5:00pm(Vigil) Mariano Tartamella

Sunday, March 19, 2017

8:00am Maryanne Barranco

10:00am Francesco Crociata & Leonardo Bambina

12Noon Lorraine DeAngelo-Augustine

St. Thomas Church

Saturday, March 11, 2017

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

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00am Gloria Boyle

8:00am Catherine Rogers

Tuesday: 7:00am Nicholas Paul Conte

8:00am Edward Koczynski (Living)

Wednesday: 7:00am Theresa Santangelo

8:00am Rosalie Lippo

Thursday: 7:00am Mary Godeski

8:00am Patricia Cameron (Living)

Friday: 7:00am Edward Comerford

8:00am Frank Franco

7:30pm In Thanksgiving to Our
Lady of Undoer of Knots

Saturday, March 18, 2017

8:00am Louis A. Caccioppoli

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



MARRIAGE BANS

1st Banns Cosimo Damian Grimaldi & Lauren DiMaio

3rd Banns Christopher Fiocco & Melissa Diele

3rd Banns George Selleck & Anna Marie Mastrandrea



MEMORIALS

Our Bread and Wine this week is offered :

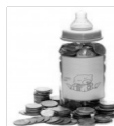
At St. Thomas Church *In Loving Memory of*
Giuseppe Lombino requested by
The Lombino-Montanino Family.

At St. Joseph Church *In Loving Memory of*
Joseph & Filippa Maganza requested by
Your Loving Family.

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.



Cross Road FOUNDATION

The Cross Road Foundation has reported due to the generosity of our parishioners a total of **\$3,849.63** was collected during their Baby Bottle Campaign.

They are also grateful that we included their mothers in our Christmas Giving Tree again this year. They were very happy to receive these much needed items. Thank you for your support and generosity to this foundation.

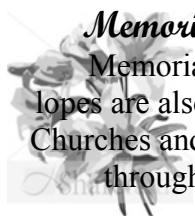


Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards

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.



SACRED HEART REMEMBRANCE VIGIL CANDLES

will burn for 1 year in St. Thomas Church :

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF

ROSEMARY & THOMAS LAVIN
"FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS"
THE BASSO FAMILY
requested by Basso Family

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



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 14th 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

OUR NAN
JOAN IMBURGIA
WITH LOVE
FRANKIE & JOHN
requested by Frank Imburgia

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF

ALEX CASTINO
"FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS"
MARY & DANNY DeCRESCENZO
requested by Mary DeCrescenzo

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

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.

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.

50/50 CLUB

Our February 50/50 winner
won
\$600.00

"A Winner Every Month – It could be you!"
"Share & Share Alike"

Donation to enter: \$5.00 – Next Drawing – March 31st

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

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.

In your sympathy, please pray for: Elizabeth & Nicholas Nagy, Anthony Cacioppo, Emanuela Meirovici, Irene Limongelli and Charles Zanardi.

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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 25th – 8pm – St. Joseph Church

All are welcome.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Blessed Sacrament was not reserved in church buildings in the first centuries of the church. In those early years, of course, people met in borrowed “house churches,” gathering on the Lord’s Day for community, apostolic teaching, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers, as Acts of the Apostles tells us. Dispersed, people went their way into the workaday world until the next assembly. Weighing down their hearts was the absence of brothers and sisters, not only the sick, but those imprisoned for the faith. No wonder they developed a way of extending the food of the Holy Table to them.

Forty years ago, every altar boy in training heard about Saint Tarcisus. He was a twelve-year-old boy at the time of intense persecution in fourth-century Rome. His community had begun to convey the consecrated bread from their Eucharist to those condemned to death or awaiting trial. Normally deacons did this, but on one occasion, it was necessary to send the boy to bear the holy mysteries to the prison. The legend says that he was an athlete, and was detained on the way by some playmates who wanted him to join in their game. When he refused, they demanded to know what he was carrying. The situation went from bad to worse, and he was badly beaten and died of his injuries. A hundred years later, a pope called him a second St. Stephen. In the nineteenth century, Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman of England wrote a novel in which he expanded the story and popularized it. By then, no one seemed to notice that this twelve-year-old was actually touching and ministering the Eucharist, unthinkable until recently. Scholars say the story rings true: the first reason for setting some Eucharistic bread aside was not adoration, but Communion of the sick.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



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

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

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.: _____

For office use only	
Check No.	_____
Amount	_____
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, 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
 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

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

THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

"We used to be such good friends. How is it that you've moved so far away?" one man asked another. "Perhaps," the other replied, "you have moved away. By standing still." This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God's will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life's difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God's will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.



Our Patron Feast Days

Friday, March 17th we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick, the patron of the Archdiocese of New York. An immigrant who overcame struggles so as to preach the love of God, St. Patrick is the patron of New York because we are a city of immigrants, called to bring the love of God alive for one another. **Timothy Cardinal Dolan has granted a dispensation for St. Patrick's Day.**



La Festa di San Giuseppe
Italian Mass- Sunday, March 19th
10:00am—St. Thomas Church
Blessed Bread will be distributed only at this Mass.

Camp Veritas 2017

Camp Veritas is a one-week play –and-sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2017; July 16-22 at Mount Saint Mary Colledge in Newburg, NY, July 23-29 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD and August 13-19 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opens 1/1/17 and the enrollment price for each week is \$450 per camper. Early bird rates(if paid in full by 4/1/17) are \$400 for all sites. There is no additional charge for the dance and basketball program options(at Mount St. Mary College only). Volunteers (must be over 18 years old) are needed and free! More details can be found at www.campveritas.com

St. Joseph Retreat Center
850 Hylan Blvd.
(718) 720-1097
SJRetreatCenter.org

12 Step Spirituality for Everyday Life
Tuesday, March 7th
7:00-9:00pm

Facilitated by Grace Conte

Join us in an environment of trust and safety that enables us to be transparent and receptive. We will integrate the universal principles of patience, forgiveness, compassion, acceptance, trust and love in order to be motivated and inspired to carry hope forward.



Meditation Monday
Monday, March 13th
7:30-9:00pm

Facilitated by Grace Daquila

An invitation for you to be refreshed, renewed and restored. The evening consists of faith sharing, reflection and prayer; it wouldn't be complete without coffee and desert!



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MEN'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017
11:00am – 5:30pm

ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY
YONKERS, NY



To register or learn more visit
www.archnymensconference.eventbrite.com

REGISTER BY MARCH 1
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Have a Blessed Week! !