

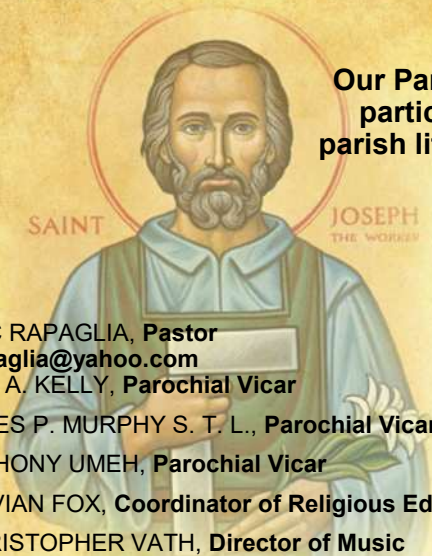
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 25, 2026

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.

SAINT



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THE WORKER

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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

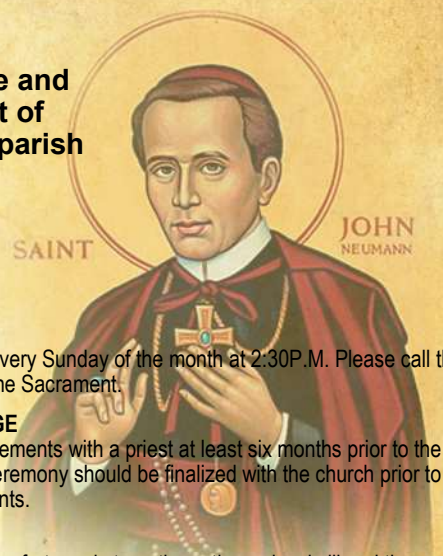
Weekdays:

St. Joseph: Monday—Saturday 9:00 A.M.

St. Thomas: Monday—Friday 7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M.

Saturday 8:00 A.M.

SAINT



JOHN
NEUMANN

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:

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

Saint

Thomas

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.**

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FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

God brings good out of the evils that we suffer. Father Joseph Kentenich, the founder of the Schoenstatt Order, which includes nuns on Staten Island at the Shrine of Light on Cary Avenue, once said in 1949, “God is the God of Life. Whenever He permits destruction, breakdown, collapse, death, He wishes to create new life. Thus, the grain of wheat must first die, must perish; then it produces much fruit. If we apply this principle to our age, if we consider the terrible ruin and desolation which confront us everywhere in the physical, moral and intellectual order, we have to hold our breath. *It is the Passover of the Lord.* (Ex 12:11). It must be a wonderful world that He intends to create out of this vast dying, a wonderful world He intends to fashion out of these catastrophes and ruins.” (Englebert Monnerjahn, *Joseph Kentenich: A Life for the Church*, 1975).

God’s light reaches us in our darkness, usually through other good people. In July, 1902, Mother Cabrini—the future St. Frances Xavier Cabrini—was on her way to found a school in Denver. Bishop Matz of Denver had requested her aid, writing to her of the good her missionaries could do in the Italian mining colony there. Once the renovations of the new school were under way, she was eager to visit the mine-working fathers of the school’s future students.

Pietro Di Donato writes (*Immigrant Saint: The Life of Mother Cabrini*, 1960) that the Saint “journeyed by zigzagging railway up over the brilliantly colored mountainous masses of rock and down through the canyons to the gold mines. She and her daughters entered cage hoists and descended deep into the man-made labyrinths, walking by candlelight through miles of low shafts to reach the miners. Men, fathers of families, stripped to the waist, sweated and begrimed, the muscles of powerful arms and shoulders straining with pick and bar and shovel against gold-flecked ore, hear the music of a woman’s voice. They turn and to their amazement see before them in the shadowy tunnel a fragile, smiling nun. She holds aloft her silver crucifix.”

“My good brothers, we come down into the bowels of the earth to you in the name of your Creator, He Who pines for your filial love.’ Nuns braved the treacherous depths to come to the men, addressing them in the sweet mother tongue and bringing them the faith of their dear Jesus, the Jesus of their childhood, the very Jesus of their ancestors and progenitors, the saddened Jesus whom, in America, they had forgotten. The hearts of these men expanded so that at first they could not speak. They removed their caps, humbly kissed the crucifix in Francesca’s hands, knelt, and signed the cross. The presence of Francesca Cabrini and her daughters in the treacherous underground caverns where they labored seemed miraculous. Angels, brides of Heaven, had come to them in their daily, long darkness, and that visit they would cherish in prayer and memory to the end of their days.”

God bless you!

Father Eric



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Saturday, January 24, 2026

5:00pm(Vigil) Ann Marie Stringile

Sunday, January 25, 2026

8:00am Rosemarie Candia

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

12Noon Rose Savarese

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am Leighton Wynter-Living

Tuesday: 9:00am James & Linda Morris

Wednesday: 9:00am Mary Campagna

Thursday: 9:00am Daniel Conroy

Friday: 9:00am Angelina & Salvatore Forstieri

Saturday, January 31, 2026

9:00am Grace Mary Garrett

5:00pm(Vigil) John & Angela Lupacchino

Sunday, February 1, 2026

8:00am Michael VanDaley

10:00am Leonardo Bambina-Living

12Noon Giuseppina Urso



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Saturday, January 24, 2026

6:00pm(Vigil) Felisa & Ernesto Raval

Sunday, January 25, 2026

9:00am Salvatore Purpora

10:00am(It) Juliana Bambina-Living

11:00am Alex Castino

1:00pm Robert M. Brisk

4:00pm Nigerian Mass

6:00pm Seymour Hionas

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00 am Gina Persico

8:00am Mary Joan Murname

Tuesday: 7:00am Valerio, Pasquale & Carmine LaRocca

8:00am Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Anthony

Wednesday: 7:00am Felicia Gordoma

8:00am Anthony & Emily DeLuca

Thursday: 7:00am Lucia & Dante Busconi

8:00am Felisa & Ernesto Raval

Friday: 7:00am Max Houss

8:00am The Diorio Family

Saturday, January 31, 2026

8:00am Mateo McEntee

6:00pm(Vigil) Seymour Hionas

Sunday, February 1, 2026

9:00am Silveo & Beatrice Tomao

10:00am(It) Maria & Vito Iacoviello

11:00am Teresa Principe & Teresa Chiappetta

1:00pm Robert Ellis

4:00pm Polish Mass

6:00pm Edward Walsh

BAPTISM SEMINAR

SATURDAY, January 31, 2026

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 Bread and Wine this week is offered :
 At St. Thomas Church

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For more information call 347-987-0467 or visit offthestreetsstateniland.com



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, Tom Quercia, Linda DiSilvio, Maria Buono, George Marino, Michael Archer, Michael Rokicki, Renee Bavero.

In your sympathy, please pray for: Susan Tango and Denise Kurtz, Patricia Zulch

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
BRIAN RODRIGO
"BELOVED SON"
"FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS"
requested by Dennis & Mary Rodrigo

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
VITO & TERESA BASSO
requested by Nicholas Basso

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
HUME & ZABORSKIS FAMILIES
requested by Dr. Margaret Hume Zaborskis

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
DESMOND PATRICK GILLESPIE
"LOVE YOU FOREVER"
KAREN & CONOR
requested by Karen Gillespie

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

Christmas Flower Offering: John & Frances Avolio



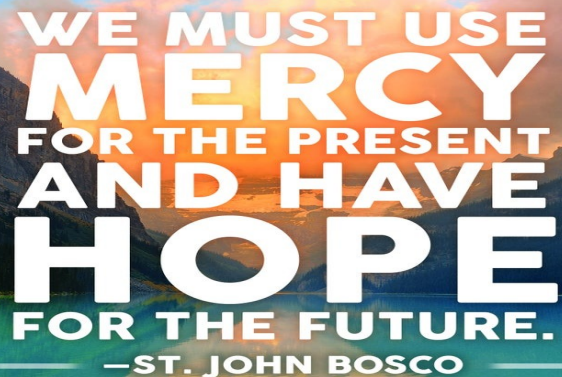
FEAST OF ST. BLAISE
Blessing of the Throats
Tuesday, February 3rd is the
Feast of St. Blaise.

Throats will be blessed at all Masses

St. Thomas St. Joseph
7:00am & 8:00am 9:00am

and

Msgr. Finn Hall 8:30pm after Bible Study



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