

AUGUST: MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST: FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Betty Castelli, r.i.p., by Bob Castelli*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *The Siner Family by Linda Siner*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *James Kelly & John Horan, r.i.p., by the Family*

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Thomas Purdue, r.i.p., by Caroline Mundy*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Hazel Vargo, r.i.p., by Linda DiSalvo*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Jerry & Helen Maddalena, r.i.p., by the Maddalena Family*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *pro populo*

MONDAY 8 AUGUST: MEMORIAL OF SAINT DOMINIC

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Betty Carlino, pro sal, by Sharon Bywater*
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *James Kelly & John Horan by Kathleen Kelly*



TUESDAY 9 AUGUST: MEMORIAL OF SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA of the CROSS

Patron of Astronomers &
8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Alberta Splrescia & Family by Mary King*

Dominican Republic

WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST: FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *William SanGiacomo, r.i.p., by Lillian Pelella*

THURSDAY 11 AUGUST: MEMORIAL OF SAINT CLARE

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Joan Gray, r.i.p., by Jim McGuinnis*



FRIDAY 12 AUGUST: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Jennifer Parisi & Jake by Mary King*

SATURDAY 13: MEMORIAL OF SAINTS PONTIAN & HIPPLYTUS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Pauline Losso, r.i.p., by David & Marie Fitzgerald*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *Father Robert Hilfiker, r.i.p., by Kathy Kissel*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *pro populo*

Patron of eye diseases,

goldsmiths,

NEXT SUNDAY 14 JULY: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

television
7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *James LeMay, r.i.p., by Flora LeMay & Carol Miller*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Lena Cavallo (100th Birthday Anniversary), r.i.p., by the Cavallo & Costanzo Families*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Henry & Vickie Malanowski (50th Anniversary) & Jim & Jennifer Malanowski (23rd Anniversary)*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *D. Edward Fitzgerald & Jennie McQuiston by the Family*

laundry, &

r.i.p. (requiescat in pace: rest in peace), *a.i.d.* (ad intentionem donoris: for the intention of the donor)

pro sal. (pro salutem: for health), *pro populo* (for the people)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THROUGH LABOR DAY

Monday - Thursday: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday: 9:00AM - 1:00PM

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Please join us after the 9:00AM Mass for food,
beverages, and fellowship.
All parishioners are welcome!

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

Saint Thomas: Parish Project Fund

Saint Joseph: Maintenance & Repairs

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Both Churches: Latin America/Home Missions

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING



Saint Thomas:
Regular: \$6691.76

Saint Joseph:
Regular: \$1872.00

STILL NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY:

Tuna, canned meats & pasta meals, any canned vegetables, canned potatoes, canned fruits, applesauce, cereal, macaroni & cheese, boxed sides.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER

Sip, Paint with Vine Van Gogh

to support the Cornwall Knights of Columbus. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and wine as you create your own masterpiece. A talented local artist will lead you step-by-step through the re-creation of a beautiful piece of art that you can call your own.



Absolutely no artistic experience is necessary! August 20th, 7PM in the St. Thomas Gymnasium (340 Hudson Street Cornwall-on-Hudson)

Tickets are on sale now at:
<http://vinevangogh.com/p.../community-canvas-knights-columbus/>

\$45.00 per person advanced registration required. Seating is first come first serve and begins at 6:45 PM. Painting begins promptly at 7:00 PM. Come early to get your raffle tickets!

All tickets include:

Required art supplies
Assortment of local cheeses, crackers, prosciutto & melon, wine, soda and water.
Event Duration: 2.5 hours (including a break)
Must be 18 years of age or older.

SAINT LAWRENCE (8/10)

Since the 4th century, the devotion to the deacon Lawrence, martyred in the year 258, has been continuous and strong. It is said that Lawrence, having witnessed the martyrdom of Pope Sixtus II, sold the Roman Church's goods and gave the proceeds to the poor. Four days later he himself was roasted on a gridiron, a death that he accepted with patience and good spirits, even telling his tormentors when he was "done to a turn". The Christian writer Prudentius saw Lawrence's suffering and death as the catalyst for the conversion of the city of Rome. The Emperor Constantine publicly honored Lawrence's grave with a chapel, where the church Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls stands today.

SAVE THE DATE!
PARISH PICNIC:
Sunday, September 25



TEACHERS NEEDED

Please contact Louise Pisano in the Religious Education Office (534-9393) if you are considering becoming a Catechist. This is a wonderful way to not only pass on our Faith but also to foster and strengthen your own spiritual growth. Training provided! Think about it!



PARISH WEBSITE

It is "under construction" and content is added weekly. Visit the site at: ststthomasjoseph.com. Mass schedules, upcoming events, parish news, bulletins, etc. can now be found online! Photos of parish life and activities would be appreciated. Please email them to office@stt-stj.com.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

In the Archdiocese of New York, because the Solemnity falls on a Monday (8/15), it is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation. However, the faithful are encouraged to mark the day in some special way, including attending Mass. The regular Monday Mass schedule is in effect at both Saint Thomas & Saint Joseph churches.



SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA of the CROSS (8/9)

Edith Stein was born to a Jewish family in Breslau, Germany (today part of Poland) in 1891. At fourteen she became an atheist, but her sincere search for "eternal values" as a scholar of philosophy led her to the threshold of the Church. After reading the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Avila at a friend's house, she exclaimed: "This is the Truth!" Ten years later she entered Carmel as Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. She was seized by Nazi soldiers in Echt, the Netherlands, on August 2, 1942, and died at the Auschwitz concentration camp seven days later. Teresa is venerated as a "martyr for love" who consciously offered her life for the salvation of her people.

BINGO NOTES!

There will be **NO BINGO** on

8/18, 8/25, 9/1.

Hope to see you on September 8th!



WHY BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION

by *Father Doughty*

Nancy Lohman sells real estate – kind of. To be precise, she sells \$400,000 mausoleums at any one of a number of the several dozen Florida cemeteries she owns. Quoted in the New York Times, she said of the mausoleums, “The mausoleum says, ‘I’m really significant in this world, I think I’m really significant to my family,’ and this is one way to communicate that to the community.” One of her customers, Ed Peck said his reason for purchasing his white granite tomb in a Greek-pillared neo-classical style was that “I did not want to be in the ground covered with weeds and whatnot and totally forgotten; I don’t like the idea of dirt being dumped on me.” The Times reported the growing popularity of extravagant tombs costing anywhere from a quarter million dollars to a million dollars (“For a price, Final Resting Places That Even Tut Could Appreciate,” *The New York Times*, April 17, 2006).

I could not help wondering if the trend toward opulence in funerary preparations (as well as what seems to be the opposite trend, the growing number of cremations) suggests a problem of faith in the Resurrection. The thoughts of those purchasing these monuments seem to have little, if any reference to a belief in resurrected life. There can be no doubt that people generally believe in life after death – that’s been commonly accepted for ages and ages – but to believe in the Resurrection, both Jesus’s and ours, is an article of faith particular to Christians. We measure our “significance in the world” by the ransom God paid for us in giving his only begotten son. The Resurrection is proof-positive that God loves humanity. Our destiny is hardly in the ground, covered “with weeds and whatnot.” The Resurrection is the beginning of the re-creation of the world God intended from the beginning, without sin and its consequence, death. No matter how glorious the monuments we leave behind to our memories, we must be ready to accept the fact that eventually we will be forgotten when those we love depart themselves from this life; but we will never be forgotten by God!

St. Augustine wrote: “Costly funerals and expensive displays may afford the living some consolation, but

are of no benefit to the departed.... Let care be bestowed upon funerals and the erection of monuments.... Let all perform these last services for their departed, and thereby relieve their own sorrow; but let them show greater zeal, care, and generosity in succoring the souls of the departed by Masses, prayers, and alms, and thus give evidence not only of a temporal, but also a spiritual love for those who are departed in body only, but not in spirit.”

We should not be surprised when formerly Christian societies take up practices and follow trends that are typical of non-christian cultures. When there is no faith, something must take its place (it is often said that “nature abhors a vacuum”). How sad, however, that the Gospel message that Christ is risen from the dead has failed to fascinate and captivate so many people with what is the only reasonable answer to our desires to enjoy the blessings of this life forever.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please note the new email address with which to contact Carolyn Mundy stsjprayerchain@gmail.com



2017 MASS BOOK

Mass requests for 2017 will be accepted beginning **Wednesday, September 14th**. In order to accommodate the many parishioners interested in having Masses offered we will **NOT** take any requests before that date and then it will be on a first come first served basis.

We can't really speak of "time" since the deceased person has entered eternity, but we can speak in terms of "final purification" before entrance into heaven. We believe that a Mass offered for a departed relative or friend may help hasten that final purification which he/she may still be undergoing in purgatory. Therefore, if a particular date is not available please do not “put off” requesting a Mass. Grace is present in all Masses, at all times.

As Father Rees highlights in his bulletin article today, a Mass offered for the deceased is the most effective way for us to join ourselves with our departed loved ones. (*Please remember that only one intention is permitted for each Mass and Holy Days are reserved for the intentions of the Pastor.*)

RESPECT LIFE

“In an age of artifice, many voters are hungry for substance. They admire and support political figures who speak out sincerely for their moral convictions. For our part we commend Catholic and



other public officials who, with courage and determination, use their positions of leadership to promote respect for all human life.” (U.S. Bishops)