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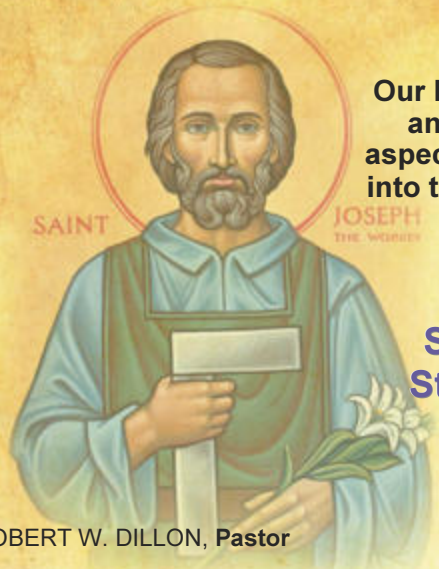

Our Parish Family invites all to be active and participating members in every aspect of parish life! Every family moving into the parish is invited to register at the Parish Office. If you change your address, please notify us.

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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.

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.

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

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

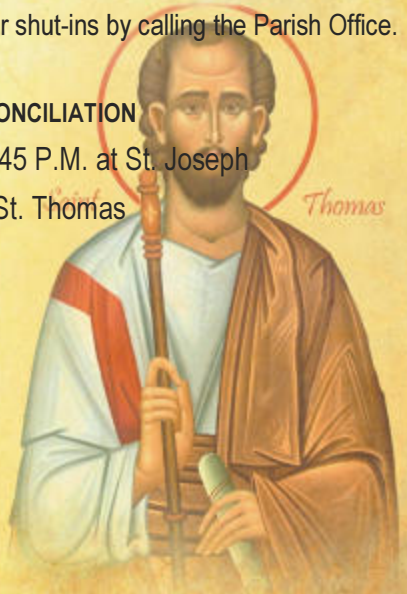
Regular administration of the Sacraments

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



You are invited to

Our Parish Thanksgiving Mass

St. Thomas Church

Tuesday, November 23rd 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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2021

As the nights are cooler, days are shorter and the crisp scent of fall fills the air, we are once again reminded of the important days that lie ahead for helping those in need. The turmoil of Covid has created food shortages for many people and the necessity to help our community is just as great as it was last year. 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 baskets inclusive with all the food found on a traditional Thanksgiving table. (Baskets included cardboard boxes, laundry baskets, wicker baskets, and even durable bags.) The response was overwhelming! So in keeping with this tradition, we once again ask for your support with a basket donation. Encourage your neighbors, family, friends and coworkers to help contribute items to your basket. Decorate it in the traditional festive manner and be as creative as you would like. Of course, if you are unable to provide a basket, any and all non-perishable food will be accepted and appreciated. Whatever your contribution, know that you made someone's Thanksgiving a happy and joyous occasion.

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

We have arranged to collect the baskets and other non-perishable food in front of the gym doors of the school *ONLY* on Saturday , November 20, 2021 from 9am-12pm If you prefer, we can arrange to pick up your basket directly from you. Simply email us at stvindepaulsjstsjn@gmail.com and we will be in touch. You may also use this email to contact us if you are in need of our assistance or know of someone who is. We are here to help.

God Bless you for all you do.

St. Joseph's Church
16 Poplar Avenue
Staten Island, New York 10309

Saturday, November 13, 2021
5:00pm(Vigil) Alfred & Marcellina Molfino
Sunday, November 14, 2021
8:00am Marie & Joseph Oglio
10:00am Loreti & Ungarelli Family
12Noon Bambina, Crociata & Piazza Family –Living

WEEKDAYS

Monday:	9:00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday:	9:00am	Tony Corino
Wednesday:	9:00am	Bobby Corino-**10th Anniversary**
Thursday:	9:00am	Randi Santamaria
Friday:	9:00am	Anne Melillo

Saturday, November 20, 2021
9:00am Edward J. Hollywood, Sr.
5:00pm(Vigil) John & Rose Trippiedi
Sunday, November 21, 2021
8:00am Robert Soto
10:00am Restituto Clemente
12Noon Barbara Yasosky

BAPTISM SEMINAR
SATURDAY, November 27, 2021

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.

50/50

Our October 50/50 winner won $540.00

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Saturday, November 13, 2021
6:00PM(Vigil) Nino Russo
Sunday, November 14, 2021
9:00am Norma Gallo
10:00am Sibilia & Pietro Dellegrazie
11:00am Barbara Cannizzaro
1:00pm Concetta & Giacinto Carbone
2:30pm Special Needs
6:00pm Nicholas Paul Conte

WEEKDAYS

Monday:	7:00 am	Jesse Ferrentino
	8:00am	Shirley Singhofen
Tuesday:	7:00am	Sabrina Ippolito
	8:00am	Robert A. O'Mara
Wednesday:	7:00am	James Reilly
	8:00am	Caterina Cogliandro
Thursday:	7:00am	Vincent Kropp
	8:00am	Patricia Dillon
Friday:	7:00am	Rosa Gaccione
	8:00am	Anna Mungo Greco

Saturday, November 20, 2021
8:00am Peter Malandro
6:00pm(Vigil) Veronica Smith
Sunday, November 21, 2021
9:00am Nancy Staffieri
10:00am Nicoletta Butera
11:00am Jack Becaccio
1:00pm Tito Lavermicocca
6:00pm Joseph LaRocca

MEMORIALS

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requested by Maria Smircich

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

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OF
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Join us for the NY Chapter online Maria Goretti Network (MGN) support group for all those in any way affected by abuse (physical, sexual, mental, emotional, financial, etc) to experience healing in God's love and freedom through forgiveness. Abuse is never your fault and you are not alone.
Contact nyc@mgoretti.org for the Zoom link or visit www.mgoretti.org for more information.

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, Ed Kopczynski, Christina Greco, Stacy Wolski, Brian Orlick, Anthony Bambina, Mary Metzger, Matthew Taylor, Carol Cincotta, Steven Daquieno, Joseph A. Pulizotto, Josephine Marchiano, Michael Esposito, Ellen Merli, Anthony Siconolfi, Ava Battista, Joan La Chance, Jared Rodriguez, Russell Monahan, David Balaban, Louis Amatrudo, Philip Pallis, Brian Burch, Dominick Marrone, Ann Doherty, Stanley Nepsie, Isaac Freeman, Dominic Aiello, Patricia Sano, Jillian Walsh, Elaina Pecora, Rose Pergola, Carmine Panico, Michael Hogan, John Vittore, Msgr. Peter G. Finn, Jerry Garcia,.

In your sympathy, please pray for: Margaret Sang, Evelyn McCormack and Giuseppe Palacino

Question:

Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?

Answer:

All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." Take a moment to ponder these words from today's Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It's hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the "when" of death, the "what" of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord's coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God's eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

shaken	glory	chosen
clouds	angels	leaves
power	gather	heaven

shknae	s h a k e n
gthrae	
chsnoe	
cldsou	
glryo	
hvneea	
pwroe	
angsle	
lvseea	

MISSION

Invite a friend to come to church with you. Share a meal together, and talk about the promise Jesus made about heaven.

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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 13:24-32

WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of November 14, 2021

Sunday	Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
Monday	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44 *Dedication:* Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday	Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

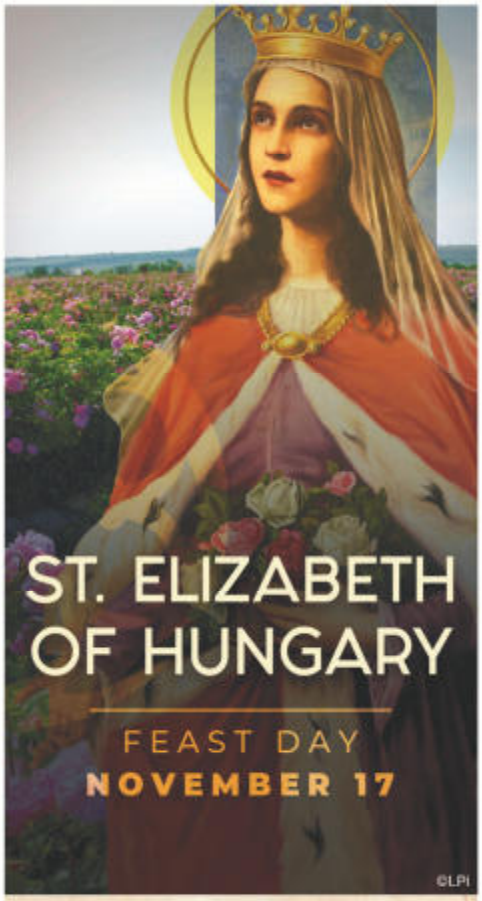
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Sunday:	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Thursday:	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Saturday:	BVM
Next Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Every human being asks and answers a very important existential question. What happens to us when we die? The answer we provide will determine how we chart the course of our existence. It will also determine whether the Second Coming of Christ will be of any concern to us. For many, life is simply a random occurrence with no significant intention or meaning about it. For these people, their eventual death, and the end of the earth as they know it, have little importance beyond their personal consequences. But, for people of faith our natural death and the Second Coming of Christ have huge implications. It is to these things that our faith speaks volumes and can bring a keen understanding and direction that the secular world simply cannot provide. This is where the call to vigilance and the primordial virtues of faith, hope, and love become useful and meaningful. We are works in progress who can either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful surprising creativity of his will.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Although her life was short, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 – 1231) is recognized for her love of the poor and suffering, and as patroness of Catholic charities and the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, she chose a life of penance instead of leisure, which made an impact on the "commoners" she served.

St. Elizabeth married Louis of Thuringia when she was 14. Deeply in love, they had three children. Despite their wealth, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and St. Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family did not look kindly upon her and mistreated her before finally throwing her out of the palace. However, the return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

St. Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1228 where she cared for the poor in a hospital she founded in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. She died in 1231, but her great popularity resulted in her being named a saint only four years later.

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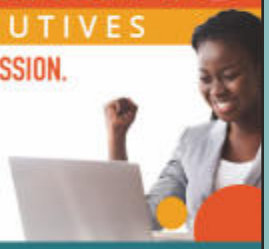

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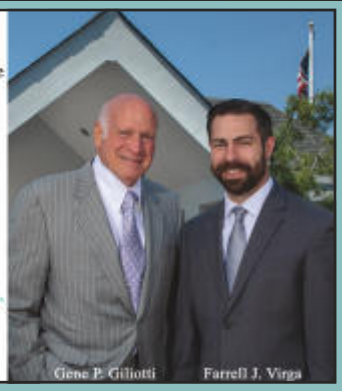

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