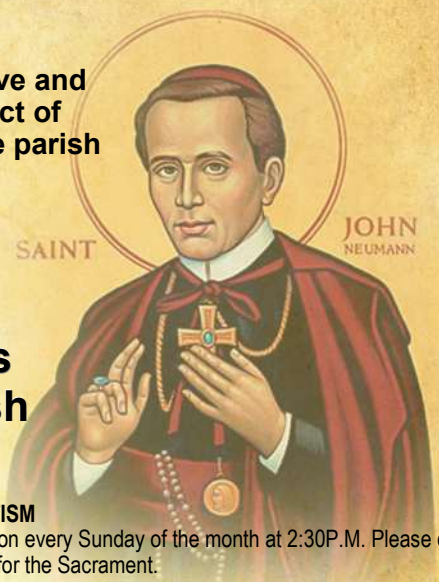
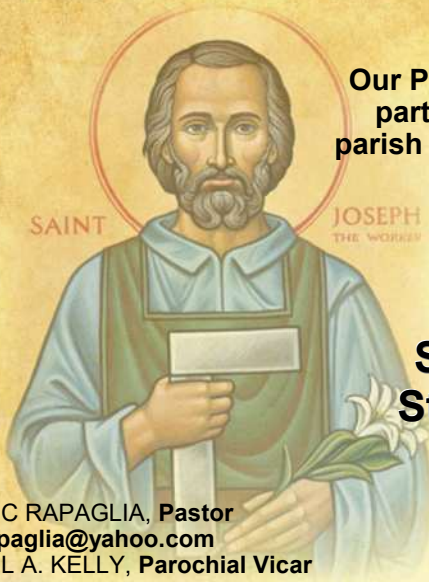


THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 16, 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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY—MENS' CLUB: 7:30PM 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,

Archbishop (emeritus of Philadelphia) Charles Chaput explains, "In 1084, a year before his death in exile, an anguished Pope Saint Gregory VII wrote, 'I cry, I cry and I cry again ... The religion of Christ, the true faith, has fallen so low that it is an object of scorn not only to the devil but to Jews and Saracens and pagans ... These keep their law, as they believe it; but we, intoxicated with the world, have deserted our law.'"

The Archbishop continues, "We can take two lessons from his words. The first is this: All people are shaped by their time. Gregory wrote in an age of fierce princely intrigue and strong anti-Judaism. He also wrote just a decade before the First Crusade, and three decades after the Great Schism with Eastern Christianity. In other words, he faced a fractured Christian world under siege from four hundred years of Muslim jihad.

"The second lesson is this: Despite the sins we find in every church generation, renewal always reasserts itself. Gregory VII was one of the great reformers in Catholic history. He weakened the power of the state over church affairs. He attacked the practice of selling church offices. He fought to purify a corrupt clergy. He worked to restore zeal for Jesus Christ among the faithful. Later centuries saw uglier behavior from some church leaders: a scandalous papacy, the abuse of church power, and the stagnation that led to the Reformation. But in a way, that proves a point. The hunger for Christian renewal throughout history is a sign of life in response to a peculiar illness. Among believers, the sickness takes different forms in different ages, but the illness is always the same. "Cardinal [Saint] John Henry Newman identified the problem eight hundred years after Gregory VII. He said that the conduct of most Christians was barely different from what it would have been otherwise, 'neither much better nor much worse, if they believed Christianity to be a fable.' In other words, they lacked real faith." (Charles Chaput, *Render Unto Caesar: Serving the Nation by Living our Catholic Beliefs in Political Life*, 2012, p. 97).

The Apostle tells us: *Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested. By faith we understand that the universe was ordered by the Word of God, so that what is visible came into being through the invisible. By faith Abel offered to God a sacrifice greater than Cain's. Through this he was attested to be righteous, God bearing witness to his gifts, and through this, though dead, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and "he was found no more because God had taken him." Before he was taken up, he was attested to have pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for anyone who approaches God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.* (Hebrews 11:1-6)

In every age, the ultimate issue at hand is not a political or a social one. It is, in the final analysis, a question of faith, or lack thereof. Throughout history, especially today, the people of God find themselves saying with outstretched hands, like the father of the tormented child in the Gospel: *I do believe! Help my unbelief!* (Mark 9:24).

God bless you!
Father Eric

As the nights are cooler, days are shorter and the crisp scent of fall fills the air, we are reminded of the important days that lie ahead for helping those in need. The cost of groceries can be a struggle for many people and the necessity to help our community is just as great as it has been in previous years. We are therefore, depending on your kind generosity once again to help those in need. Last holiday season our parish members rose to the occasion of great need by providing food found on a traditional Thanksgiving table. In keeping with this tradition we once again ask for your support with non-perishable food donations.



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat," Matthew 25:35

We have arranged to collect the non perishable food in front of the gym doors of the school on Saturday, November 22, 2025 from 9 am-12 pm. Please email us at Friends6097@gmail.com if you have any donations, but are unable to drop them off during that time. You may also use this email to contact us if you are in need of our assistance or know someone who is. We are here to help. **Food donations can be dropped off at St. Thomas Church any time. Thank you.**

God Bless you for all you do.



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Saturday, November 15, 2025

5:00pm(Vigil) Daniel DeChirico & Rose DeSapio

Sunday, November 16, 2025

8:00am Dominick Dellegrazie

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

12Noon Giada Gangi

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish

Tuesday: 9:00am Joseph, Anthony & Rosalie LaFranca

Wednesday: 9:00am Joan Martorelli

Thursday: 9:00am Farrell Murphy-Living

Friday: 9:00am Barbara Yasosky

Saturday, November 22, 2025

9:00am Vera Panetta

5:00pm(Vigil) John & Rose Trippiedi

Sunday, November 23, 2025

8:00am Restituto Clemente

10:00am Conrado Formanes, Jr.

12Noon Luke & Domenica Napodano



MARRIAGE BANNS

1st Banns Hisham Khass & Veronica Cuomo

2nd Banns Jerry Caleca & Kristine Sibbio

Christmas Flower Offering



**Memorial Christmas Flower
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available in the rear of our
Churches and will be placed on
our altars throughout the
Christmas Season.**

BAPTISM SEMINAR

SATURDAY, November 29, 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.



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Saturday, November 15, 2025

6:00pm(Vigil) Nino Russo

Sunday, November 16, 2025

9:00am Vincent Grazidie

10:00am(It) Pietro, Sibilia & Michael Dellegrazie

11:00am Concetta Carbone

1:00pm Robert A. O'Mara

6:00pm Tony Corino

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00 am Rosa Lombardo

8:00am Bobby Corino

Tuesday: 7:00am Philip & Rosa Alfano

8:00am Raymond Coles

Wednesday: 7:00am Charles Brogan

8:00am Rosa Gaccione

Thursday: 7:00am Louis Sepulveda, Jr.

8:00am Mr. & Mrs. Charles Brozek

Friday: 7:00am Felicia Gordoma

8:00am Vincent Piccirillo

Saturday, November 22, 2025

8:00am John Tramatuolo

6:00pm(Vigil) William Moog

Sunday, November 23, 2025

9:00am Dominic Brunetti

10:00am(It) Mariano Tartanella

11:00am Barbara Cannizzaro

1:00pm Ronald Simonson

6:00pm Eddie Shamah

Giving Trees

It's that time of year again when we are ready to help those in need during the Christmas Season. The Friends of St. Vincent will be putting up the **Giving Trees** up at St. Joseph Church and St. Thomas Church on Saturday, November 22nd. Please help us to help those in need during the holiday season. Gifts can be dropped off at either church by December 15th. If you or someone you know is in need please email us at Friends6097@gmail.com. We appreciate all the kindness and thoughtfulness being shown throughout all of our parishioners throughout the year and look forward to making this the best season yet.

Thank you!

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, Andrea Sinisi, Neil DeGennaro, Wesley Devita, Tina Bini, Patricia Conway, Michael Archer., Tom Quercia, Linda DiSilvio, Maria Buono, George Marino, Michael Archer, Michael Rokicki.

In your sympathy, please pray for: Blanche Tait.

**You are invited to Our Parish Thanksgiving Mass
St. Thomas Church Tuesday, November
25th at 7:30pm**

**As part of our parish family Thanksgiving
Mass, your family is invited to bring
something that will be part of your
Thanksgiving table to be blessed at Mass.
Then be sure to place it on your family table
for Thanksgiving Dinner and unite the table of
the Lord's family at the Eucharist with your
family's Thanksgiving table.**

**All parishioners, grandparents,
parents and children are invited to
participate in this
special Thanksgiving celebration.**

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

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ALFONZO G. OLIVA
requested by Frances Oliva

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JIM, JENNIE, JOEY JR.
&
JOHNNY ROCCISANO
"FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS"
BY THE ROCCISANO FAMILY
requested by Frances Oliva

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
TOM & ROSEMARIE FLANNERY
"FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS"
YOUR LOVING FAMILY
requested by Patricia Campbell

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
ANGELO D'ANGELO
BELOVED HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER
"YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS"
"MI MANCHI U MI MANCHI"
YOUR LOVING FAMILY
requested by Rose D'Angelo

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
MARY & ROCCO TOTO
BELOVED PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS
"FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS"
YOUR LOVING CHILDREN
PEGGY, ROSEMARIE & LARRY
requested by Peggy Becaccio

ST. JOSEPH-ST. THOMAS ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH TREE LIGHTING

Saturday, November 29th

We will light our Christmas Trees and sing Carols.

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and
after the 6:00PM Mass
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