

## OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

### SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Ann McDonald* by  
4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *The Siner Family* by *Linda Siner*  
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Kevin Jurgens* by *Betty Jurgens*

### SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*  
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Norma Grasso, r.i.p.,* by *Al & Anna Vanacore*  
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Ann Neumann, r.i.p.,* by *John & Margaret Pelella*  
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Bob & Pam Murphy, pro sal.,* by the *Lopez Family*



### MONDAY 10 OCTOBER: FERIA

#### **COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Richard Bywater, pro sal,* by the *family*  
**THERE WILL BE NO 6:30PM MASS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S TODAY**

### TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN XXIII

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Donna Mastronardi, r.i.p.,* by *David & Marie Fitzgerald*

### WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Thomas Nosenchuck, r.i.p.,* by *Melissa Nosenchuck*

### THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Michael McGuire, r.i.p.*

### FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT CALLISTUS I

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8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *James Hennessey, Sr., r.i.p.,* by *Margaret Hennessey*

### SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT TERESA of JESUS (AVILA)

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Jeremiah & Bridget Dennehy* by *Julia Downey*  
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *Joseph & Billy Brady* by the *Family*  
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Michael McGuire, r.i.p.* by *Henry Sawoska*

### NEXT SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *The Talarico Family* by *Flora LeMay & Carol Miller*  
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*  
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Special Intention* by *Eric Lundgren*  
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Frank Rich, r.i.p.,* by *Joe & Regina Lieby*

*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

Regular: \$11,131.27  
Parish Project Fund: \$3053.00

### NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

*Saint Joseph's Seminary*

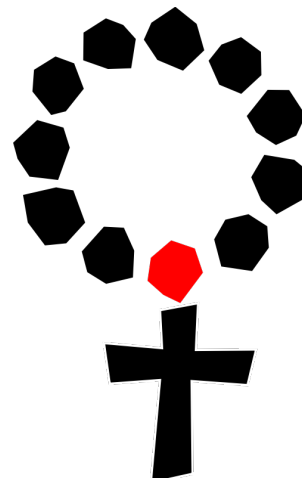
### 12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

*October's Prize:*

Beautiful, fully framed & matted photo of the Salisbury Mills trestle in autumn by local, professional photographer, Tom Doyle.  
(281/2 X 221/2) Value: \$250



### KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS ROSARY



"Give me an

Rosary and I will conquer the world."

*Pope Pius IX*

Wednesday nights during October at 7:00PM in Saint Thomas' parking lot in front of the statue of Our Lady.

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday, October 9, at 2:00PM, we will be blessing your pets to celebrate God's goodness in all of creation in commemoration of the memorial of the death of St. Francis on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to bring your dogs, cats, birds, giraffes, etc. to the front of St. Thomas Church. Please - bring nothing dangerous to people or other pets. Anything on all fours must be leashed, and be prepared to pick up whatever your animal leaves behind!!! (If it rains, the blessing will have to be cancelled.)



### MUSIC FOR MASS

Anyone interested in joining the music ministry please call Joyce Hoffman at (845) 566-9265 for more information. Choir practice is held on Monday nights at Saint Thomas church.

### **NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION**

#### **SAINT JOSEPH'S SEMINARY**

*"I invite you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the Annual Seminary Collection, to be conducted next weekend. Your support will provide tuition and room and board for more than 40 seminarians of the archdiocese. It also allows us to continue our solid tradition of excellence in academically training and spiritually forming candidates for the priesthood and diaconate. In short, your support will help prepare young men who will inspire those letters of admiration I receive daily about so many of our great priests.*

*The priesthood is a life of sacrifice and service. As you know, we do not have as many men making the commitment to serve as priests as we did years ago, and I am so grateful to those who accept the Lord's call. Please assist me in providing for our future priests who will hand on the life and traditions of the Church as they embark on their training to become your priests.*

*With prayerful best wishes, I am,*

*Faithfully in Christ,*

*Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan"*

### **ANNUAL NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY**

Each year, *America Needs Fatima* holds the Public Square Rosary Crusade, with thousands of rosary rallies in cities all across the country. These Public Square Rosary Rallies take place on the closest Saturday to October 13, feast of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun.

You are invited to participate at Saint Thomas church at the statue of the Blessed Mother in front of the new school on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. For more information please contact Mary Ann & Bart at 534-5060.



### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of AMERICA**

#### **NEWS**

#### **TRAVELING MARY**

A program Court Rita established last year that met with great success. Each week an individual or family is invited to play host to our **TRAVELING MARY**, a beautiful statute of our Blessed Mother. While she is in the host home, it is suggested that the individual, or family, say the rosary each day. During October, the month of the Most Holy Rosary, it is particularly appropriate to do so. If you are interested in taking part in this beautiful program please contact **Pat Evans** at [845-496-4826](tel:845-496-4826).

#### **CDA, JR'S**

Please meet at 6:00PM in Saint Thomas' church to pray the Rosary on 10/17 and 10/24.

### **MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP**

Every Thursday at 7:30 PM in the St. Thomas school building. All mothers are welcome to join us as we pray for our children & grandchildren. For more information please contact: Marion Kane at 534-4551.



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

In celebration of Columbus Day, the Knights of Columbus will be holding an open house/continental breakfast in their council hall at Saint Thomas church (1st floor of middle building) following the 9:00AM Mass. All are invited to attend. We will also be collecting items for the parish food pantry at this time.



### **HELP WANTED**

The Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary seek an experienced part-time Mission Advancement Assistant to work in partnership with the Director. The position plays a key role in data management, gift processing, acknowledgements, direct marketing and special events. Must have two or more years experience in a fundraising office and must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and database management, preferably Raiser's Edge. Qualified candidates should forward resume and cover letter to Sister Mary Byrnes at [mbyrnes-pbvm@hvc.rr.com](mailto:mbyrnes-pbvm@hvc.rr.com) with "Development Assistant" in subject line. The office is located at 84 Presentation Way, New Windsor, NY.

### **ANNUAL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN**

We are asking individuals to commit to vigil hours during the **40 Days for Life Campaign** **September 28<sup>th</sup> - November 6<sup>th</sup>** at Planned Parenthood, 36 Lake St., Newburgh, between the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM.



Can you make a weekly commitment of an hour or more?  
Can you make that commitment NOW?

How about one of our parish organization or groups to take a block of time .... 3, 6, or even 12 hours?

Go to the online vigil calendar at [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) to register your prayer time at the vigil so we know when prayer volunteers are at the vigil site or call Wendy at 845-820-4366.

### **RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS**

A new session will begin in October. Please pick up a registration form in the church entrances, contact Sister Pat Reills at 508-331-6044 or the parish office (office@st-stj.com/534-2547) for more information.

**RCIA is for three groups of people:**

**1. Those who are not baptized (and not young enough to be in a parish religious education program).**

2. Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

3. Baptized Catholics who were never formed in the Catholic faith and have not completed their initiation; that is, who have received neither of the sacraments of Confirmation nor Eucharist.

## **ABORTION AND POVERTY**

by Father Dougherty

Since the United States Supreme Court's 1972 decision in Roe vs. Wade permitting abortion, the bishops of the United States have designated the month of October for American Catholics to be ready to account for the God's love for all life, to pray for end to abortion and all other sins against the sanctity of life, and to do penance for our brothers and sisters who have been victims of the abortion mentality. A few years ago, the New York City Department of Vital Statistics released disturbing statistics. Records from the five boroughs of the city show that in 2009, **forty-one percent** of all pregnancies were terminated through voluntary abortion. Of the 225,667 pregnancies in the city that year, 126,774 resulted in live births and 87,273 were terminated through various abortion procedures. (Spontaneous terminations, i.e., miscarriages, numbered 11,620). When broken down by race, ethnicity, and geography, the records show that among those of African descent, nearly **sixty per cent** of all pregnancies in the city ended in voluntary abortion while among Hispanics, **forty-one per cent** were terminated. The Bronx, the city's poorest borough, had the largest number of abortions, at **forty-nine per cent** of all pregnancies.

Our nation and state seem mostly untroubled by the fact that most victims of abortion are the poor. It seems that over forty years of abortion on demand has been less of a remedy for the poor than a judgment on the impoverished.

In light of our Holy Father, Pope Francis's wish that Catholics discover/recover a commitment toward helping the poor in their spiritual life, the above statistics suggest that abortion is more a punishment for poverty than a solution. The Reverend Jesse Jackson, in the Right to Life News of January 1977, wrote:

"Politicians argue for abortion largely because they do not want to spend the necessary money to feed, clothe and educate more people. Here arguments for inconvenience and economic savings take precedence over arguments for human value and human life. I read recently where a politician from New York was justifying abortion because they had prevented 10,000 welfare babies from being born and saved the state \$15 million. In my mind serious moral questions arise when politicians are willing to pay welfare mothers between \$300 to \$1000 to have an abortion, but will not pay \$30 for a hot school lunch program to the already born children of these same mothers. . . We now, generally speaking, have the

ability to feed the peoples of the world but lack the political and economic will to do so. That would require basic shifts of economic and political power in the world and we are not willing to pay that price – the price of justice. The problem now is not the ability to produce but the ability to distribute justly."

So far had the acceptance of abortion as a societal good contradicted the gospel affirmation of God's love for all love that Pope St. John Paul II identified in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (the gospel of life) the emergence of a "veritable culture of death":

"This culture is actively fostered by powerful cultural, economic and political currents which encourage an idea of society excessively concerned with efficiency. Looking at the situation from this point of view, it is possible to speak in a certain sense of a war of the powerful against the weak: a life which would require greater acceptance, love and care is considered useless, or held to be an intolerable burden, and is therefore rejected in one way or another. A person who, because of illness, handicap or, more simply, just by existing, compromises the well-being or life-style of those who are more favoured tends to be looked upon as an enemy to be resisted or eliminated. In this way a kind of "conspiracy against life" is unleashed. This conspiracy involves not only individuals in their personal, family or group relationships, but goes far beyond, to the point of damaging and distorting, at the international level, relations between peoples and States."

Reverend Jackson knew it from the start: "It is that question, the question of our attitude, our value system, and our mind-set with regard to the nature and worth of life itself that is the central question confronting mankind. **Failure to answer that question affirmatively may leave us with a hell right here on earth.**"

## **SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE RETREAT**

Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries

"Love: Growing in Relationships" Fri. Oct. 28 - Sat. Oct.

29 or Sat. Oct. 29-Sun. Oct. 30, 2016, 7pm - 4pm. Are you

in middle school and have questions about LOVE or

RELATIONSHIPS? CYFM and our fantastic, young Cap Corp

Youth Ministers, retreat staff and Friars can help! During

this retreat we look at and evaluate relationships:

relationship with self and how to develop good self-

esteem; relationships with friends, and the

healthy/unhealthy elements of friendship; relationship

with family, and how this relationship changes; the retreat

concludes with examining our relationship with God.

Families are invited & encouraged to attend Mass on

Saturday or Sunday at 3pm. Cost: \$75.00 per person

includes: lodging, breakfast, lunch & materials. Return

application and non-refundable \$40.00 deposit made

payable to CYFM by Registration Deadline Oct. 25 CYFM,

781 Route 9D, Garrison, NY 10524. For application or info

call us 845 424-3609 or visit our website

[www.cyfm.org](http://www.cyfm.org) Find us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram.

## **CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND NORTH**

Sponsored by: **Ignite Catholic Young Adults**

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>; 7:30PM-10:00PM

Mount Saint Mary College – Dominican Center

330 Powell Ave.

Newburgh, NY 12550

**Featured Performer:** Rob DelGaudio

**Featured Artist:** Shaun Mrdjenovic

Join us for an encounter with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and then an encounter with the Catholic arts!

For more info: [CUNorth@IgniteTruth.org](mailto:CUNorth@IgniteTruth.org)