

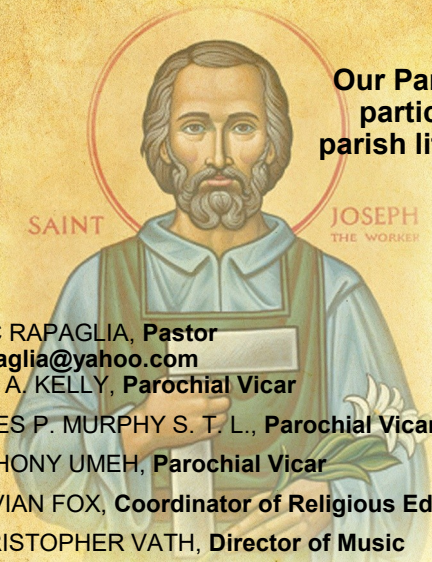
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 8, 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 2:30 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

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,

Ronald Hicks is now “officially” the chief shepherd of our local church, the Archbishop of New York. He was installed at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral three days ago. His Excellency emphasizes the power of prayer. Why should he not? After all, Jesus (blessed be His Name) once said: *Ask and it will be given you, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be open to you* (Matthew 7:7). Saint James the Apostle says further: *The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful* (James 5:16). Therefore, says the Apostle, Saint Paul: *Persevere in prayer* (Romans 12:12). May we keep our new Archbishop in our daily prayers. He has an enormous burden to carry in piloting the People of God in this modern-day Sodom and Gomorrah in which we live. May we also pray for our beloved Cardinal Dolan, as he adjusts to retirement.

Archbishop Hicks said of prayer, “I take my prayer life very seriously. I spend quite a bit of time in prayer. I make sure that I do a holy hour every morning, and the Eucharist is central in my life.” In prayer we express our desires and even our anxieties to the good Lord, as Saint Peter, the first Pope said: *Cast all your worries upon Him because He cares for you* (1 Peter 5:7). Archbishop Hicks said, “My desire in prayer has been to unite my heart with the heart of Jesus, to do the will of the Father. I want to trust. I want to surrender. I want to do God’s will.”

His Excellency was asked about his mission as Archbishop of New York. He answered, “I want to follow Jesus. I love the Church. I love the priesthood. I love people. As bishops, we’re called to govern, to teach, and to sanctify. But I look most forward to having the opportunity to pray with and get to know the people of the Archdiocese of New York. There’s something about the people in the Archdiocese of New York. The amount of welcome, the amount of sincerity, the love that people have for the archdiocese, for their faith—it comes across. It’s sincere. And I look forward to being part of it . . . And I think just about everyone in the world is represented in the Archdiocese of New York. Everyone’s here. To be a citizen of the world in the Archdiocese of New York, I think it’s a strength.” (For further reading see, “Interview: Archbishop-designate Ronald A. Hicks, *The Good Newsroom*, 20 January 2026.).

God bless you!
Father Eric

PARTIME HOUSEKEEPER WANTED:

A partime housekeeper is needed for our Parish Office. Interested parties please call Fr. Eric at 718-356-0294 or email frapaglia@yahoo.com.



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
16 POPLAR AVENUE
STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK 10309

Saturday, February 7, 2026

5:00pm(Vigil) Annunziata Paccione

Sunday, February 8, 2026

8:00am Michael Van Daley
 10:00am Loreti & Ungarelli Family-Living & Deceased
 12Noon Christopher Walsh

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish
 Tuesday: 9:00am Deceased at St. Joseph Cemetery
 Wednesday: 9:00am Giuseppe & Maria Papandrea
 Thursday: 9:00am Moises Sakdalan
 Friday: 9:00am Fran & John Basuino

Saturday, February 14, 2026

9:00am Joseph Oppedisano
 5:00pm(Vigil) Alfred Fiechter

Sunday, February 15, 2026

8:00am Rosemarie Candia
 10:00am Digna Rocher
 12Noon Catherine & Raymond Rogers



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH
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Saturday, February 7, 2026

6:00pm(Vigil) Madeline, Jerry, Michael & Jamie Vitacco

Sunday, February 8, 2026

9:00am Rudolph Corcillo
 10:00am(It) Vincenzo & Bellina Demetrio
 11:00am Barbara Cannizzaro
 1:00pm Marie Garuccio Catalosi
2:30pm Special Needs– Diana Thompson
 6:00pm Charles Ferrito

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00 am Margaret Iovine
 8:00am Joan LaChance
 Tuesday: 7:00am Kenneth Connelly
 8:00am Florence Vassallo
 Wednesday: 7:00am Carmela & Frank Lasorsa
 8:00am Tony Corino
 Thursday: 7:00am Carmela, Antonio & Anna Mungo
 8:00am Maria Guadagno
 Friday: 7:00am All Souls in Purgatory
 8:00am John Savino

Saturday, February 14, 2026

8:00am Anthony Rozzo
 6:00pm(Vigil) Nicholas Paul Conte

Sunday, February 15, 2026

9:00am Stephen M. Gregoreadis
 10:00am(It) Sibilgia, Pietro & Michael Dellegrazie
 11:00am Robert Clark
 1:00pm Salvatore Corallo
 6:00pm John Walsh

BAPTISM SEMINAR

SATURDAY, February 28, 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

**In Loving Memory of
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Our **Altar Flowers** have been donated this week at St. Thomas :

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Our Altar Candles will burn through out this week in St. Thomas Church

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**ASH WEDNESDAY
 FEBRUARY 18th SCHEDULE**

7:00 AM (ST) MASS
 8:00 AM (ST) MASS
 9:00 AM (SJ) MASS
 10:30 AM (ST) Word Service
 12 NOON MASS (SJ)
 2:00 PM (ST) Word Service
 3:00 PM (ST) Word Service
 4:00 PM (ST) Word Service
 5:00 PM (ST) Word Service
 6:00 PM (SJ) Word Service
 7:30 PM MASS (ST)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
 PRAY FOR US! ©LPI

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, Neil DeGennaro, Wesley Devita, Tina Bini, Patricia Conway, Tom Quercia, Linda DiSilvio, Maria Buono, George Marino, Michael Archer, Michael Rokicki, Renee Bavero, Joseph Mangano.

In your sympathy, please pray for: Andrea Sinisi, Calogera Sedita, John J. Africano, Piero Pignini, Adele Fava, Gerry Vuoso.

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

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
VINCENT NICHILLO
"ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS"
YOUR LOVING FAMILY
requested by Joann Nichilo

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
MICHAEL ESPOSITO
BELOVED HUSBAND, FATHER &
GRANDFATHER
"ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS"
requested by Lia Esposito

"300 CLUB"

Congratulations to all the winners in our 64th round of the 300 Club.
Special thanks to the committee the following winners were drawn:

\$1000.00	Joseph Stachurski	# 073
\$ 250.00	Glenn Abolt	# 094
\$ 100.00	Diane Braendly	# 044
\$ 50.00	John O'Rourke	# 173
\$ 50.00	Gaspare Mule	# 194
\$ 50.00	Philip & Dina Buccigrossi	# 051

Our new 300 Club LXV will be starting soon.
There are numbers available.
Please join us!

Lent

Lent, the penitential season of the Church year begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until Easter. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are **days of fast and abstinence**: everyone between the ages of 18 and 59, inclusive, are seriously obliged to eat no more than one full meal and two smaller meals throughout the day, and to avoid eating meat throughout the day. All Fridays of Lent oblige everyone who has reached his or her 14th year to abstain from all meat.

During Lent- Mass:

Every Friday at 7:30pm at St. Thomas Church.

Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday following the 9:00am Mass at St. Joseph . At St. Thomas Church at 12noon in Italian and after the 7:30pm Mass.

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