



St. Joseph St. Thomas Parish

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March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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 _____

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St. Joseph's Church

Saturday, March 25, 2017

5:00pm(Vigil) Vincenzo & Giuseppe DiCapua

Sunday, March 26, 2017

8:00am Dominick & Lena Torrusio
10:00am Avidano & Tedeschi Family
12Noon Luke & Domenica Napodano

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish
Tuesday: 9:00am Rose Nelson
Wednesday: 9:00am Giovanni Laterza
Thursday: 9:00am Antoinette Importuna
Friday: 9:00am Wendell Rodriguez

Saturday, April 1, 2017

9:00am Luciano DiGiallonardo
5:00pm(Vigil) Alexandria Brim (Living)

Sunday, April 2, 2017

8:00am Lydia Oppedisano
10:00am Avidano & Tedeschi Family
12Noon Rosenna Cannata

St. Thomas Church

Saturday, March 25, 2017

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

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00am Leonardo Salud
8:00am Raymond Rogers
Tuesday: 7:00am Dorothy Fisher
8:00am Giuseppa Testaverde
Wednesday: 7:00am Laura Bevilacqua
8:00am Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday: 7:00am Vincent Quarato
8:00am Dorothy O'Mara
Friday: 7:00am Rose Diorio
8:00am Isabelle McAllister
7:30pm Brooks Tonn (Living)

Saturday, April 1, 2017

8:00am Steven Frasca
6:00pm(Vigil) John & Angela Lupacchino

Sunday, April 2, 2017

9:00am Joyce Jerrahian
10:00am Nicola Valenzano
11:00am Msgr. John J. Gordon
1:00pm Mildred Paragallo
6:00pm Joseph Serra



MARRIAGE BANNES

2nd Banns Robert Abbadessa & Nicole Mormando
2nd Banns John DiCaprio & Kayla Giacomo
3rd Banns Cosimo Damian Grimaldi & Lauren DiMaio



MEMORIALS

Our Bread and Wine this week is offered :
At St. Thomas Church *In Loving Memory of*
Giuseppa Testaverde requested by
Your Loving Family.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

SATURDAY, April 29, 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 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.

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.

Calling All Angels!

If you have children who wish to act as angels on **Easter Sunday**, kindly call Fr. Gil at the parish office. The procession starts at 8:00AM from the School auditorium to St. Thomas Church for the Mass at 9:00AM. There will be Easter Egg Hunting after the Mass.



SCRUTINY

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St. Joseph - St. Thomas School



2017 - 2018 Registration

Pre K-3, Pre K-4 and Kindergarten - 8th grade

are available for Registration

Open House will be May 21, 2017

11:00 am - 2:30 pm

If you would like to visit our school you can also join us on our "Touring Tuesdays" March 14th or April 4th.

You can also contact us at: (718) 356-3344

for a tour on a different day and time

or stop by to pick up one of our brochures.

School Hours

Pre K - 3 Mon., Wed., Fri. 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Pre K - 4 Monday through Friday 8:00 - 2:10 pm

Kindergarten - 8th Grades 7:45 am - 2:30 pm

LITTLE ANGELS

YOUTH BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Little Angels program is a 6-week support group for children from kindergarten through eighth grade who have experienced loss in their lives. If you would like additional information or are interested in attending the next session, please contact Carolyn Taverner at 917-734-2001 or Pat Monahan at 718-317-7544.

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.

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: Thomas Smith and Jennie Sciusco.

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.

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

The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today's custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back much beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone's surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church's history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ's sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find.

Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn't a focus of devotion by visitors to the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist. The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Coming to Mass every Sunday, but still feel a longing for more? Come join us for an evening of reflection on God's love and to understand His plan for us. The three-day *Revive* mission will be held on April 3 –5 at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Please visit www.FaithEveryDay.com for more information and to register.



REVIVE
FAITH EVERY DAY

REVIVE US, that your people may REJOICE IN YOU. —Psalm 85

HOW DO WE KNOW GOD'S PURPOSE FOR US?



JOIN US FOR REVIVE
We're all looking for answers. At *Revive*, we'll talk about finding them—and how to better live our faith every day.

Through three evenings of song, reflections and sacraments, we will focus on faith beyond Sunday morning.

WANT MORE?
Visit www.FaithEveryDay.com

Child care will be provided for those five and up.

WHEN

WHERE

MORE INFO

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

Rehersal 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, April 20, 2017 – 7:15pm

Msgr. Finn Hall

The Windows of St. Thomas Church– Part 3

St. Thomas Moore and St. John Fisher

Father Neil Kelly – Program Presenter

Joseph Delaney—Program Coordinator

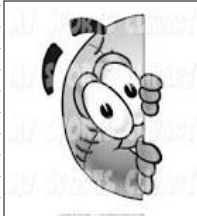
Fourth Sunday of Lent

A touching video that is often shared on social media shows a man receiving special glasses to correct his color-deficient sight. As he puts on the glasses, he grows emotional as he sees vibrant hues for the first time. Flowers, tissue paper, and clothing overwhelm him with their brilliance. He takes one look into his daughter's vivid eyes and throws his arms around her. Today's readings inspire similar reactions as we imagine being able to see the world the way God sees it. In our Old Testament reading, the Lord shows Samuel how to see like God, into the heart. Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians urges us to be "children of light," seeing what pleases the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus restores sight to a man born blind, declaring, "I am the light of the world." To see like God, we fix our gaze on Jesus.

I DO BELIEVE, LORD

Today's statement of faith in Jesus comes from a depressing source. "The man blind from birth," who professes faith in Jesus as savior, doesn't even have a name in the account. His neighbors who have known him all his life refer to him casually as "the one who used to sit and beg." Jesus' own disciples immediately form a bad opinion of the man, assuming that his blindness results from sin. His community might have celebrated and rejoiced in his cure, but instead the Pharisees seize the opportunity to ridicule him. This nameless, penniless, friendless outcast becomes our model today. He alone worships Jesus. We should want to be like him. But do we?

Last week's Gospel recounted another bold profession of faith in Jesus, that of the woman at the well. A Samaritan, she too is despicable in the eyes of the Israelites. Yet she inspires the conversion of her entire village. We are astonished, almost scandalized, that Jesus allows people we might call losers to profess faith in him as the Messiah. Is it really such an honor to be counted as Christians alongside these misfits?



Sports Corner – w/e March 26, 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.

Sports Websites:

CYO Website

See www.sicyo.net for information on CYO Teams, Facilities, Programs, and Schedules for Staten Island CYO events and games.

St. Joseph-St. Thomas Track

Results for all track and field events can be found on the www.sirunning.com site.

Staten Island Youth Soccer League

Results and schedules for the Staten Island Soccer League can be found at the www.siysl.org site.

St. Joseph/St. Thomas Cheerleading

Results and upcoming events for the St. Joseph/St. Thomas Cheerleading Team can be found at the www.sjstcheer.shutterfly.com

Please email Frank DeCandido at 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.

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