



# St. Joseph St. Thomas Parish

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May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter

REV. ROBERT W. DILLON, Pastor  
REV. EVANGELIO R. SUAYBAGUIO, Parochial Vicar  
REV. NEIL A. KELLY, Parochial Vicar  
REV. RIZALINO P. GARCIA, Parochial Vicar  
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MRS. ELIZABETH A. BRIM, Director of Religious Education  
MR. GREGORY M. HAUCK, Coordinator of Religious Education  
DR. CHARLES P. TALLEY, Director of Music  
MR. FRANK DeCANDIDO, Sports Council President

### 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.

### 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.

### DEVOTIONS:

Miraculous Medal: Mondays after the 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. Masses at St. Thomas Church and after the 9:00 A.M. Mass at St. Joseph Church

Our Lady of the Community (Virgin of the Barangay):

1st Saturday of the month—Rosary 6:00 P.M., Mass at 7:15 P.M. at St. Thomas Church.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Sunday—Saturday 9:00 A.M.—8:00 P.M.

St. Thomas is  Accessible

### 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.

Again, Welcome!

### 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

The Sacrament of Matrimony is an image of God's love and commitment to us. 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 shut-ins 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

On the last weekend of each month, confessions are heard before, during and after all Masses.

Confessions can always be scheduled individually by calling the parish office.

Happy  
Mother's  
Day



### WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A PARISHIONER

Please fill out the form below and drop it into the Collection Basket next weekend. We will mail you a census form.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

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C. J. S. Parish Co., Inc.



Welcome

## St. Joseph's Church

### Saturday, May 13, 2017

5:00pm(Vigil) For All Mothers Living & Deceased

### Sunday, May 14, 2017

8:00am For All Mothers Living & Deceased  
10:00am For All Mothers Living & Deceased  
12Noon For All Mothers Living & Deceased

### WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish  
Tuesday: 9:00am Irene M. Lucas (6th Anniversary)  
Wednesday: 9:00am Anne McDonough  
Thursday: 9:00am Rubino Carmela & Feoli Maria  
Friday: 9:00am DiGiorgio Family

### Saturday, May 20, 2017

9:00pm Rose Ferrugio  
5:00pm(Vigil) Rafaella & Salvatore Iovine

### Sunday, May 21, 2017

8:00am Christine Parszik  
10:00am Loreti & Ungarelli Family  
12Noon Catherine Jiannetto

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1:00pm For All Mothers Living & Deceased  
2:30pm For All Mothers Living & Deceased  
6:00pm For All Mothers Living & Deceased

### WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00am Rodolfo Clemente  
8:00am May Moore (Living)  
Tuesday: 7:00am Steven J. Wilson (living)  
8:00am Antoinette & James Ranelli  
Wednesday: 7:00am John J, Schillaci  
8:00am Sabrina Ippolito  
Thursday: 7:00pm Marie Mazzone & Marc Engel  
8:00am Olzewski Family  
Friday: 7:00am Nancy Schillaci  
8:00am Giovanna Imperiale

### Saturday, May 20, 2017

8:00pm Giuseppe & Carolina Pravata  
6:00pm(Vigil) Anna Pascale

### Sunday, May 21, 2017

9:00am Agnes & Vincent Pepe  
10:00am Sibia & Pietro Dellegrazie  
11:00am Barbara Cannizzaro  
1:00pm Donald Erkman  
6:00pm Robert Byrne, Jr.

## MEMORIALS



*Our Bread and Wine* this week is offered :  
At St. Thomas Church *In Loving Memory of  
Simonson & Larkin Families* requested by  
Arthur & Mary Alice Simonson.  
At St. Joseph Church *In Loving Memory of  
Laura Bevilacqua* requested by  
The Giambalvo Family.

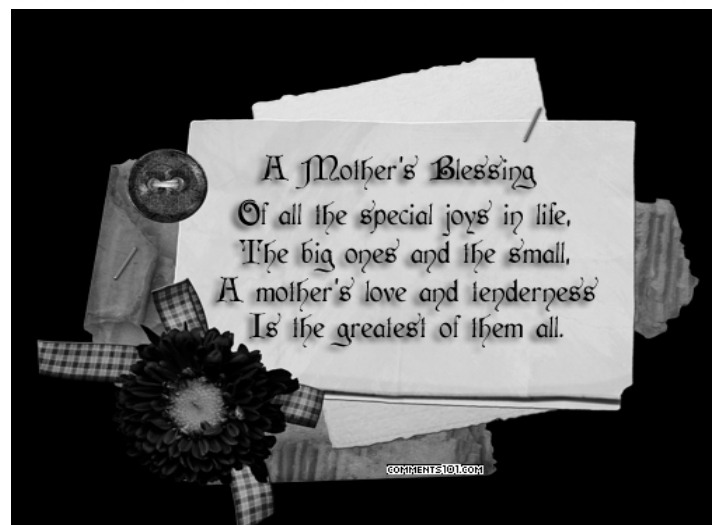


## MARRIAGE BANNS

1<sup>st</sup> Banns Ronald Racioppi & Mary Fazzia  
3<sup>rd</sup> Banns Jonathan Gonzalo DelRosario & Maria Ana Santiago

## Mother's Day

Together we take time this Sunday to honor our mothers, living and deceased. We fittingly remember them at Mass in prayer and, if living, with love and attention. Mother's Day is really every day. Let our prayers and remembrances at Mass be a year-round activity. God bless our mothers, living and deceased.



**BAPTISM SEMINAR  
SATURDAY, May 27, 2017**

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.



**MARY'S MONTH**

May is the month devoted to honoring Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of all humankind. We urge all parishioners to pray the Rosary during the month of May and encourage their children and grandchildren to do likewise. Daily Mass and recitation of the Rosary can work wonders on the spiritual lives of us all.



**EASTER DUTY**

Every Catholic who has been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist is obliged to receive Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins **at least once a year**, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season. Frequent reception of the Eucharist and confession are strongly encouraged.

**Jubilee Mass Date Change Alert!!**



**MASS FOR COUPLES MARRIED 50 YEARS DURING 2017**

Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the **Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan** at the **Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>** at **2:00pm**. **Pre-registration is required.** Please contact **Phyllis Catania** at the **Parish Office** for registration. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life † Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

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

**IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
ELSIE STEFANSKI, HERBERT STEFANSKI,  
JEROME STEFANSKI, BARBARA McHUGH & JOHN  
THOMAS PHILIPS**  
*requested by Arlene A. Philips*

For more information about Remembrance Candles, please call the Parish Office.

**SACRED HEART  
REMEMBRANCE VIGIL CANDLES**  
will burn for 1 year in St. Thomas Church :

**IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
THOMAS & THERESA IORIZZO**  
**“SO DEARLY LOVED, SO SADLY MISSED”  
“FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS”  
TIL WE MEET AGAIN,  
YOUR LOVING DAUGHTERS & SON-IN-LAW,  
JOANNE, LORRAINE & GREG**  
*requested by Joanne Iorizzo*

*For more information about  
Sacred Heart Remembrance Candles  
please call the Parish Office.*



**Festa di San Antonio**

Mercoledì 31 Maggio inizia la novena in onore di S. Antonio alle 7:30 p.m. a casa di Mario e' Chiara Colella. Per l'informazione per piacere telefonate 718-948-3819.

The novena in honor of St. Anthony will begin on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 7:30 p.m and will run for 13 days. Daily novena's will be held at the house of Mr. & Mrs. Mario & Chiara Colella. For more information please feel free to contact them at 718-948-3819.

### **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 and Eucharistic Ministers weekly or monthly as requested. Please let us know your needs by calling the parish office.

Ethel Ducey, Frank DeJulio, Carol Kopczynski, Ed Kopczynski, Peter Cruciata, John Anthony Benedetto, Christina Greco, Joseph Roesch, Stacy Wolski, Brian Orlick, Joseph Piazza, Melissa Monahan Connolly, Russell Monahan, Thomas Ambrosio, Linda Kolarcik Monahan, Harriet Cummings, Anthony Bambina, Beth Cherick, Audie Parker, Mary Metzger, James Principato, Werner Kropp, Dean Agirio, Ryan Hansen, Caroline Phelps, Angie Patterson, Tony Flynn, Allen Reese, John Spadaro, Joseph Onorio, Louis Amatrudo, Vincent Ippolito, Dominic Aiello, Stephanie Phillips-Verbett, Michael Iannozzi, Daniel Panarella, Sophie Fiorella, Peter Fiorella, Lucy George, Joseph George, Frank Vitarelli, James Brady, Danielle Cameron, Edward Joyce, Margaret Quinn, Janice Blanchard, Maria Ruggeri, Maureen Murray, Maria Gambino, Matthew Taylor, Christina Rodriguez.

*In your sympathy, please pray for: Sophie Fiorella and Agnes Geary.*

### **St. Joseph – St. Thomas School 2017 – 2018 Registration**

Accepting applications for  
Pre K-3, Pre K-4 and Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

#### **Open House**

May 21, 2017  
11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

You can also contact us at (718)356-3344 for a tour on a different day and time or stop by to pick up one of our brochures.

Visit us on our website [www.sjstparish.org](http://www.sjstparish.org) to learn more about our school, see our photo gallery and print an application.

### **50/50 CLUB**

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**“Share & Share Alike”**

**Donation to enter: \$5.00 – Next Drawing – May 31<sup>st</sup>**

### **SCHEDULED PARISH MEETINGS**

#### **HOLY NAME SOCIETY/MEN'S CLUB**

**Tuesday, June 13– 8pm**

Msgr. Finn Hall – St. Thomas Room  
All men 18 yrs. of age and older are invited.

#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

**Wednesday, May 17 -7:30pm**

Msgr. Finn Hall - Infant of Prague Room

#### **ST. THOMAS ADULT CHOIR**

Rehearsal every Wednesday at  
8pm in St. Thomas Church

#### **JUNIOR CHOIR**

Rehearsal every Tuesday in St. Thomas Church  
**4:00pm-5:15pm**

#### **ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Thursday, May 18– 7:15pm**

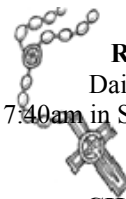
Msgr. Finn Hall

Father Neil Kelly – Program Presenter

Joseph Delaney—Program Coordinator

#### **ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

Please call Nancy Hahn at 917-295-8954.



#### **RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**

Daily recitation of the Rosary takes place  
7:40am in St. Thomas Church and 8:30am at St. Joseph's  
Church.

#### **CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

Monday at 8:00 P.M. at the receiving room of St. Joseph- St.  
Thomas Parish Center (Blue House).

#### **VIRGIN OF THE BARANGAY MASS**

**Saturday, June 3** – St. Thomas Church  
Rosary at 6pm – Mass in the English language at 7:15PM

#### **ROSARY & HEALING MASS**

Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – 8pm – St. Joseph Church  
**All are welcome.**



#### **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

The Bereavement ministry invites all bereaved persons that have completed our 8-week Support Group to our monthly on-going group meetings. We meet on the first Thursday of each month. Please call Pat Monahan at 718-317-7544 if interested in attending.



## Mother Baby Blessing

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady. 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 **11:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas Church** on Sunday, **May 21, 2017**. Please call the Parish Office if

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In many parish churches, more rarely in monastery churches and cathedrals, the tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament is visible from a doorway or aisle in the church. Normally, a person is to give the proper sign of reverence, a genuflection, when passing in proximity to the tabernacle. The word “genuflect” comes from Latin roots meaning bending (or flexing) the knee. A common-sense exception to the rule is for a sacristan who is taking care of the church and can’t be genuflecting every thirty seconds during a vacuum run. Also excepted are persons in procession entrusted with important symbols of the Lord’s presence. So, a crossbearer or a minister carrying the Gospel book, or ministers on their way to their Communion stations do not genuflect. For everyone else, the usual sign of reverence for the Lord’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament is to genuflect on the right knee.

The oldest form of reverence during prayer in our tradition is standing; kneeling or genuflecting is a sign borrowed from old civic practice. The posture of kneeling, even on one knee, is a sign of submission. Servants would take this position before their masters in the ancient world. It said: I’m not running away, I’m yours, I’m here for you. This is what your genuflection says when you enter a Catholic church where the place of reservation of the Blessed Sacrament is visible to you: I’m yours.

### THE WAY

Today we sense the apostles’ trepidation as they begin to realize that the Lord would soon be leaving them. In their fear, they ask, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” (John 14:5). Jesus tells them that *he* is the way. The Easter season has been a time of growing in Easter faith so that we, too, may learn to know that Jesus is the way. We can take comfort in the Lord’s promise that he is going to his Father’s house to prepare a place for us, his chosen people who have been called out of darkness into God’s wonderful light. As the paschal candle continues to burn during this holy season, let us remember that in baptism we were given the light of Christ. With Christ our light as the beacon lighting our way, let us march toward the glory of Pentecost.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21

Richmond Choral Society  
Presents **Bach To Broadway**

**Saturday May 20 8pm**

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
505 Watebogue Road ~ Staten Island

General Admission \$20 ~ Seniors \$15  
Students w/ID \$10 ~ Children under 12 FREE

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and More!

**Marina Alexander**  
Music Director

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# You're invited!

Please join us as we celebrate a

## Mass for God's Little Ones

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

All children baptized within the last two years are invited with their families to join us for this special Mass.

Refreshments will be served after Mass in Msgr. Finn Hall.

Please call the parish office at 718-356-0294.



I baptize you in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit

CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS

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Have a Blessed Week! !