

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF SAINT THOMAS of CANTERBURY – SAINT JOSEPH

ADVENT II
DECEMBER 10, 2017



Annibale Carracci

“BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD”

SAINT THOMAS' CHURCH

340 Hudson Street
Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening (Sunday Vigil): 5:30PM
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM

Weekday

Monday – Saturday: 8:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation

As announced

Confession

Saturday: 4:00PM – 5:15PM (or by appointment)

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after the 8:30AM Mass

Rosary

Monday – Saturday after the 8:30AM Mass

SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH

4 Saint Joseph's Place
New Windsor, NY 12553

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening (Sunday Vigil): 4:00PM
Sunday: 12:30PM

Monday: 6:30PM Mass;

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction 5:30PM

Holy Days of Obligation

As announced

Confession

Monday: 6:00PM

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Monday: 5:30PM

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Rees Doughty

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Rev. Benjamin Benneh

Rev. John Kwaku Sah

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DECEMBER: MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER:

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *William Staudle, r.i.p.*,
by the Staudle Girls

4:00PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Joseph): *Olivia Ferrara, r.i.p.*,
by Frank Ferraro

5:30PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Thomas): *pro populo*

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER: ADVENT II

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Joan Sullivan, r.i.p.*, by Peter Costella

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Conroy & Gray Families*
by Catherine Conroy

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Louise Milliken, r.i.p.*,
by Judy & John Carnright

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Jessica Morales* by the DeMaio Family

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER:

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *John & Winnie Horan* by the Family

6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Kathleen Kane & Francis Carroll*
by Kathy Kissel

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER: FEAST OF OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Dr. Filomena Colcol* by the Colcol Family

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER:

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT LUCY

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Special Intention* by the Bywater Family

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER:

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT JOHN of the CROSS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Rose Ford* by Betty Jurgens

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER: ADVENT FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Margaret Kelly* by AI & Anna Vanacore

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER: ADVENT FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Peter Gary Ferraro, r.i.p.*

by James & Tiffany Gagliano

4:00PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Joseph): *Fr. Robert Hilfiker, r.i.p.*
by Kathy Kissel

5:30PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Thomas):

Thomas & Bridget McManus by the Family

NEXT SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER: ADVENT III (GAUDETE)

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Ann Adams, r.i.p.*

by Phil & Liz Adams & Family

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Kenney & Serraino Families*
by the Kenny Family

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Brendan Leen* by the Festa Family



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 OFFERINGS

Regular Collection: \$10,395.38

Capital Projects: \$3,108.67

Pantry: \$43.75

Bingo: \$1722.00

STAR YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Poinsettia Sale

After all Masses during next weekend, December 16th and 17th. Come on by and pick up a beautiful plant and support our group. All proceeds will assist the youth in attending retreats and Camp Veritas.



Parish Babysitting Event

December 16th from 3:00 – 8:00PM at Saint Thomas school.

Plan a fun night out or a quiet evening in! All ages – but must be potty trained!

"STAR" YOUTH GROUP

(St. Thomas-St. Joseph Active Religious)

For more information or if you are interested in joining our group, please contact Noelle Molloy at 845-988-1165 or nojo1201@hvc.rr.com.

CDA COURT RITA #264: "UNITY & CHARITY"

THIS WEEKEND: CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE!

In the old school building after all weekend Masses at Saint Thomas on December 9th & 10th. Stop by for delicious baked goods and raffle tickets from the CDA Jr.'s. Proceeds benefit charities supported by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas!



10 MONTH RAFFLE WINNERS: DECEMBER

#055 Karen Monte: \$50

#170 Suzanne Derian: \$75

156 Stephen Cameron

060 Elizabeth & Victoria Hufford

AN INVITATION

FROM THE PRESENTATION SISTERS

The Sisters of the Presentation invite you to join them at 2:00PM on Tuesday, December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and of the unborn, for a special reflective recitation of the Rosary. Come to Mt. St. Joseph Convent Chapel, 64 Presentation Way, New Windsor. Questions or directions, call 845-401-8531. All are welcome!

A WORD OF EXPLANATION ABOUT THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

It's only occasionally that Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday as it does this year. This December 24th, we will be celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent in the morning and Christmas Eve in the evening, when most people attend their Christmas Mass. Taking into account the anticipated crowds (Christmas Eve Masses are always filled to overflowing, while Christmas Day Masses are quite well attended), the practical necessity of using our larger worship space (St. Thomas), and the celebration of thirteen Masses by three priests in forty-eight hours (one of our priests will also be helping a neighboring parish), our Christmas weekend schedule is as follows:

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT SCHEDULE: 12/24

7:30AM (St. Thomas)

9:00AM (St. Thomas)

11:00AM (St. Thomas)

** There will be NO 12:30PM Mass at St. Joseph*

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE: 12/24

4:00PM (St. Thomas)

6:00PM (St. Joseph)

8:00PM (St. Thomas)

CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE: 12/25

8:00AM (St. Thomas)

10:00AM (St. Thomas)

12:00PM (St. Thomas)

**Please note changes to the Sunday Mass schedule on 11/24 (Advent IV).*

BLANKET DRIVE

The JCDA and Youth Group would like to thank the members of our parishes who donated to our blanket drive for the Newburgh Ministry. We collected almost 100 blankets! Thank you for your generous support.



12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

November's Winners:

Peter and Patricia Anzovino & Alana Staudle

THIRD ANNUAL RAFFLE BEGINS

A fresh start and more opportunities to win! Fill out a new raffle entry for a new year of prizes. Drop your completed raffle ticket and \$20 (cash or check) at the parish office or in the collection plate. All entries are good for the entire year! Enter as many times as you like!

December's Prize:

Waterford Elegance Collection

Champagne Set – 6 flutes MSRP: \$175

(Along with a New Year's surprise!)



"VERY EARLY ONE SATURDAY MORNING..."

By Father Doughty

Very early one Saturday morning at the beginning of December of 1531, a poor but respected Indian called Juan Diego (born, it is said, in Cuauhtitlan and under the pastoral care of the religious community of Tlatelolco) was on his way to Tlatelolco on a holy errand. When he reached the hill called Tepeyac dawn was breaking and he heard singing coming from above the hill. The singing stopped and was not heard again, but he heard a voice calling to him from the top of the hill. "*Beloved Juan Diego*", it said. He responded at once, bravely climbing the hill towards the place where the voice was coming from.

When he reached the top he saw a Lady standing there, who called him to herself. When he came close to her he was stunned with how beautiful she was: her clothes shone like the sun. Then the Virgin gave him her command: "*Know, beloved son, that I am the immaculate ever-virgin Mary, Mother of the true God who is the Origin of all life, who creates all things and keeps them in being, the Lord of Heaven and Earth. I greatly wish, I earnestly desire, that my house should be built in this very place. I will show him to you there and praise him as I show him, my Love and Compassion, my Help and Defense. For in truth I am your compassionate Mother, yours and of all who live together in this land and of any others who love me, seek me, and call on me with confidence and devotion. In that house I will listen to their weeping and their sadness, I will give them help in their troubles and a cure for their misfortunes. So that this desire of mine may be fulfilled, go to Mexico City, to the palace of the Bishop. Tell him that I have sent you to him to tell him how much I want a house to be built here for me, a church built here at the bottom of the hill.*"

When Juan Diego arrived in the city he went immediately to the house of the Bishop, Juan Zumárraga, a Franciscan. But when the bishop heard what he had to say, he did not believe him completely and said "*My son, come another time and I will listen to you then. Meanwhile I will consider what should be done about your wish and your desire.*"

Another day he saw the Queen of Heaven coming down from where he had seen her. She came to meet him next to the hill, stopped him, and said "*Listen, my beloved son, have no fear or anxiety in your heart. Do not try to do anything about your uncle's grave illness or about any other trouble of yours. For am I not here with you, your mother? Are you not safe in the shadow of my protection? Am I not the source of your life and your happiness? Am I not holding you in my lap, wrapped in my arms? What else can you possibly need? Do not be upset or distressed. Climb again, my beloved son, to the summit of this hill, to the place where you saw me and heard me speak. You will find flowers growing there. Pick them and gather them and bring them down to me.*" Juan Diego came back down with the flowers he had picked. She looked at them, took them with her blessed hands and put them in his tilma, or cape. She told him:

"Most beloved son, these flowers are the sign that you are to carry to the Bishop. You yourself are my messenger and I entrust myself to your faithfulness. I strictly command you not to unfold your tilma in front of anyone except the Bishop; but to him you should show what it is you are carrying. As you do so, tell him the story of how I asked you to climb to the top of the hill and pick the flowers there. Tell him everything you saw and marvelled at, so that he will believe you and undertake to build the church I wish for."

Obedient to the command of the Queen of Heaven, he took the road to Mexico City. He went happily, confident that all would turn out well. Coming into the palace he prostrated himself before the Bishop and recounted all that he had seen and told him the errand on which he had been sent. "*My Lord,*" he said, "*I have done as you asked. I went to my Lady, the Queen of Heaven, holy Mary, the Mother of God, and told her that you had asked for a sign so that you might believe me and build the church that the Virgin herself desires. I told her that I had given my word to bring you back some sign of her wishes. She heard what you had asked and accepted with good grace your request for some sign so that you could fulfill her will. Today, very early, she sent me back to see you.*"

The whole city came running to see the holy image. They wondered at it, accepted it as the work of God and made prayers to him. And that day Juan Diego's uncle, whom the Virgin had cured, told them in what way she should be revered and said that her image should be known as the ever-virgin Saint Mary of Guadalupe.

This Tuesday is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The shrine, in Mexico City, is visited by millions of pilgrims coming to see the relic of Saint Juan Diego's tilma.

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS

Right to Sacred Heart School!

Sunday December 10, 2017

8:00AM - 12:30PM

Sacred Heart School

@ St. Joseph's Campus

148 Windsor Highway

New Windsor, NY 12553

Please join the 8th Grade Class for our Annual Breakfast with Santa. Come to enjoy great food, holiday raffles, awesome vendors and pictures with Santa Claus. \$8 a person at the door.



ADVENT QUOTES

"We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

