

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:

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

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**.

Saint

Thomas



Dear Parishioners,

John Knutsen grew up in a family that went to Mass every Sunday. Unfortunately, the family did not talk much about the Faith otherwise. Certainly, that happens in our religion. A temptation arises for parents to think that it is enough simply to take one's children to Mass each Sunday. It is essential to do so, yes. It is a very noble thing. It is a mortal sin to miss Mass on Sunday without a very good reason, such as illness. However, it is not enough. We must live the Gospel. In order to live the Gospel, we must know the Gospel and understand what the Church teaches and why.

In high school Knutsen started to drift away from the Faith. One day, there were people on a street corner giving out Bibles and the teenaged Knutsen took one and started ripping out the pages as he walked away. After his oldest brother died of A.I.D.S. at the age of 30 Knutsen concluded that God does not exist. How could He exist when there is so much suffering in the world? When Jesus Christ came to this earth, He did not come to eliminate human suffering. There is still plenty. He did not come to explain it. It remains a mystery. He came to fill it with His presence.

Knutsen eventually found himself in graduate school for a Ph.D. in history. There he met Father Clark Kelly, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales. "He noticed me," said Knutsen. The priest had an appealing and attractive personality. As a result, John began to feel comfortable sharing his "existential angst" with him. He started to read good spiritual literature that was recommended to him.

His mother played a role in his spiritual life at this point. She was the coordinator of a local perpetual adoration chapel. She asked him to cover some hours that nobody had signed up for. While sitting in the presence of Jesus, hidden in the Sacred Host behind the glass of the monstrance, he understood theologically the truths of Catholicism. He asked himself, however, "This makes perfect sense. But why can't I believe?"

The time in the chapel helped him immensely with his panic attacks. He simply felt better after being there. One day, he had a particularly acute attack and he rushed to the chapel and said to the good Lord, "I can't do this anymore. I need you." Right after that session, Knutsen knocked on Fr. Kelly's door and made his Confession, his first in many years. He said, "I was back in the fold, but I still had a long way to go." [For further reading google "An Atheist Goes to the Adoration Chapel John Knutsen"]

Children of God, the power of silence before the Blessed Sacrament is immense. Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist and He speaks. However, His language is silence. Some languages are romance languages, like Italian and Spanish. Some languages are tactile, like Braille. Sign language is all visual. Christ's language is silence. Mother Teresa used to say, "The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace."

God bless you!

Father Eric



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
16 POPLAR AVENUE
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Saturday, August 1, 2026

5:00pm(Vigil) Joseph Trippiedi

Sunday, August 2, 2026

8:00am Giuseppe Purpora
 10:00am Judith Anatra
 12Noon Jerry Vuoso

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish
 Tuesday: 9:00am Thomas & Barbara Locasio
 Wednesday: 9:00am Edward Failla-1st anniversary
 Thursday: 9:00am Danielle Marasciullo
 Friday: 9:00am Williamson Family-Deceased

Saturday, August 8, 2026

9:00am Maria Zingaro
 5:00pm(Vigil) Attilio Cervasio

Sunday, August 9, 2026

8:00am Sandra Williams
 10:00am Loreti & Ungarelli Family-Living & Deceased
 12Noon Joan Martorelli

BAPTISM SEMINAR

SATURDAY, August 29, 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.

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St. John Neumann

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6:00pm(Vigil) Brian Rodrigo

Sunday, August 2, 2026

9:00am John Hurley
 10:00am Maria & Vito Iacoviello
 11:00am Tadeusz, Marianna & Boleslaw Supinski
 1:00pm Rose Pepitone
4:00pm Polish Mass
 6:00pm Mary DeCandido

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00 am Matteo Quaranto
 8:00am Connie Albergo
 Tuesday: 7:00am Zackary Caruso-Living
 8:00am Barbara Oliver
 Wednesday: 7:00am Helen Busconi
 8:00am Anthony Petsche
 Thursday: 7:00am Anna, Carmela & Antonio Mungo
 8:00am Calogero Armandini
 Friday: 7:00am Asterio Navarro
 8:00am Christopher Walsh-1st Anniversary

Saturday, August 8, 2026

8:00am Frank Whalen
 6:00pm(Vigil) Pat & Flo Merli

Sunday, August 9, 2026

9:00am Patricia Reilly
 10:00am Vincenzo & Bellina Demetrio
 11:00am Barbara Cannizzaro
 1:00pm Dolores Edkins-1st Anniversary
2:30pm Special Needs
 6:00pm Mary DeCandido



MARRIAGE BANNS

1st Banns Michael Mitchell & Alexandra Kelly
1st Banns Julian Vega & Patricia Sixon
2nd Banns Andy Chango & Jisella Trinidad
3rd Banns Henry Kropp & Serina Agnello



**Prayer to St Michael
 The Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel,
 defend us in battle.
 Be our protection against
 the wickedness and snares
 of the Devil. May God rebuke
 him, we humbly pray, and do
 thou, O Prince of the heavenly
 hosts, by the power of God,
 thrust into hell Satan, and
 all the evil spirits, who
 prowl about the world
 seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen

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.

Joseph A. Pulizotto, Ellen Merli, Louis Amatrudo, Stacey Benvenuto, John Michael Pasquale, Kristen Kress, Christina Natale, Neil DeGennaro, Wesley Devita, Patricia Conway, Tom Quercia, Linda DiSilvio, George Marino, Michael Archer, Michael Rokicki, Renee Bavero, Joseph Mangano, Gertrude Buonomo, Dominic Aiello, Robert Salvador, Angelo Cordella, Cathy Pisano, Frances Minieri, Kym Garrison, Angelica Munoz Teahan, Zackary Caruso, Hannelore Nobile, Daniel Simonson, Vito Iacoviello.

In your sympathy, please pray for: Nunziato Tuccio, Jerilyn Paradiso, GinaMarie Piro, Dominick Candelaro, Gertrude Sokolowsky, .

Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20

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Candles, please call the Parish Office.

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will burn for 1 year in St. Thomas Church :

EN MEMORIA DE
PEDRO NAVARRO
"SIEMPRE EN NUESTROS CORAZONES."
NENA y FAMILIA
requested by Janella Banome

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
JOSEPH D. QUERCIA
"FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS"
requested by Patricia Quercia

"300 CLUB"

Congratulations to all the winners in our 65th round of the 300 Club.
Special thanks to the committee for an outstanding dinner-dance on July 18th at which the following winners were drawn:

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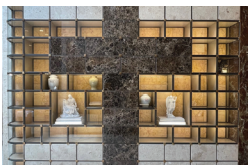


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