

FEBRUARY: MONTH OF THE PASSION

SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *William Farawell, r.i.p., by Katherine Kelly*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *Father Robert Hilfiker, r.i.p., by Kathy Kissel*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Dorothy Carrnright, r.i.p., by Missy Irwin*

SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY: FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Anne Milano, r.i.p., Anthony & Maryanne Rizzi*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Rose Marie Moffa, r.i.p., by the Diaz Family*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Agnes McCallen, r.i.p., by Ann Simoni & Family*

MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY: LENTEN FERIA

PRESIDENTS' DAY: THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Richard Bywater, pro sal, by the family*
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Howard Kane, by Kathy Kissel*

TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY: LENTEN FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Joseph Congelli, r.i.p., by Liz & Jim Congelli*

WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY:

COMMEMORATION OF THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Ewanich, a.i.d., by Mary King*
6:30PM (Saint Joseph):

THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY: LENTEN FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Patrick Ross, r.i.p., de caritate*

FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY: LENTEN FERIA

Day of Abstinence

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Rose & Michael Prezioso by Francis Clifford*
7:30PM (Saint Joseph): Stations of the Cross

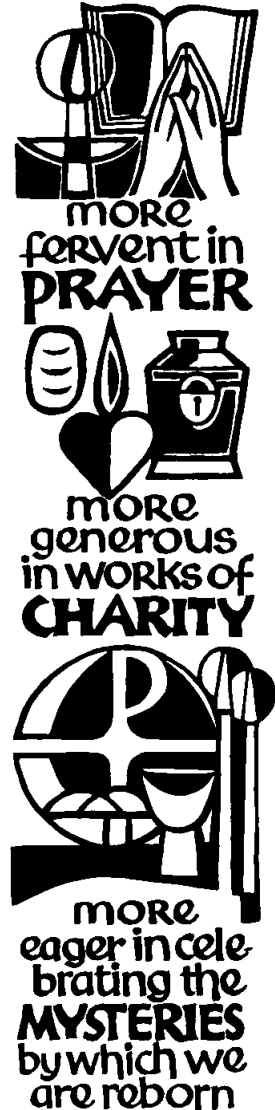
FIRST SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY: LENTEN FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Theodore King, r.i.p., by Larry & Liz Gregorek & Family*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *William & Lucy Gianelli, r.i.p., by Lee Fenimore*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Kathleen Hurley, r.i.p.*

NEXT SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY: SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Deolinda Esperanco, r.i.p., by Barbara Phillips & Anna Marie Faust*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Special Intention by Eric Lundgren*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Frederick Travaglione, r.i.p., by Karen Monte*

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 WEEKEND'S OFFERING

Saint Thomas: \$9101.77 (Regular)
\$2423 (Special

Projects)

Saint Joseph: \$2811 (Regular)
\$838 (Maint. & Repairs)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:30PM on Fridays during Lent
at Saint Joseph's Church.



WEDNESDAY MASS

Throughout Lent, Mass will be celebrated at
6:30PM on Wednesdays at Saint Joseph's
Church.

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Saint Thomas: *Peter's Pence*
Saint Joseph: *Peter's Pence*

FRESH FOOD

The Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt, NY are offering Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) memberships at the farm they sponsor in Goshen, NY. Members enjoy Harmony Farm's 35 types of vegetables over a 22 week season. Detailed information about the CSA and the fees associated can be found at www.harmonyfarmny.com or call Sister Ellenrita at 347-538-7759.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

The Knights of Columbus Council 7460 are scheduled to have a Lenten Fish Dinner takeout from 5pm-7pm every Friday during Lent (2/12 -3/18) in the St. Thomas' Gym Kitchen. Limited seating will be available for those who choose to dine in. We will also be collecting food donations at this time to fill our Parish Food Pantry.

Cost: \$10 each Flounder or Shrimp Dinner
\$15 for a combo containing both

Dinners also include both coleslaw and potato salad, dinner roll and accompanying sauces. For more information or if you are interested in becoming a Knight please email

Council 7460 at KofC7460@gmail.com.



12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

March Prize : Urban Safari Waterford 10" striped bowl. MSRP: \$175.

Stop by the rectory office and take a look and enter the raffle!
(drawing February 22nd)



SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY BABYSITTING EVENT

Sponsored by the St. Thomas-St. Joseph Youth Group.

Date: Sunday, February 14, 2016

Time: 5-9 PM

Place: St. Thomas-St. Joseph school building

Age: All ages welcome

(must be potty trained) according to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines)

We will supply a dinner of Mac and cheese, snacks and juice

Cost: Donations are gratefully accepted to help defray the cost of food. All money donated over the

cost of food will be used for our teens to attend Camp Veritas and PTAF or CYFM days of retreat.

PRAYER CHAIN

To place someone on the prayer chain please call Carolyn Mundy at 845-534-9277 or email workinmom59@gmail.com.

WEATHER NOTES

* During the winter months, inclement weather often necessitates the cancellation or rescheduling of parish and/or Religious Education events.



Please check the following for closures:

100.7 (WHUD), 107.1 (the Peak), K104.7, and 92.9 (WBPM classic hits), 92.7/96.9 (WRRV), MIX97.7, 101.5 (WPDH), and 94.3/97.3 (The Wolf).

* If a weather event has required the cancellation of a Mass for which you have requested the intention, please call the parish office to reschedule.

GROWTH & INSPIRATION FOR ADULTS

Online Lenten opportunity: "**Walking Toward Eternity: Daring to Walk the Walk**", teaches how to pray with scripture and cultivate 7 key virtues in your life to deepen your relationship with God - life changing! Go to www.evangelization.com and search for the study under St. Thomas of Canterbury or our zip code. **Optimal Health Gathering on Saturday, March 5th** from 10am-12pm in the adult study room in the old St. Thomas School building. Come learn health tips and be supported by a fun community! For more information, contact Theresa Trella at [845-667-1772](tel:845-667-1772) or hummingbird828@gmail.com

CDA 10 MONTH RAFFLE FEBRUARY WINNERS

\$10.00 - #278 - Jean Reardon

\$15.00 - #095 - Nicole Reed

\$25.00 - #070 - Ellen Conley

Questions? MaryJane Reed [845-458-5543](tel:845-458-5543).



RESPECT LIFE EVENTS

* 40 DAYS FOR LIFE February 10-March 20, 2016

Goshen Planned Parenthood 7:00AM-7:00PM

Goshen Campaign Manager: Kathy Taylor

845-238-0536 or ktaylor1124831@gmail.com

Newburgh Planned Parenthood 7:00AM-5:00PM

Newburgh Campaign Manager: Wendy Wood

845-8204366 or ocrighttolife@gmail.com

* On March 13, 2016, Christopher Bell, Director & Co-Founder (along with Father Benedict Groeschel, CFR) will speak at Temple Hill Tavern & Catering, 171 Temple Hill Rd., New Windsor. Breakfast will be served. Please call Joe Coyle (845-561-7384) for more information and to make reservations. \$23/adult. \$10/child, 6-10. Five and under free.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2016 (PART II)

"I desire mercy, and not sacrifice" (Mt 9:13).

3. The works of mercy God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbor and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting and instructing them. On such things will we be judged. For this reason, I expressed my hope that "the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy; this will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty, and to enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy". For in the poor, the flesh of Christ "becomes visible in the flesh of the tortured, the crushed, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled... to be acknowledged, touched, and cared for by us". It is the unprecedented and scandalous mystery of the extension in time of the suffering of the Innocent Lamb, the burning bush of gratuitous love. Before this love, we can, like Moses, take off our sandals (cf. Ex 3:5), especially when the poor are our brothers or sisters in Christ who are suffering for their faith. In the light of this love, which is strong as death (cf. Song 8:6), the real poor are revealed as those who refuse to see themselves as such. They consider themselves rich, but they are actually the poorest of the poor. This is because they are slaves to sin, which leads them to use wealth and power not for the service of God and others, but to stifle within their hearts the profound sense that they too are only poor beggars. The greater their power and wealth, the more this blindness and deception can grow. It can even reach the point of being blind to Lazarus begging at their doorstep (cf. Lk 16:20-21). Lazarus, the poor man, is a figure of Christ, who through the poor pleads for our conversion. As such, he represents the possibility of conversion which God offers us and which we may well fail to see. Such blindness is often accompanied by the proud illusion

of our own omnipotence, which reflects in a sinister way the diabolical "you will be like God" (Gen 3:5) which is the root of all sin. This illusion can likewise take social and political forms, as shown by the totalitarian systems of the twentieth century, and, in our own day, by the ideologies of monopolizing thought and technoscience, which would make God irrelevant and reduce man to raw material to be exploited. This illusion can also be seen in the sinful structures linked to a model of false development based on the idolatry of money, which leads to lack of concern for the fate of the poor on the part of wealthier individuals and societies; they close their doors, refusing even to see the poor. For all of us, then, the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year is a favourable time to overcome our existential alienation by listening to God's word and by practising the works of mercy. In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited; in the spiritual works of mercy – counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer – we touch more directly our own sinfulness. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated. By touching the flesh of the crucified Jesus in the suffering, sinners can receive the gift of realizing that they too are poor and in need. By taking this path, the "proud", the "powerful" and the "wealthy" spoken of in the Magnificat can also be embraced and undeservedly loved by the crucified Lord who died and rose for them. This love alone is the answer to that yearning for infinite happiness and love that we think we can satisfy with the idols of knowledge, power and riches. Yet the danger always remains that by a constant refusal to open the doors of their hearts to Christ who knocks on them in the poor, the proud, rich and powerful will end up condemning themselves and plunging into the eternal abyss of solitude which is Hell. The pointed words of Abraham apply to them and to all of us: "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them" (Lk 16:29). Such attentive listening will best prepare us to celebrate the final victory over sin and death of the Bridegroom, now risen, who desires to purify his Betrothed in expectation of his coming. Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favorable a time for conversion! We ask this through the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, who, encountering the greatness of God's mercy freely bestowed upon her, was the first to acknowledge her lowliness (cf. Lk 1:48) and to call herself the Lord's humble servant (cf. Lk 1:38).

From the Vatican, 4 October 2015

Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

FRANCIS

THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2016

The combined goal for the Saint
Thomas/Saint Joseph Parish is:
\$114,500.00