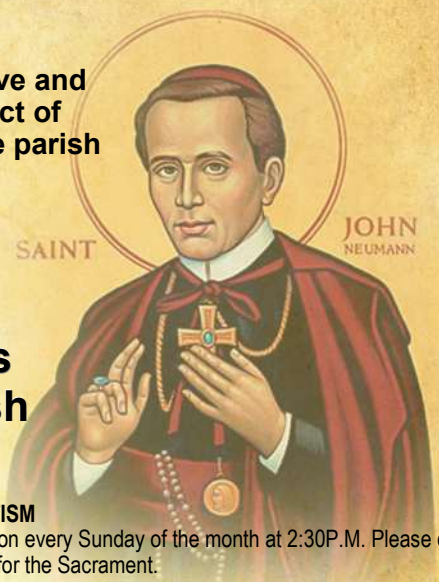
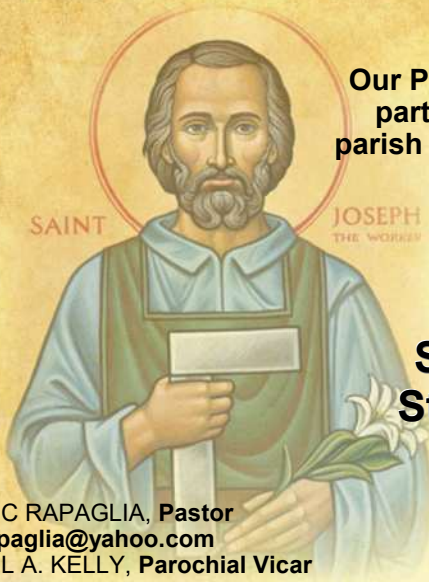


TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 12, 2025

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,

Tomorrow is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. In 1917, the Mother of God appeared in Portugal for six consecutive months. Then she performed the Miracle of the Sun on October 13th, which was witnessed by 70,000 people. The central message of Fatima was reparation, in line with the sentiments of Saint Paul, who said: *Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of His Body, which is the Church* (Colossians 1:24).

Cardinal Nguyễn Văn Thuận († 2002) did much by way of reparation. He was imprisoned by the wicked, atheist Vietnamese government for no valid reason whatsoever. From the prison he secretly wrote to his flock. In one letter he spoke directly to our Savior:

“Beloved Jesus, this evening, sitting toward the back of my cell, without light, without a window, in the stifling heat, I think with overwhelming nostalgia of my pastoral life. Eight years as bishop living in the residence only two kilometers from my prison cell, on the same street, near the same seashore. I can hear the waves of the Pacific and the bells of the cathedral.”

“Once I used to celebrate the Eucharist with a gold-plated paten and chalice; now I hold your Blood in the palm of my hand. Once I used to travel the world over to attend conferences and meetings; now I am confined to a narrow cell without a window. Once I used to visit you in the tabernacle; now I carry you, night and day, in my shirt pocket. Once I used to celebrate Mass for thousands of faithful; now, in the darkness of the night, I give Communion under a mosquito net. Once I used to preach the spiritual exercises to priests, religious, lay people; now a priest, who is also a prisoner, preaches the exercises of Saint Ignatius to me through a crack in the wall. Once I used to have solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the cathedral; now I have Eucharistic adoration in silence every night at 9:00, softly singing the Tantum Ergo and the Salve Regina, and concluding with this short prayer: ‘Lord, now I am content to accept everything from your hands: all the sadness, the suffering, the anguish, even my death. Amen.’”

“I am happy, here in this cell, where white mushrooms are growing on my sleeping mat, because you are with me, because you want me to live here with you. I have spoken much in my lifetime; now I speak no more. It is your turn to speak to me, Jesus. I am listening to you.... You do not speak to me of the past, or of the present, you do not speak of my sufferings or of my anguish, you speak to me of your plans, of my mission.”

“So, I sing of your mercy in the darkness, in my weakness, in my annihilation. I accept my cross and I plant it, with my own two hands, in my heart. If you were to permit me to choose, I would change nothing, because you are with me! I am no longer afraid, I have understood. I am following you in your Passion and in your Resurrection. [From *Five Loaves & Two Fishes* (2003) republished in *Magnificat*, September 2025.]

God bless you!
Father Eric



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Saturday, October 11, 2025

5:00pm(Vigil) Kathleen Bligh

Sunday, October 12, 2025

8:00am Louis Piro

10:00am Vincenza Brullo

12Noon Irene M. & Henry E. Lucas

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish

Tuesday: 9:00am Deceased at St. Joseph Cemetery

Wednesday: 9:00am Elizabeth O'Berg

Thursday: 9:00am Edward J. Hollywood, Sr.

Friday: 9:00am Joan Martorelli

Saturday, October 18, 2025

9:00am Donato Gaudioso

5:00pm(Vigil) Salvatore & Virginia Volpe

Sunday, October 19, 2025

8:00am Michael Parszik

10:00am Avidano & Tedeschi Family-Living & Deceased

12Noon Patricia Wolfe

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 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.



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.



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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

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00 am **NO MASS**

8:00am Christopher Thorgersen

Tuesday: 7:00am Carmela, Antonio & Anna Mungo

8:00am Nicholas Paul Conte

Wednesday: 7:00am Jonathan Leano

8:00am Mary Barry & Betty Hurley

Thursday: 7:00am James Beers

8:00am All Souls in Purgatory

Friday: 7:00am Nancy Schillaci

8:00am Giovanni Vitulli

Saturday, October 18, 2025

8:00am Phyllis Petrisko

6:00pm(Vigil) Corinne & Joseph Amore

Sunday, October 19, 2025

9:00am The Brullo Family

10:00am(It) Agatha & Benedetto Panzarella

11:00am Anthony Messineo

1:00pm Lucille, Sam & Jennie Frigiano

6:00pm Donald Erkman



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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.

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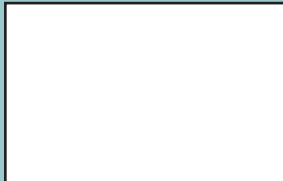
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