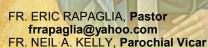
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WELCOME TO ALL

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, SAINT





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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.

ROSARY: Prayed in Church led by the Priest, Every Wednesday at 8:00pm. (Livestreamed to Social Media.)

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS:

On the 2nd Sunday of each month there is a SPECIAL NEEDS MASS at 2:30 p.m. in St. Thomas Church. **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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is administered on every Sunday of the month at 2:30P.M. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for the Sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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 the homebound 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

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 1-4 PM (ST); Tuesday 6-9 PM (ST); Wednesday 1-4 PM (ST)

Thursday 5-8 PM (SJ); Friday 9:30 AM--1:00 PM (SJ)

SAINT PIO HEALING MASS (ST) 3rd Thursday of the Month 7:30 PM (Confession 6:30 PM)

REPARATION TO THE TWO HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY (ST) First Friday of the Month:

8:00 PM Confessions; 9:00 PM Mass; Benediction 12 Midnight; 12:15 AM Mass

BIBLE GROUP 7:30 PM (Finn Hall) Monday

<u>LEGION OF MARY</u> Meets regularly, Please call the Parish Office for more information.

FRIENDS OF ST. VINCENT 7:00 PM (Finn Hall) 2nd Thursday of the Month

SUPPORT GROUP (Finn Hall) 1st Thursday of the Month 7-9 PM

MENS' CLUB: 8:00 PM 2nd Tuesday of the Month (Finn Hall)

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Only the parish office handles sponsor certificate requests Monday to Friday, 9AM to 5PM. 718-356-0294. To be considered active members of our parish, each family and single adult must be properly registered and must regularly use the weekly donation envelopes at Sunday Mass. This is the only way the parish can issue a Godparent/Sponsor Certificate (or other letter) declaring that the person named is a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. Parishioners must be registered and must be using the envelopes for at least 6 months before a Sponsor/Godparent Certificate can be issued. Besides attending Mass each Sunday and Holy Day, a godparent/sponsor must also be confirmed Catholic, and if married, be married in the Catholic Church. Cohabitation disqualifies a person from serving as godparent. If your child is approaching a Sacrament for the first time, please let godparent/sponsor candidates know of this protocol well in advance so that the candidate will have plenty of time to rectify any impediments that would prevent him/her from serving as godparents.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Conor Gallagher and his wife, Ashley, have 13 children. In his book, *Still Amidst the Storm*, Conor writes, "When my son Paul was two years old, we heard him scream upstairs. We have a lot of screams in our busy house, so I paid little attention for the first few seconds. But then the scream seemed different. Something was wrong. I got up and started for the stairs and found my older son carrying Paul to us. Paul was grasping his leg. I looked into his eyes and agony looked back at me. His femur was broken. I've heard that a femur break is worse than a bullet wound, and now I believe it. His leg was swelling rapidly. I knew that it's possible to bleed to death from femur breaks within minutes due to the large arteries running up your leg, and so we made a splint with magazines and Ace bandages, put him on the ironing board like a stretcher, and carried him to the car. We could get to the ER faster than the ambulance could get to us."

"From the ER, he was taken by ambulance to the local children's hospital. They could not put his leg in a cast until the swelling went down. So, every time he moved, the pain would seize him. He was only two and could not grasp the simple instruction 'stay still'. They could not give him much pain medication at all. His two-year-old lungs could not handle serious pain killers like morphine. I pulled a chair next to his bed and sat there all night. Every ten minutes a nurse or someone would enter the room and startle him from his sleep invoking pain all over again. He suffered deeply. I suffered deeply. I felt like Mary at the foot of the Cross. (I cried out) 'Please God! Snap my femur and heal his!' Without question, without hesitation, I would have taken that deal." Fortunately, young Paul healed nicely from his injury.

Our religion is not about dos and don'ts and commandments. They're only part of the equation. Our religion is about a God *who so loved the world that He gave His only Son...*(John 3:16). Jesus was willing to have his femur snapped so that our femurs could be healed. He suffered to transform our suffering. He died to morph our mortality into eternal life. God has done so much for us!!! What will we do for Him?

Perhaps you're thinking, "What can I do for God? He has everything. He knows everything. What can I do?" A woman named Mary Pyle was a disciple of Padre Pio, the great, miracle-working saint of the twentieth century. Old age and sickness confined her to her bed. Saint Pio visited her. She told him, "I feel so useless. I can't even get out of bed. What can I do?" The Saint looked her in the eyes and said firmly, "You can do the will of God."

By doing the will of God we do so much for ourselves and for those around us. Why? Because by surrendering to God's will, by obeying God's laws, by imitating Jesus, we spread light and love. We can do God's will.

God bless you! Father Eric



St. Joseph's Church 16 Poplar Avenue Staten Island, New York 10309

Saturday, January 25, 2025

5:00pm(Vigil) Maria Devito

Sunday, January 26, 2025

8:00am Kathleen Bergen 10:00am Robert Rastetter 12Noon Barbara Fina

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish Tuesday: 9:00am Nancy Schillaci Wednesday: 9:00am Marion Mastellone

Thursday: 9:00am All Parishioners-Living & Deceased

Friday: 9:00am Edna Fama

Saturday, February 1, 2025

9:00am Robert Ellis 5:00pm(Vigil) Lewis Eppolito

Sunday, February 2, 2025

8:00am Kathleen Mary Masone

10:00am Edward Walsh12Noon Rudolph Corcillo

BAPTISM SEMINAR SATURDAY, February 22, 2025

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.

MEMORIALS



Our Altar Candles will burn throughout this week in St. Thomas Church:
In Loving Memory

Vincent DiTommaso

requested by Maria & Nick Serio



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6:00pm(Vigil) Robert M. Brisk

Sunday, January 26, 2025

9:00am Gene & Edwina Cosgriff

10:00am Vito Colella

11:00am Felisa & Ernesto Raval, Sr.

1:00pm Rachel Volpe

6:00pm Mary Joan Murnane

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00 am Kathleen Byrne

8:00am Felisa & Ernesto Raval

Tuesday: 7:00am Priests of the Parish-Living & Deceased

8:00am Camila Schiano

Wednesday: 7:00am Rose & Calogero Catania

8:00am Ernesto Raval, Sr.

Thursday: 7:00am Valerio LaRocca

8:00am Rosa Alfano

Friday: 7:00am Leonardo Correale

8:00am Msgr. Charles P. Coen

Saturday, February 1, 2025

8:00am Catherine & Anthony Bisogno 6:00pm(Vigil) Madeline, Jerry, Michael & Jamie Vitacco

Sunday, February 2, 2025

9:00am Silveo & Beatrice Tomao

10:00am Pietro & Antoninetta Deleonardis

11:00am Czeslawa Supinska

1:00pm Grace Haas 6:00pm Santo Rizzo

Examination of Conscience, *Explained*

In Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, the apostle writes that it is imperative for a Christian to reflect on his conscience before he partakes of Holy Eucharist: "Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28). The practice of examining one's conscience before seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation thus dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith and was encouraged as a regular practice by many saints and founders of religious orders as a means of growing in virtue.

An examination of conscience, when it relates to the sacrament, simply means reflecting on one's actions (and particularly the intentions behind those actions) since the penitent's last absolution, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed. A good basis for this reflection can be the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the seven deadly sins.

SACRED HEART

REMEMBRANCE VIGIL CANDLES

will burn for 1 year in St. Thomas Church:

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
ROSARIA & CALOGERO CASTANIA

ANTONIO MULE
"SEMPRE NEI NOSTRI CUORE"
THE CASTANIA FAMILY
requested by Rocco & Josephine Castania

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF OUR SPECIAL ANGEL
DOMINIC AVERY BRUNETTI
"FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS"
YOUR LOVING FAMILY
requested by Giovanna Brunetti

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
ARNEL S. VERACRUZ
"FOREVER ON OUR HEARTS"
"REST IN PEACE; WE LOVE YOU"
MOM, DAD, DARREN & ELAINE
requested by Shirley Ruby Veracruz

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF

EDWARD J. HOLLYWOOD, SR. DEAR HUSBAND & DEVOTED FATHER "FOREVER LOVED.....FOREVER MISSED" YOUR LOVING FAMILY requested by Cathleen Hollywood

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
LUCIA MANNA
"WE LOVE YOU"
"YOU ARE FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS"
YOUR LOVING FAMILY
requested by Rosaria DiFrancesco

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
LUCY & FRANK VIGILANTE
"FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS"
YOUR LOVING FAMILY
requested by Frank Vigilante

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
ELAINE LATORA
BELOVED MOM, ADORED GRANDMA
"YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU"
DENISE, DAVE, LISA, JOHN & GRANDCHILDREN
requested by Denise Ingrassia

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

IN LOVING MEMORY OF PETER & MILDRED KIRILENKO requested by Mark Cannizzaro

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
NINO RUSSO
"ALWAYS IN MY HEART & THOUGHTS"
YOUR LOVING WIFE, AURORA
requested by Aurora Russo

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
VITO & FLORA ROCA
"FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS"
YOUR LOVING FAMILY
requested by Jennie DeCandido

IN LOVING MEMORY
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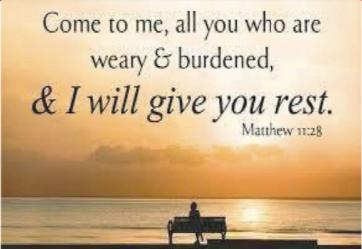
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SICK & HOMEBOUND

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 weekly or monthly as requested. Please let us know your needs by calling the parish office.

Ethel Ducey, Joseph A. Pulizotto, Ellen Merli, Louis Amatrudo, Stacey Benvenuto, Mary Baldaracci, Gertrude Sokolowsky, Frank Zagarino, John Michael Pasquale, Christopher Walsh, Hope Vosilla, Helen Cole, Alan Mackiewicz, David Balaban, Bob Ryan, Kristen Kress, Bobby Salvador, Amanda Marchese, Thomas Marchese, Angelo Cordella, Dominick Aiello, Juliann Bonavita, Isla Albashara, Anthony Pelle, Gina Persico. *In your sympathy, please pray for:* Marie Hassan, Connie L. Barrecca and Andrew Joseph Bacolo.



COME AND FOLLOW ME

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February 16th thru April 6th Sunday at 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Join us for FOLLOWING CHRIST. On this journey of growing in love of God and love of one another through the following Christ course. The next several weeks are an exciting opportunity for you to grow closer to God. Know that He is going to meet you in the Holy Spirit and give you the grace to truly change your life. Following Christ is a seven-week series that will begin Sunday, February 16th starting with 6pm Mass at St. Thomas Church with session to follow at Msgr. Finn Hall. Also mark your calendars for a life-changing retreat on Saturday, March 22nd.

Please fill out the requested information below and drop it in the collection box or at the Parish office.

Name:
Address:
E-mail:
Phone Number:

If attending with another person and would like to be in the same discussion group, please provide his/her name:

For more information, please email: Eva Macioce or Angela Cistermino SJSTSJN.ChristLife@qmail.comSt. Joseph-St. Thomas-St. John Neumann Parish 6097 Amboy Road, Staten Island, New York 10309



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The St. Joseph-St Thomas Parish Holy Name Society / Men's Club is again sponsoring a fund raiser in the form of a "300 CLUB." Monies realized from the club will be put towards the Benefit of the Parish.

The "300 CLUB LXII" will run for 20 weeks. <u>ONLY 300 MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE SOLD!</u> Prizes will be awarded weekly: One prize of \$100.00 and two of \$25.00. On the final week a *Gala Party with food, music, drinks and drawings for super prizes* will be held in the Msgr. Finn Hall. Prizes for the final week are:

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<u>This club will be limited to the first 300 replies.</u> Members may request a number from 1 to 300. If duplicate requests are received, numbers will be assigned by the "300 Club Committee."

To become eligible for the drawings, please cut off the bottom coupon and return it to the: St. Joseph-St. Thomas St. John NeumannParish Office.

Your check should be payable to:

"St. Joseph-St. Thomas St. John Neumann Parish"

Don't Forget. If you renew your number on or before *March 1, 2025* you will be eligible for a special "Early Bird" drawing. Mail your application today so as not to be disappointed. You can drop your application in the collection basket addressed to 300 CLUB. Thank you.

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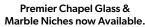
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