

SEPTEMBER: MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Marie Whalen, r.i.p., by the Ross Family*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *Edward & Lynne Hassdenteufel, r.i.p., Shirley Hassdenteufel*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Diana Molone, pro sal, by Henry Sowoska*

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Olivia Ferrara by the Hickey Family*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Marie Greak, r.i.p., by Arlene & Bob Ryan*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Cathy Burke by John & Eileen Ternay*

MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER: MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Richard Bywater, pro sal, by the Family*
6:30AM (Saint Joseph):
Sister Pauline Churchirillo, r.i.p., by Saint Thomas-Saint Joseph Parish Staff

TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Sally Malanowski by Henry & Vickie Malanowski*

WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER: FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Father Robert Hilfiker, r.i.p., by Kathy Kissel*

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER: MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Catherine Prusinski, r.i.p., by the Crispo Family*

FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINTS CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Chris & Donna King (Anniversary), a.i.d., by Mary King*

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT ROBERT BELLARMIN

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Jane Dolan, r.i.p., Mary Ann Rohan & Bart Sicca*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *Mamawal Family by Linda Siner*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Thomas & Anne Campbell by the Crispo Family*

NEXT SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Clarke Calyer, r.i.p., by Helen Hickey & Ellen Kelly*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Mother Teresa & Mother Angelica, r.i.p., in Memory of Lena Cavallo by Lucille Costanza*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Special Intention by Eric Lundgren*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *pro populo*



Our Lady of Sorrows

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)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Saint Thomas:	Saint Joseph:
Regular: \$7474.75	Regular: \$2869.42
Special Projects: \$2189	Maint. & Rep.: \$684

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Mission Sunday

2017 MASS BOOK

The Mass book for 2017 will be open on Wednesday, 9/14. Please stop by the office to request Masses.

***** PLEASE NOTE: *****

Our parish community of Saint Thomas of Canterbury-Saint Joseph will be merged by civil incorporation on September 1st. Until His Eminence decides upon a name for the new parish entity, the parish will be known as "The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Thomas of Canterbury-Saint Joseph". As of September 1st, we ask that all checks written to the newly merged parish be made payable to:
"Saint Thomas-Saint Joseph".

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 25th from 1:00 – 5:00PM on the Saint Thomas school grounds. A terrific way to bring ALL our parishioners together! Please pick up one of the flyers in the church entrances. RSVP by September 18th. Everyone is welcome – come and enjoy a great time!



HELP!

Drivers are needed to deliver a daily meal to the homebound. Do you have an hour once a week, or once in a while, to help the Orange County Office of the Aging bring local seniors a meal and a friendly visit? Please call Pat Grabe at 534-9977 or 709-9229.

CDA COURT RITA #264

The Catholic Daughters will be selling the new **10 MONTH RAFFLE** after all Masses at Saint Joseph on September 10 & 11 and 17 & 18. **10 MONTH RAFFLE** prizes:
September – June: \$75 & \$50
Bonus – January: \$100
Extra – December: \$400 & \$200

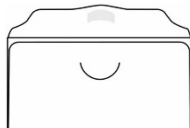


ADULT LEARNING FOR THE FALL

- 1) The study of **Proverbs** will continue every other Friday after the 8:30AM Mass starting on 9/16. Contact Dominick Forte ([845\) 570-0746](tel:8455700746) or dantefort@aol.com
- 2) The Tuesday Night Group will do an 8 part study on **An Introduction to the Theology of the Body**, St. John Paul II's groundbreaking teaching. Join us live starting on 9/13 from 7:00-9:00 in the old St. Thomas School building OR do the study online. Register & buy materials online at www.tinyurl.com/FallStudy2016. Contact Theresa Trella (845) 667-1772 or hummingbird828@gmail.com
- 3) ALSO, you can **start your own study** with as little as 4 participants with free online access to 38 studies at www.ascensionpress.com!
Much more is in store this year for all of us to experience the richness of our faith...STAY TUNED AND TAP IN!

NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have not received your new envelopes please let the parish office know (534-2547)



AN INVITATION FOR YOUNG WOMEN

The Presentation Sisters invite College and Young Adult Women join us for our *Fall Serving with the Sisters Saturday*. **Saturday September 17th** in Newburgh, NY as we work with Habitat for Humanity. We will gather at Mount Saint Joseph, 84 Presentation Way, New Windsor, NY at 7:30AM for a light continental breakfast and prayer, then travel to our worksite. Upon completion of our service we will return to Mount Saint Joseph and enjoy pizza and prayer. To RSVP log onto our website <http://sistersofthepresentation.org/registration> or contact Sr. Mary T. Naccarato, PBVM at 845-399-4433. Grab a friend or two, or come alone and meet a few new ones that day! Please note participants must be at least 18 years of age. We hope to see you the 17th.

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

September's Prize:

Gordon Ramsey/Royal Doulton

Chip & Dip Tray: MRSP \$75

Bread Tray & Dipping Dish: MRSP \$72.50

Divided Server: MRSP \$59

Royal Doulton 1815 Casual Wine Glasses: MRSP \$58



For Christian families, the Sunday assembly is one of the most outstanding expressions of their identity and their "ministry" as "domestic churches", when parents share with their children at the one table of the word and of the bread of life. We do well to recall in this regard that it is first of all the parents who must teach their children to participate in Sunday Mass. They are assisted in this by catechesis, who are to see to it that initiation into the Mass is made a part of the formation imparted to the children entrusted to their care, explaining the important reasons behind the obligatory nature of the precept. *Saint John Paul II, Apostolic Letter, Dies Domini #36*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The K of C are looking for a few good men who are interested in strengthening their faith, family life and community. Please contact Chancellor Steve Accilli or Grand Knight Tom DiSalvo: kofc7460@gmail.com

We will be holding a 1st & 2nd Degree Ceremony on Wednesday, September 21st at 8:00PM in our gymnasium. Candidates will report to our Council



Hall at 7:30PM Please consider joining the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world.

WHY BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION – PART 2

by Father Doughty

On this 15th anniversary of the loss of 2,996 sisters and brothers in the attacks on our nation in 2001, and remembering all those emergency responders who through their self-sacrifice endured sickness and death in the rescue efforts, the light of the Resurrection makes it possible to have genuine hope in a world corrupted by sin.

“Can you believe in reincarnation and still be a Catholic?” the young woman asked. The idea took me by surprise: not that someone growing up in a modern Western society might believe in reincarnation, but that someone should be looking for some association between a faith that believes in the Resurrection and the notion that we are re-born continually. I asked her why it was she “believed” in reincarnation; her response was a good one. She felt that “getting it (life) right” was not possible for one lifetime only, but needed many. By her own admission, she knew little of how Buddhism and Hinduism understand reincarnation. For each - one a philosophy, the other a composite of many religions – a person’s life after death is determined by *kharma* or what they do in this life. If their *kharma* is good, the return to a higher state of existence, as someone more enlightened; if their *kharma* is bad, their destiny for the next life is as a lower creature, any kind of animal, insect, etc. Ultimately, the goal in Buddhism is to realize *nirvana*, which is a kind of existence that denies other realities apart from the self. (Notice how the Buddha, an “enlightened” and by the way, historical man, is often depicted with his eyes closed.) Reincarnation is in the end about my peace, about my personal contentment.

Herein the problem with this kind of thinking: ultimately focused on self, our relations and loves become irrelevant. However, the reincarnated man or woman returns, it is never with reference to those we love. In truth, the idea of reincarnation renders all our relationships in this life as not even a distant memory. There is no joy in reunion, no hope of a life lived together forever without the pain of separation. Separation is inevitable and permanent.

The young woman was not completely off the track. Her sense of getting life right spoke of a love for the blessings which God gives us in this life and a desire to not take any moment for granted. Malcolm Muggeridge wrote of how death’s nearness often

“makes what is left behind - the earth itself, its shapes and smells and colours and creatures, all that one has known and loved and lived with - the more entrancing.... One casts a backward look at the old place, overcome with affection for it, almost to the point of tears.” (*Confessions of a Twentieth-Century Pilgrim*)

Christian faith is centered upon the news that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. In the second Preface prayer for Mass during the Easter season, we pray “He has made us children of the light, rising to new and everlasting life... His death is our ransom from death; his resurrection is our rising to life.” This core belief is essential to our faith because it confirms for us that God really does care about “every hair on our head”. Not only is our eternal destiny so important that He would give his only begotten Son over to death on a cross, but so are the gift of the loves He gives us in this life. At the end of the day, only the Resurrection makes sense to the human heart.

FLOOD RELIEF

There will be a second collection on September 17th & 18th for flood relief in Baton Rouge, LA. There are over 40 families who are homeless and without cars in Saint Francis Xavier Parish.



Pastor, Rev. Edward Chiffriker, S.S.J. will use the money collected to assist these families. He will interview each family and then write checks to Sears, Home Depot, etc., or give them gift cards to the stores. He is very experienced at this since he was involved with parishes in New Orleans after Katrina. Thank you for whatever you can do to assist them.

LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED!

If you have ideas and inspiration to help others then please circle the date of **Monday, September 12th. CDA, Court Rita** is looking for you at our monthly meeting at 7:00PM in Room 7 of the St. Thomas Parish Center. All ladies from St. Thomas and St. Joseph's are cordially invited and please bring a friend, also. Come for an evening of friendship, fellowship and refreshments. Find out why our motto is "**UNITY AND CHARITY.**" If you have any questions, please contact Regent Brigid Flynn at [845-534-2116](tel:845-534-2116).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FAMILIES

Please refer all questions, concerns, registrations, etc. to the Religious Education office located in the school building. That phone # is: 845-534-9393. Thank you.

