

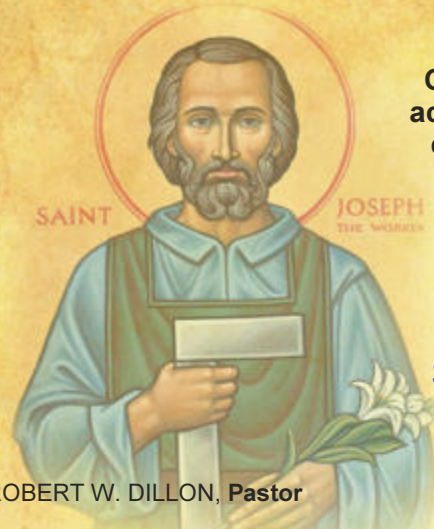
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

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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

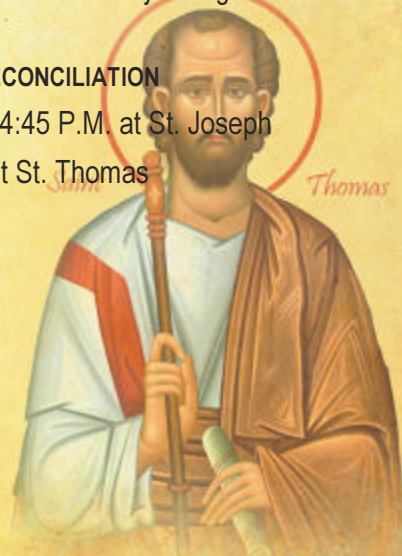
The Sacrament of the Sick comforts and strengthens the seriously ill and the elderly. It is a help for the living. We should not wait until there is a danger of death. In case of emergency call the Rectory.

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



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.

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Saturday, January 22, 2022

5:00pm(Vigil) Anthony D. Melillo

Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:00am Keith Donahue
 10:00am Joseph Pergola & Padovano Family
 12Noon Bruno Evangelista

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish
 Tuesday: 9:00am Robert M. Brisk
 Wednesday: 9:00am In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
 Thursday: 9:00am Joseph A. Materna, Esq.-1st Anniversary
 Friday: 9:00am Vivian Padula

Saturday, January 29, 2022

9:00am Joe Sze
 5:00pm(Vigil) MaryAnn & Joseph Incorvaia

Sunday, January 30, 2022

8:00am Vivian Padula
 10:00am Tedeschi & Avidano Family
 12Noon Brother Charles P. Cully, CFX



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Saturday, January 22, 2022

6:00pm(Vigil) Frank L. Libretta

Sunday, January 23, 2022

9:00am Carmen Ortiz
 10:00am Frank Raspente, Sr.
 11:00am Alex Castino
 1:00pm Lena Barile
 6:00pm Grace Lutrario

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 7:00 am Anthony Borowiec
 8:00am Rodrigo & Maria Delacruz
 Tuesday: 7:00am Franca Larocca
 8:00am Paul Verardi
 Wednesday: 7:00am Elvira Larocca
 8:00am Mary Joan Murnane
 Thursday: 7:00am David William Geard
 8:00am Priests of the Parish
 Friday: 7:00am Priests of the Parish
 8:00am Frank Assalone

Saturday, January 29, 2022

8:00am Anthony Roman
 6:00pm(Vigil) Frank Siracusa

Sunday, January 30, 2022

9:00am Silveo Tomao
 10:00am Sibilina & Pietro Dellagrazia
 11:00am Eileen Mungavin
 1:00pm Robert Ellis
 6:00pm Joseph Nasta & Joseph Nasta ,Jr.



Marriage Banns

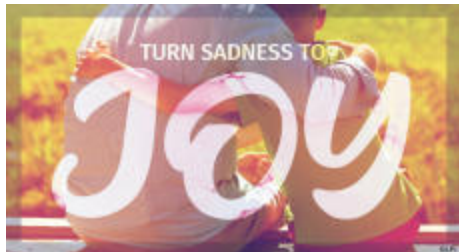
1st Banns Gregory McGovern & Deanna Simone
2nd Banns Frank Musto & Kaitlyn Kelly



MEMORIALS

Our Bread and Wine this week is offered :

At St. Thomas Church
In Loving Memory of
Frank L. Libretta
 requested by Theresa Libretta



BAPTISM SEMINAR
SATURDAY, January 29, 2022

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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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, Dominick Marrone, Ann Doherty, Jillian Walsh, Elaina Pecora, Rose Pergola, Carmine Panico, Michael Hogan, John Vittore, Msgr. Peter G. Finn, Jerry Garcia, Stacey Benvenuto, Tom Zwingraf, Louis Lepore, Marie Catalosi, Donna Levine.

In your sympathy, please pray for: **Msgr. Ferdinando Berardi, Joann O,Connell.**

OUR REMEMBRANCE VIGIL CANDLES

will burn for 1 year in St. Thomas Church for:

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OF
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"ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS"
YOUR LOVING FAMILY
requested by Robert Guidicipietro

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
CARMINE D'ANGELONE & LOUISE LEVY
"FOREVER LOVED & ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS"
requested by Anna D'Angelone

IN MEMORIA DI
GIOVANNA, PAOLO & GIUSEPPE PIGNATARO
"SIETE SEMPRE NEI NOSTRI CUORI"
C. RANIERI
requested by Catherina Ranieri

IN MEMORIA DI
NICOLA, MARIA & DOMENICO RANIERI
"SIETE SEMPRE NEI NOSTRI CUORI"
FRANCO RANIERI
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IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
OUR PARENTS
SOPHIE & PETER, SR. FIORELLA
&
OUR BROTHER WILLIAM FIORELLA
"YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS"
YOUR LOVING FAMILY
requested by Jane Novello

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

SACRED HEART

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will burn for 1 year in St. Thomas Church :

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OF
OUR SPECIAL ANGEL
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"FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS
YOUR LOVING FAMILY
requested by Theresa Dara

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

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



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

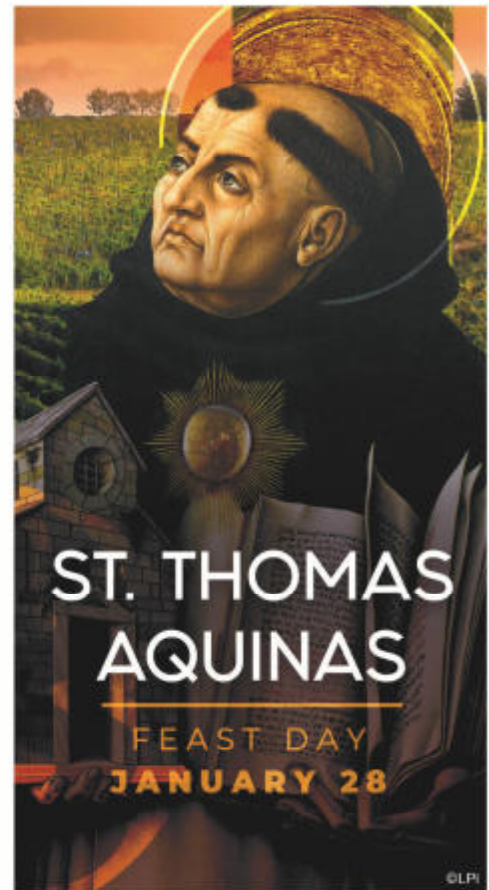
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Monday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Wednesday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Thursday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

PUZZLE

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT	FREEDOM	LORD
CHOSEN	SIGHT	JESUS
POOR	SUFFERS	TRUE

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S B C H O S E N V E
U P A T R H A R T I
F R E E D O M A W H
F N H C A L E I W S
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MISSION

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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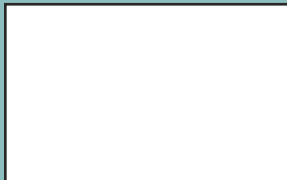
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