



St. Joseph St. Thomas Parish

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May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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REV. RIZALINO P. GARCIA, Parochial Vicar
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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.

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 _____ h Co., In

TELEPHONE # _____

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Welcome

St. Joseph's Church

Saturday, May 6, 2017

5:00pm(Vigil) Nunzia & Vincent Dantone

Sunday, May 7, 2017

8:00am Elizabeth Perez

10:00am Carmela Cardinale

12Noon In Thanksgiving to Jesus

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish
Tuesday: 9:00am Deceased at st. Joseph Cemetery
Wednesday: 9:00am Francesco Ungaro
Thursday: 9:00am Lucia Ariaudo
Friday: 9:00am Avidano & Tedeschi Family

Saturday, May 13, 2017

9:00pm Bambina, Crociata & Caleca Family

5:00pm(Vigil) For All Mothers Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 14, 2017

8:00am For All Mothers Living & Deceased

10:00am For All Mothers Living & Deceased

12Noon For All Mothers Living & Deceased

St. Thomas Church

Saturday, May 6, 2017

6:00PM(Vigil) John Wakie

Sunday, May 7, 2017

9:00am Ralph, Howard, Mark & Jean Behrens

10:00am Vincenzo & Bellina Demetrio

11:00am Mary & Rocco Toto

1:00pm Umberto D'Onorio DeMeo

6:00pm Frances A. Salas

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00am Elena Tolentino
8:00am Gaspare Ragusa
Tuesday: 7:00am Max R. Colacino (living)
8:00am Laura Bevilacqua
Wednesday: 7:00am Anthony R. Colacino (Living)
8:00am Rosalie Lippo
Thursday: 7:00pm Maria Grace Colacino (Living)
8:00am Steven D'Addesa
Friday: 7:00am Joseph R. Colacino (Living)
8:00am Dorothy Grace O'Mara

Saturday, May 13, 2017

8:00pm Nicholas Paul Conte

6:00pm(Vigil) For All Mothers Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 14, 2017

9:00am For All Mothers Living & Deceased

10:00am For All Mothers Living & Deceased

11:00am For All Mothers Living & Deceased

1:00pm For All Mothers Living & Deceased

2:30pm For All Mothers Living & Deceased



As we read last week in Bishop O'Hara's letter, or heard announced at Mass, as of July 1, 2017, the parishes of St. John Neumann and St. Joseph-St. Thomas will merge. As of that date, Masses and Sacraments will no longer be celebrated at St. John Neumann and all services will be held at St. Joseph-St. Thomas. Obviously, there will be adjustments to be made, especially for the people of St. John Neumann, which has always been a close parish family with a beautiful spirit. We will certainly pray for the people of St. John Neumann as they prepare to join us, and be ready to welcome them into our extended Parish family of faith. We'll hear more about this in the weeks to come.

We believe in a God who loves us, and always has something good in store for us. Thank you, as always, for the goodness and kindness you always show. Together, let's go forward in faith as we discover and share God's blessings

Fr. Rob Dillon

MEMORIALS



Our Bread and Wine this week is offered :
At St. Thomas Church *In Loving Memory of*
Wieslaw Mierzejewski requested by
Katarzyna Pedzich (Daughter).
At St. Joseph Church *In Loving Memory of*
Kathleen Erlenwien requested by
Lia Esposito & Elanine Signorino.



2nd Banns

MARRIAGE BANNS

Jonathan Gonzalo DelRosario & Maria Ana Santiago

**SACRED HEART
REMEMBRANCE VIGIL CANDLES**

will burn for 1 year in St. Thomas Church :

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
RAY & CONCETTA CASTELLANO
"ALWAYS IN OUR PRAYERS"
requested by Thomas & Nancy Castellano

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
RICHARD WILLIAMSON
"ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS"
FOREVER LOVED—NEVER FORGOTTEN
YOUR LOVING FAMILY
requested by Tracy Williamson

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

**BAPTISM SEMINAR
SATURDAY, May 27, 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.



MARY'S MONTH

May is the month devoted to honoring Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of all humankind. We urge all parishioners to pray the Rosary during the month of May and encourage their children and grandchildren to do likewise. Daily Mass and recitation of the Rosary can work wonders on the spiritual lives of us all.



On Sunday May 14th, we will celebrate Mother's Day and honor our mothers, living and deceased. Special Mother's Day Mass remembrance cards are available in the Church vestibule as well as in the parish office.

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

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
LYDIA J. OPPEDISANO
A LOVING WIFE, MOTHER & GRANDMOTHER
"FOREVER LOVED & CHERISHED
WITHIN OUR HEARTS"
requested by Joseph T. Oppedisano

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
THERESA FESTA
FOREVER LOVED & MISSED
YOUR BROTHER, JOEY
requested by Joseph T. Oppedisano

IN MEMORIA
COSIMO CACACE
CON AMORE TUA MOGLIE GIULIA
requested by Giulia Cacace

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
ROCCO GUIDICIPIETRO
MISSING YOU EVERYDAY,
"YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS"
THE GUIDICIPIETRO FAMILY
requested by Lori Guidicipietro & Family

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
ADAM HUNT
"ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS"
YOUR LOVING COUSINS
requested by Lorraine Fazio

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



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.

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, Maureen Murray, Maria Gambino, Matthew Taylor.

In your sympathy, please pray for: Barbara M. Hoffman, Anna Rae Sullivan and Susan Astuto.

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.

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.

SCHEDULED PARISH MEETINGS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY/MEN'S CLUB

Tuesday, May 9– 8pm

Msgr. Finn Hall – St. Thomas Room
All men 18 yrs. of age and older are invited.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Wednesday, May 17 -7:30pm

Msgr. Finn Hall - Infant of Prague Room

ST. THOMAS ADULT CHOIR

Rehearsal every Wednesday at
8pm in St. Thomas Church

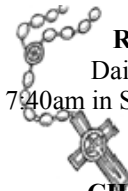
JUNIOR CHOIR

Rehearsal every Tuesday in St. Thomas Church
4:00pm-5:15pm

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, May 13th—3:00pm

Msgr. Finn Hall—St. Thomas Church



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, June 3 – St. Thomas Church
Rosary at 6pm – Mass in the English language at 7:15PM

ROSARY & HEALING MASS

Tuesday, May 30th – 8pm – St. Joseph Church
All are welcome.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

May 13th

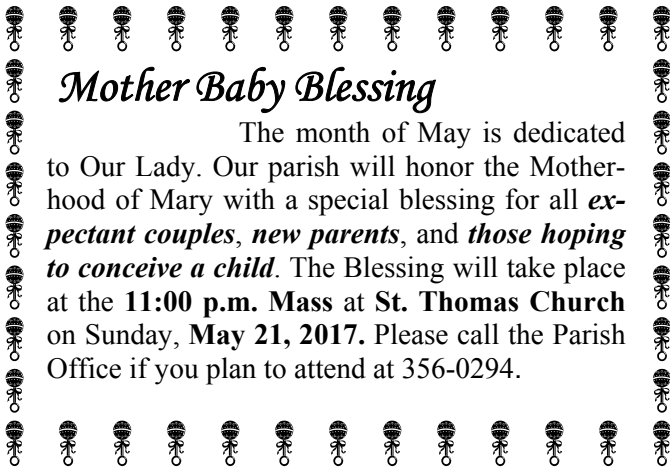
St. Thomas Church

May we ask our Parish Family to pray for and remember our children on this very important day in their lives.

Parish Celebration of First Holy Communion

1pm Mass May 14th – May Crowning

First Holy Communicants, their parents and family are invited to come to the 1:00pm Mass on May 14th, to celebrate this great moment in their lives and those of their family with their parish family.



Mother Baby Blessing

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady. Our parish will honor the Motherhood of Mary with a special blessing for all *expectant couples, new parents, and those hoping to conceive a child*. The Blessing will take place at the **11:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas Church** on Sunday, **May 21, 2017**. Please call the Parish Office if you plan to attend at 356-0294.

MASS FOR COUPLES MARRIED 50 YEARS DURING 2017

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the **Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan** at the **Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sunday June 11th at 2:00pm**. Pre-registration is required. Please contact **Phyllis Catania** at the **Parish Office** for registration. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, May 12th, 2017**. This event is sponsored by the Family Life † Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING
Mr. & Mrs. John Crockrtt
Mr. & Mrs. John O'Rourke

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 – May 31st

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday:** Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

To benefit St Joseph St. Thomas Parish



FRIDAY MAY 12, 2017
School Gym
50 Maguire Avenue



7:00 PM Check in – 8:00 PM Start
\$125 Donation to Play/500 Chips
Re-buys & Add-ons
FOOD, Drinks & 50/50 Raffle

*Register by **MAY 9TH** and Receive *

500 Bonus Chips
\$50 Deposit per person to register
Call **John O'Connor** for more info at **917-923-7397**

ST. JOSEPH-ST. THOMAS SCHOOL

WILL BE HOLDING A

SPRING

USED & WEARABLE CLOTHING COLLECTION

PLEASE PUT ALL DONATED ITEMS IN A WELL-TIED PLASTIC GARBAGE BAG.



WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

WHERE: ST. JOSEPH/ST. THOMAS GYMNASIUM

TIME: DROP CLOTHS OUTSIDE GYMNASIUM UNTIL 4P.M.

*IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA FITZPATRICK AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE (718) 356-3344. YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The fact that many monastic churches do not have a prominent tabernacle shapes the patterns of liturgical prayer. Monastic communities often protect the ancient value of “receiving from the same sacrifice,” meaning that the communicants are assured that what they eat and drink in the Holy Mysteries actually comes from the same celebration. It surprises many to learn that the Church does not foresee, nor does it provide for, Communion of the faithful from the reserved Sacrament. Liturgical laws have long defended your right to receive from the same sacrifice, the same Mass, that you attend.

At one time, of course, the bread for the Eucharist was the ordinary bread of the day, except unleavened, probably prepared at home. It was broken and distributed to the faithful. Early on the loaf itself was referred to as the *hostia* in Latin, meaning the “sacrifice,” the same word for the sacrificial animal in Jewish worship, and for Jesus as the Lamb of God. By giving his life on the cross, Jesus became the *hostia* for us. To this day in the Greek Church, one of the tasks of the priest’s wife is to bake the bread for the Divine Liturgy, sometimes in a bakery oven dedicated to that purpose and called a “Bethlehem.”

Today’s familiar individual hosts first appeared in the eleventh century at about the time when tabernacles were coming into use. The turn away from “bread” bread allowed the hosts to be reserved since they did not spoil like regular bread, and made the annual “Easter duty” counts easier.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today’s readings tell about the confusion and fear that followed Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. In Acts, the people ask, “What are we to do?” after they are reminded that they were part of the death of Jesus, who was Lord and Christ. In First Peter we are reminded of Jesus’ innocence. He did nothing to deserve the suffering and death that he experienced for us. Both the psalm and First Peter introduce the image of Jesus as shepherd. John’s Gospel talks about Jesus as shepherd but not in the usual way. We recognize this shepherd’s voice because he calls each of us by name. The confusion and fear we too often feel is calmed by the voice of the One who knows us by name.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

The readings describe that time when confused and frightened followers of Jesus looked to the apostles to tell them what to do after the Crucifixion and Resurrection. The answer seems simple. They must believe that Jesus, whom they crucified, is both Lord and Christ, both God and human. They must acknowledge their complicity in his death and seek forgiveness. They must be baptized. In First Peter the standard for their behavior is Jesus’ behavior. Jesus, though free from sin himself, bore our sins and returned no insult or threat. Peter introduces the image of the shepherd who is the guardian of us who have gone astray. The Gospel emphasizes not the shepherd’s leadership but that we are called by name.

LISTEN FOR YOUR NAME

The emphasis in John’s Gospel is not on the leadership of the shepherd. The focus is specifically on the voice of the shepherd. We listen for the shepherd who calls us by name. We are not called to follow passively. We are called to recognize our name when it is spoken. We are to listen so that we can hear the voice of the One who knows who we truly are—not the external, transient realities like “I am a doctor” or “I am a mother.” Our real name known to our Creator is much more than the roles we fill or the work we do. If my name is who I truly am, then I must listen for the One who calls me “forgiven” and “merciful” and “beloved.” For this is my true name. This is my true nature.



SPECIAL NEEDS
FOR
SPECIAL CHILDREN

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 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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Have a Blessed Week! !