

Parish of the St. Joseph - St. Thomas
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2017

Monday, April 10

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

Reconciliation Monday: *Confessions will be heard in St. Joseph Church after the 9am Mass and 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 Mass: 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 12noon (**Italian**)

Living Stations St. Thomas 7:30pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion:

St. Thomas 3pm

St. Joseph 3pm

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

HOLY SATURDAY, April 15

Morning Prayer: St. Joseph 9am



Swieconka – **Blessing of Food-**

St. Thomas 12Noon

Confession:

St. Joseph 3-5pm

St. Thomas 4-6pm

EASTER VIGIL

St. Joseph 8pm

St. Thomas 8pm



EASTER SUNDAY, April 16

Children's Procession: St. Thomas 8am

Mass: St. Joseph 8am, 10am, 12Noon

St. Thomas 9am, 10 (Italian) 11am, 1pm

There will be no evening Mass!

St. Joseph's Church



Saturday, April 8, 2017

5:00pm(Vigil) Vincenza & Natale Tartamella

Sunday, April 9, 2017

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

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish
Tuesday: 9:00am Deceased at St. Joseph Cemetery
Wednesday: 9:00am Laura Bevilacqua.
Holy Thursday: 9:00am Nicholas Paul Conte
Good Friday: 9:00am Morning Prayer
3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017

9:00pm Morning Prayer

Confessions: 3:00pm-5:00pm

8:00pm(Easter Vigil) All Parishioners-Living & Deceased

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

8:00am All Parishioners-Living & Deceased
10:00am All Parishioners-Living & Deceased
12Noon All Parishioners-Living & Deceased

St. Thomas Church

Saturday, April 8, 2017

6:00pm(Vigil) Vito Roca

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

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00am Antonia & Nicola DiGioia
8:00am Laura Bevilacqua
Tuesday: 7:00am Andrea Demarest
8:00am Moore Family-Deceased
Wednesday: 7:00am Carmela & Antonio Mungo
8:00am Bracken Family—Deceased
Holy Thursday: 8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm.

Good Friday: 12NOON Italian Stations
3:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:30PM Living Stations

Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017

12NOON Swieconka – Blessing of Food

Confessions: 4:00PM-6:00PM

8:00PM(Easter Vigil) All Parishioners-Living & Deceased

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

9:00am All Parishioners-Living & Deceased
10:00am All Parishioners-Living & Deceased
11:00am All Parishioners-Living & Deceased
1:00pm All Parishioners-Living & Deceased

There will be no evening Masses!

MEMORIALS



Our Bread and Wine this week is offered :
At St. Thomas Church ***In Loving Memory of Dorothy O'Mara*** requested by Frank & Jackie DiNapoli.

At St. Joseph Church ***In Loving Memory of Anthony Favale*** requested by Mr. & Mrs. John Catania & Family.

MARRIAGE BANNES



2nd Banns Paul Laudiero & Bianca Vasturo
2nd Banns Jerome Cirillo & Lisa Minardi
2nd Banns Salvatore Todaro & Michelle Frasca

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.

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.

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..

**SACRED HEART
REMEMBRANCE VIGIL CANDLES**

will burn for 1 year in St. Thomas Church :

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
SABRINA IPPOLITO
"YOU ARE FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS"
"MAY GOD KEEP YOU SAFE"
YOUR LOVING FAMILY
requested by *The Ippolito Family*

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

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

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
GAETANO CACACE
BELOVED HUSBAND & FATHER
"ALWAYS AND FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS"
requested by *Antonia Cacace*

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

**MEMORIAL GARDEN
PAVING STONES**
have been memorialized:

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
PETER & JEANNE BARLOW
requested by: *Doreen & Joseph Somma*

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
ALBERT & MARY SOMMA
requested by: *Doreen & Joseph Somma*

*For more information about
Memorial Pavers
please call the Parish Office.*

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

50/50 CLUB
Our March 50/50 winner
won
\$ 617.50

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

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



HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday, please join us for the *Mass of the Lord's Supper* at 8 PM. in St. Thomas Church. This is the day when we celebrate the beginning of the Eucharist and the Priesthood as we recall the Last Supper and the Washing of the Feet. After Mass join us for a celebration in Msgr. Finn Hall. *We need HOMEMADE cakes, cookies and cupcakes (whatever your specialty).* Please let us know what you're bringing and drop off baked goods on Thursday at St. Thomas Church.

Thank you! See you there!



**SWIECONKA
BLESSING OF FOOD**

This Polish Custom will be held on **Holy Saturday at 12noon** at St. Thomas Church.

EASTER SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

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.



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

Mrs. D. Cossean, Sr.

Maureen Muhlenforth

Mrs. Christine Messina

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas DiGiulio

Mr. & Mrs. Domenico Martino

Castellano Family

Dana & John Giammanco

Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Pollan

Antonino Scro

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Quattrocchi

(to be continued)

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

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.



WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A PARISHIONER

Please fill out the form below and drop it into the Collection Basket next weekend. A census form will be mailed to you upon receipt of this form.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE # _____

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, Maria Gambino.

In your sympathy, please pray for: Noel Moran and Kathleen Wagner.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Now we have come to the center of the Christian year, beginning with today, Passion Sunday, Holy Week, and culminating in the Pasch, the Sacred Triduum. Some have called the culminating event in this week's journey of faith "The Three Days of Easter." The origins of many of our observances, including today's blessing of palms and solemn entry into the church, harken back to old Jerusalem.

In the late fourth century, a woman living a consecrated life in southern France made a four-year pilgrimage to Jerusalem. There, she encountered the rich liturgies of the city, bursting with Christians. She was a keen observer, and fortunately for us wrote vivid letters of her experience to a circle of women friends she calls her sisters. By the time of her journey, it is clear that even some catechumens were undertaking the dangerous journey so that they could be formed at the very site of the events of Christ's passion and rising. At the heart of the pilgrim experience were processions, such as today's joyous procession to the Mount of Olives, and brilliant catechesis from the bishop every day, as well as intense fasting and prayer. When you resolve to keep this week holy in your own life, and especially when you commit to participate in the full Triduum with worship in church and fasting at home, a very ancient tradition is within your grasp.



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 27, 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

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Each year on Good Friday, as we contemplate the passion and death of Our Lord in Jerusalem, our Holy Father asks all of the parishes throughout the world to take a special collection to assist the Holy Land Mission. Please be as generous as possible in assisting the Franciscan Fathers in their important work for the Lord and His Church.



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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.

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, May 6 – 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.

SPRING FLING LOTTERY WINNERS

Congratulations!

Spring Fling Lottery winners:

1 st Prize-	\$12,000	John Tanico	#185
2 nd Prize-	\$3,000	Cecilia Moran	#052
3 rd Prize-	\$1,000	James M. Ruggerio III	#315
4 th Prize-	\$1,000	Barangay III	#141
5 th Prize-	\$1,000	Mike Foley	#233

Special Thanks to *Frank Jerrahian, Mark Cannizzaro, Carol & Ed Kopczynski, Celeste Tarrazi, Bob Smith and the Hospitality Committee*, and to all who took part in the lottery. This is an important fundraiser for our parish.

Your support is very much appreciated!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

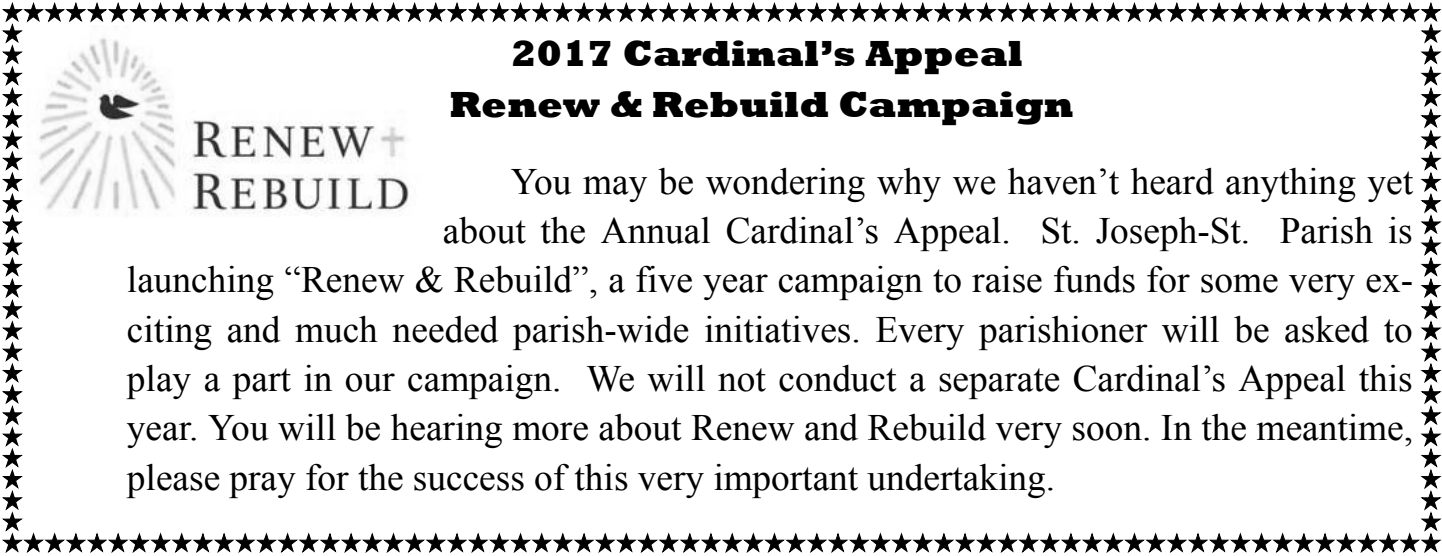
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35



**RENEW+
REBUILD**

2017 Cardinal's Appeal Renew & Rebuild Campaign

You may be wondering why we haven't heard anything yet about the Annual Cardinal's Appeal. St. Joseph-St. Parish is launching "Renew & Rebuild", a five year campaign to raise funds for some very exciting and much needed parish-wide initiatives. Every parishioner will be asked to play a part in our campaign. We will not conduct a separate Cardinal's Appeal this year. You will be hearing more about Renew and Rebuild very soon. In the meantime, please pray for the success of this very important undertaking.

Reconciliation Monday Monday, April 10, 2017 St. Thomas Church 3:00pm to 9:00pm

Making a Good Confession

Five Steps for a Good Confession

- Examine your conscience.
- Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
- Confess your sins to a priest.
- Resolve to amend your life.
- After your confession, do the penance the priest assigns.

Procedure in the Confessional

You say: *"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (state the length of time since your last confession) since my last confession. These are my sins."*

- Confess your mortal sins and the number of times committed.
- Confess the venial sins you have committed since your last confession.
- After you have finished telling your sins, you should say:

"For these and all the sins of my past, I am truly sorry."

The priest will now give the necessary advice, assign your penance, and ask you to say the *Act of Contrition*:

**My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever
leads me to sin.**

Our Savior Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us.

In His name, my God, have mercy.

Wait and listen as the priest gives the absolution.

You say, *"Thank you, Father,"* then leave the confessional and perform the penance assigned by the priest.

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Have a Blessed Week! !