



St. Joseph St. Thomas Parish

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April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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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 _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE # _____

EMAIL _____



St. Joseph's Church

Saturday, April 1, 2017

5:00pm(Vigil) Alexandria Brim (Living)

Sunday, April 2, 2017

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

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish
 Tuesday: 9:00am John Baptiste Vaccaro
 Wednesday: 9:00am Edward J. Hollywood, Sr.
 Thursday: 9:00am Vincent & Doris Bracco
 Friday: 9:00am Williamson Family

Saturday, April 8, 2017

9:00am Bambina, Crociata & Caleca Family
 5:00pm(Vigil) Vincenza & Natale Tartamella

Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017

8:00am Thomas, Theresa & James Iorizzo
 10:00am William Ewald, Sr.
 12Noon Lucas & Yasosky Family



St. Thomas Church

Saturday, April 1, 2017

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

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00am Lorraine Scaramella
 8:00am Alexander & Maryann Cameron
 Tuesday: 7:00am Anthony Cacioppo
 8:00am Laura Bevilacqua
 Wednesday: 7:00am Ellen Gibbons
 8:00am Sabrina Ippolito
 Thursday: 7:00am Emiliano & Francesco Sivo
 8:00am Nicholas Tomasso
 Friday: 7:00am Laura Bevilacqua
 8:00am Robert M. Brisk
 7:30pm James Gannon

Saturday, April 8, 2017

8:00am Serafina Scalisi
 6:00pm(Vigil) Vito Roca

Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017

9:00am Napoli, Frontero, DeFazio Families
 10:00am Vincenzo & Bellina Demetrio
 11:00am Joseph D'Argenio
 1:00pm Angelo Cardinale
 2:30pm Special Needs
 6:00pm Madeline, Jerry, Michael & Jamie Vitacco



MARRIAGE BANNS

1st Banns Paul Laudiero & Bianca Vasturo
 1st Banns Jerome Cirillo & Lisa Minardi
 1st Banns Salvatore Todaro & Michelle Frasca
 3rd Banns Robert Abbadessa & Nicole Mormando
 3rd Banns John DiCaprio & Kayla Giacomo



MEMORIALS

Our Bread and Wine this week is offered :
 At St. Thomas Church *In Loving Memory of*
Jeanne Carbone requested by
 Louis & Rosalie Corradi.

At St. Joseph Church *In Loving Memory of*
Lydia Oppedisano requested by
 The Oppedisano Family.



SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 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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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.

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.

50/50 CLUB

It's Your Move...
Invest & Win!
"A Winner Every Month – It could be you!"
"Share & Share Alike"
Donation to enter: \$5.00 – Next Drawing – April 30th



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY VIGIL, Saturday, April 8

Confessions:	St. Joseph	4-4:45pm
	St. Thomas	5-5:45pm
Mass:	St. Joseph	5:00pm
	St. Thomas	6:00pm

PALM SUNDAY: April 9

Mass:
St. Joseph 8am, 10am, 12noon
St. Thomas 9am, 10am(Italian), 11am, 1pm, 6pm

Reconciliation Monday, April 10

Mass: St. Thomas 7am, 8am
St. Joseph 9am

Confession will be heard after the 9:00am Mass in St. Joseph's and in St. Thomas Church from 3:00pm until 9:00pm

Tuesday, April 11

Mass: St. Thomas 7am, 8am
St. Joseph 9am
Mass of Chrism: St. Patrick's Cathedral 4:00pm

Wednesday, April 12

Mass: St. Thomas 7am, 8am
St. Joseph 9am

HOLY THURSDAY, April 13

Morning Prayer: St. Joseph 9am
Mass of the Lord's Supper:
St. Thomas 8pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm. at St. Thomas Church

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14

Morning Prayer: St. Joseph 9am
Stations of the Cross: St. Thomas 12 noon (Italian)
Celebration of the Lord's Passion:
St. Thomas 3pm
St. Joseph 3pm

Outdoor Stations of the Cross to follow on St. Joseph's Lawn.

Living Stations: St. Thomas 7:30pm

HOLY SATURDAY, April 15

Morning Prayer: St. Joseph 9am
Swieconka –Blessing of Food St. Thomas 12noon
Confessions: St. Joseph 3-5pm
St. Thomas 4-6pm
EASTER VIGIL: St. Thomas 8pm
St. Joseph 8pm

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16

Children's Procession: St. Thomas 8am
Mass: St. Joseph 8am, 10am, 12 noon
St. Thomas 9am, 10am(Italian) 11am, 1pm

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, Frank Vitarelli, James Brady, Danielle Cameron, Edward Joyce, Margaret Quinn, Janice Blanchard, Maria Ruggeri, Anthony Dattilo, Thomas Jakabowski, Maureen Murray.

In your sympathy, please pray for: James Larkin, Thomas E. Kelly, Gaetana Bellia and Anthony Di-Mayo.

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.

Golden Cross Education Awards:

The Golden Cross for Education Awards Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 23rd. The morning will begin with Mass at 8:15 a.m. at St. Charles, Oakwood and the breakfast will follow from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Excelsior Grand. Tickets range from \$37 for a single and \$350 for a table of ten. For more information: www.adnysi.org or email Diana.Gatto@archny.org

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Not until the thirteenth century do we find a mention of a locked tabernacle. There's some evidence for eucharistic towers also, but often these were in an obscure corner of the church, or even in the off-limits sacristy. Many of us grew up "making visits" to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, but it's clear this would raise some medieval eyebrows in confusion! To the present day, the Eucharist is always reserved only in a side chapel in many cathedrals. The principal focus in a cathedral is always on the altar, symbol of Christ, and on the cathedra, symbol of the pastoral ministry of the bishop.

In your parish church there is probably a "sanctuary lamp," a permanently lit candle or oil lamp indicating the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes it's in a red glass, not for any particular reason except that it's easy to find. There is a story of a bishop missioned to Papua New Guinea who was distressed to find no sanctuary lamps burning in his new diocese. The people patiently explained that their churches were woven of grass, and that they decided to place a chief's standard, a trident, in front of the tabernacle. That was a sign in their culture that the "chief" was at home, like raising the flag over Buckingham Palace. The bishop, an Irish import, didn't appreciate the British reference, so he ordered the candles back. The first church to burn to the ground was the cathedral, and after two more, the chief's tridents returned.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;

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, 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**

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

**IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
CLEMENTE GRIMALDI
"ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS"**
requested by Victoria Arborea

**IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
AURELIA & NICOLA ARBOREA
"ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS"**
requested by Victoria Arborea

**IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE ALICE J. GARET FAMILY**
requested by Alice J. Garet

**IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
ROSEMARIE CORSO**
requested by Lisa Corso

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



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.



**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 April 8, 2017 in St. Thomas Church -Msgr. Finn Hall. For more information, call Nancy Hahn at 917-295-8954.



**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.

St. Joseph – St. Thomas School 2017 – 2018 Registration

Accepting applications for
Pre K-3, Pre K-4 and Kindergarten – 8th grade

Open House

May 21, 2017

11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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.

Visit us on our website www.sjstparish.org to learn more about our school, see our photo gallery and print an application.



*This year our Memorial Easter Flowers
are being donated by:*

Ann Corino
Mr. Santo Lippo
The Lippo Family
Ms. Mary Gay

Anna Smalley
Grace Badyna
Maria Brancale
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stork

Mr. & Mrs. Bambaca
Michele Pearson
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Brancale

Joe & Doreen Somma
Ms. Frances Oliva
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gagliara

(to be continued)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today, on this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we take some time to reflect on life's biggest questions about who we are and what happens after we die. The prophet Ezekiel relays the words of God, twice referring to the Israelites as "my people." The Israelites are indeed God's own chosen ones, whom God promises to fetch out of the grave and revive, settling them on new land. We know that Jesus extends that promise to all of us through Baptism, as Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans emphasizes: "If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also." The raising of Lazarus in John's Gospel proves God's mastery over death. We are God's own beloved children. Nothing, not even death, is more powerful than God's care for us.

DEAD AGAIN

"Lazarus, come out!" Jesus shouts his command, and a beloved friend rises from the dead. Those of us who have lost loved ones might wish Jesus would call our dearly departed back from the grave too, keeping them on earth a little while longer for companionship. Consider, however, that Martha and Mary had to grieve their brother not once, but twice. The miracle of Lazarus' resuscitation did not prevent Lazarus from dying again. Difficult as death is to bear, Jesus has a merciful plan for us: not endless resuscitations, but genuine resurrection. Unlike Lazarus, we will die just once, and that is a small price to pay for the majestic reward Jesus has planned for each of us. Jesus is "the resurrection and the life." If we believe in him, we can live forever in glorious, resurrected bodies free from pain and disability.

The prophet Ezekiel describes the promise of God, to put God's own spirit within us so we may live. "I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD." Jesus Christ fulfills that promise. If we belong to Jesus, then, we possess all the riches of God's kingdom. Today, as we stand at the Profession of Faith and recite the Creed with our sisters and brothers in Christ, we can marvel at what the Lord has done for us.

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Have a Blessed Week! !