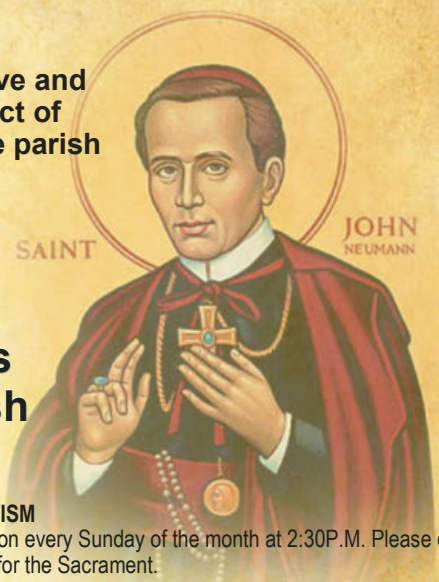
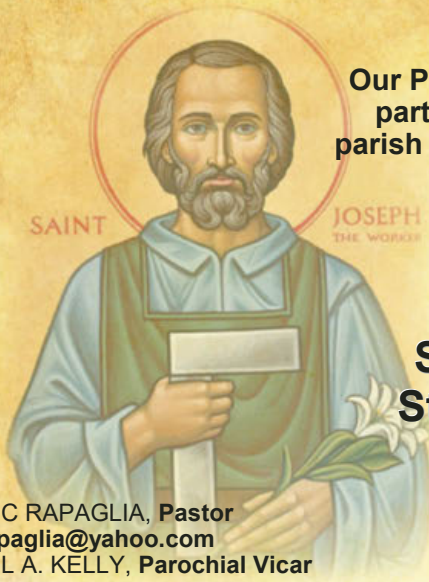


WELCOME TO ALL

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.



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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:

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

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:

7:30PM Confessions; 8:30PM Mass; Benediction 12 Midnight; 12:15 AM Mass

BIBLE GROUP 7:30 PM (Finn Hall) Monday

LEGION OF MARY 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,

Forgiveness is what Jesus very much wants from us and for us. Charlie Kirk was horribly assassinated recently by a disgusting, demonic creep. May he repent, and may Charlie's family and the creep's family find healing. At the funeral, Erika, his wife said, "Our Savior said, 'Father, forgive them, for they not know what they do.' That young man ... I forgive him ... I forgive him because it was what Christ did, and it's what Charlie would do." Marina Cantacuzino writes about twins Eva and Miriam Mozes, who were taken to Auschwitz at the age of ten where Nazi doctor, Josef Mengele, used them for medical experiments. (*The Forgiveness Project: Stories for a Vengeful Age*, 2015). Eva said:

"Miriam and I were part of a group of children who were alive for one reason only – to be used as human guinea pigs. During our time in Auschwitz we talked very little. Starved for food and human kindness, it took every ounce of strength just to stay alive. Because we were twins, we were used in a variety of experiments. Three times a week we'd be placed naked in a room, for 6– 8 hours, to be measured and studied. It was unbelievably demeaning. In another type of experiment they took blood from one arm and gave us injections in the other. After one such injection I became very ill and was taken to the hospital. Dr. Mengele came in the next day, looked at my fever chart and declared that I had only two weeks to live. For two weeks I was between life and death but I refused to die. If I had died, Mengele would have given Miriam a lethal injection in order to do a double autopsy. When I didn't die, he carried on experimenting with us and as a result Miriam's kidneys stopped growing. They remained the size of a child's all her life."

"On 27 January 1945, four days before my 11th birthday, Auschwitz was liberated by the Soviet army. After nine months in refugee camps, I returned to my village in Romania to find that no one from my family had survived. In 1993 I was invited to lecture to some doctors in Boston [sic] and was asked if I could bring a Nazi doctor with me. I thought it was a mad request until I remembered that I'd once been in a documentary which had also featured a Dr. Hans Munch from Auschwitz. I contacted him in Germany and he said he would meet with me for a videotaped interview to take to the conference. In July 1993 I was on my way to meet this Nazi doctor. I asked him if he'd seen the gas chambers. He said this was a nightmare he dealt with every day of his life. I was surprised that Nazis had nightmares too and asked him if he would come with me to Auschwitz to sign a document at the ruins of the gas chambers. He said that he would love to do it."

"On 27 January 1995, at the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, I stood by the ruins of the gas chambers with my children – Dr. Alex Kor and Rina Kor – and with Dr. Munch and his children and grandchild. Dr. Munch signed his document about the operation of the gas chambers while I read my document of forgiveness and signed it. As I did that, I felt a burden of pain was lifted from me. I was no longer in the grip of hate; I was finally free. The day I forgave the Nazis, privately I forgave my parents whom I hated all my life for not having saved me from Auschwitz. Children expect their parents to protect them; mine couldn't. And then I forgave myself for hating my parents. Forgiveness is really nothing more than an act of self-healing and self-empowerment. I call it a miracle medicine. It is free, it works and has no side effects."

God bless you!
Father Eric



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Saturday, October 4, 2025
 5:00pm(Vigil) Anthony Maida

Sunday, October 5, 2025
 8:00am Anthony Fidanza
 10:00am Loretì & Ungarelli Family-Living & Deceased
 12Noon Robert Jackson

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish
 Tuesday: 9:00am Vincent Kropp
 Wednesday: 9:00am Mary McGrann
 Thursday: 9:00am Aricilly Carfero
 Friday: 9:00am Rosemarie Whyte

Saturday, October 11, 2025
 9:00am Carol Amato
 5:00pm(Vigil) Kathleen Bligh

Sunday, October 12, 2025
 8:00am Louis Piro
 10:00am Vincenza Brullo
 12Noon Irene M. & Henry E. Lucas

MEMORIALS



Our Bread and Wine this week is offered :

At St. Thomas Church
In Loving Memory of
Grace Martinelli

requested by Isabella Deleonardis

OUR LADY OF FATIMA



Monday, October 13th is the Anniversary of when Our Lady stunned the world with the Miracle of the Sun of Fatima. To commemorate this blessed event, Public Square Rosary Crusades are being organized around the world. Millions of people will be praying the Rosary together to demonstrate their love and appreciation for the Blessed Mother. Please join us on **Saturday October, 11, 2025 from 2:00pm-4:00pm** at **St. Joseph's Church**, to participate in Staten Island's only Rosary Crusade.

God Bless You!

For more information call Liz Banome at
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 6:00pm(Vigil) Andrew LaChance

Sunday, October 5, 2025
 9:00am Marcin Pedzich
 10:00am(It) Pietro, Sibilia & Michael Dellegrazie
 11:00am Dorothy Zanone
 1:00pm Anna, Salvatore & Frank Ferraco
 6:00pm Salvatore Purpora

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00 am Anna, Antonio & Carmela Mungo
 8:00am Philamena Iacono
 Tuesday: 7:00am Lee Heydolph
 8:00am Antonia & Nicola DiGioia
 Wednesday: 7:00am Diane Paladino
 8:00am Kaitlin Crowley-Living
 Thursday: 7:00am Maria Capalbo
 8:00am Donnie & Maureen Maresca
 Friday: 7:00am Marlon I. Dela Cruz
 8:00am Simon Sabarre

Saturday, October 11, 2025
 8:00am Conrad & Mary Musto
 6:00pm(Vigil) Angelo Nuara

Sunday, October 12, 2025
 9:00am Joseph Aquilino
 10:00am(It) Vincenzo & Bellina Demetrio
 11:00am Barbara Cannizzaro
 1:00pm Noreen Coles
2:30pm *Special Needs-Sr. Jean Wagner*
 6:00pm Thomas Jon Sjeime



MARRIAGE BANNS

1st Banns Frank Diomede & Alyssa Falcone
2nd Banns Kevin Weisel & Michelle Hernandez
2nd Banns Gerard Cardinale & Francesca Voltaggio
3rd Banns Joseph Rantinella & Magdalena Zabiega

BAPTISM SEMINAR ***SATURDAY, October 18, 2025***

Immediately following the 6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas Church there will be a meeting for expectant parents and parents of new-born 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.

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, Gertrude Sokolowsky, John Michael Pasquale, Hope Vosilla, Helen Cole, Kristen Kress, Bobby Salvador, Amanda Marchese, Thomas Marchese, Angelo Cordella, Dominick Aiello, Juliann Bonavita, Isla Albashara, Anthony Pelle, Christina Natale, Patrick Ruane, Andrea Sinisi, Neil DeGennaro, Wesley Devita, Tina Bini, Patricia Conway, Michael Archer., Tom Quercia, Linda DiSilvio, Christian Ryan Pisapia, Maria Buono, George Marino, Michael Archer.

In your sympathy, please pray for: Dennis Massa, Frank Ambrosino, Rose Vastano and Lucia Mosca.

SACRED HEART

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OF

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YOUR LOVING FAMILY

requested by Carol & Joe Schiano

Mother - Baby Blessing



The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady. There is a long-standing tradition in the Church that the Feast of the Divine Maternity is celebrated during October. 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 **12:00noon Mass** at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday, **October 19, 2025.**

Please call the Parish Office if you plan to attend at 356-0294.

OUR REMEMBRANCE VIGIL CANDLES

will burn for 1 year in St. Thomas Church for:

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

MICHAEL CIOTOLA, JR.

“SWEET DREAMS OUR BEAUTIFUL CHILD”

“WE WILL LOVE YOU FOR A THOUSAND YEARS.....”

YOUR LOVING FAMILY

requested by Patrice & Michael Ciotola

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

ROBERT E. CLARK

requested by Anni B. Clark

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

ELVIRA SEVILLA ANGELES

“FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS”

YOUR LOVING FAMILY

requested by Rito & Dara-Nikki Sabanal

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

MY LOVING PARENTS

ANNA & ANGELO BONSERIO

BELOVED BROTHER & SISTER

MICHAEL J. & PHYLLIS BONSERIO

“FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS”

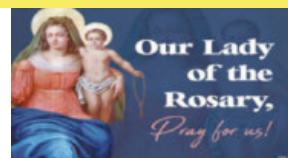
requested by Raffaella DeMeo

The holidays are right around the corner. In order to help support our Veterans Day brunch please consider donating \$5 to the friends of St. Vincent in exchange for a 25% off Boscov's coupon, good for almost all items including clearance, and may be used online and for in store purchases on October 22nd. Coupons will be sold after each mass at St. Thomas on October 11 and October 12. Help support our Troops! Thank you!



All are welcome.

The choirs of St. Joseph-St. Thomas St. John Neumann are welcoming new members. Anyone interested can see the our Music Director-Chris Vath after Mass or leave a message in the Parish Office 718-356-0294.





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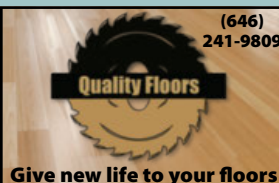


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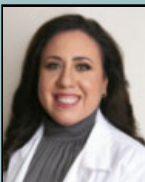


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