

MARCH: MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH

HOLY SATURDAY 26 MARCH

9:30AM (Saint Joseph) Tenebrae
8:00PM (Saint Thomas) Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY 27 MARCH: SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30AM (Saint Thomas)
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *For the intentions of the Flower Donors*
10:00AM (Saint Joseph)
11:00AM (Saint Thomas)
12:30PM (Saint Joseph)

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 28 MARCH

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Kenny & Serraino Families by the Kenny Family*
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *The Tahtouh Family by the Ireifij Family*

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 29 MARCH

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Richard Bywater, pro sal, by the Family*

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 30 MARCH

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Lou Barone, r.i.p., by the Reed Family*

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 31 MARCH

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *James Tully, r.i.p., by John Rice*

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 1 APRIL

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *for the Special Intention of Ada Klein & Family by Mary King*

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 2 APRIL

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Daley, Smith, & Lyons Families by the Families of Ireland*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *Sheila Ward, r.i.p., by David & Terry Clearwater*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *John Sweeney, r.i.p., by the Family*

NEXT SUNDAY 3 APRIL: SOLEMNITY OF THE DIVINE MERCY

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Deolinda Esperanco, r.i.p., by Frances Cocuzza*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Special Intention by Eric Lundgren*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *David O'Keefe by Karen Monti*

Alleluia
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Alleluia



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)



EASTER FLOWERS

The 9:00AM Easter Sunday Mass will be offered for the intentions submitted by Easter flower donors. The envelopes will remain on our altars throughout the Easter Season and therefore in our prayers.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL GOAL :

\$114,500.00

As of 3/18/16

Pledges: \$31,240.00

Donors: 104

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERING

Saint Thomas: \$8677.16 (Regular)
\$1960.20 (Catholic Relief Services)
\$922.00 (Flowers)
Saint Joseph: \$2722.00 (Regular)
\$734.00 (Catholic Relief Services)
\$312.00 (Flowers)

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

Easter Gift

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Saint Thomas: Special Projects
Saint Joseph: Maintenance & Repairs

**12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS
DRAWING**

**Congratulations March Winner :
Jean Reardon**

Waterford crystal Kells Standing Cross.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Court Rita #264, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, is pleased to announce that applications for their annual scholarship, to be awarded to a graduating Senior of Saint Thomas/Saint Joseph Parish, are now available from: *Mrs. Rose Hufford,*

*Education Chairman
30 Hazen St.
Cornwall, NY, 12518
845-534-9245*

*or
Ms. Mary Jane Reed
129 Main St., Apt. B1
Cornwall, NY 12518
845-458-5543*

Applications must be returned no later than 4/22.



ADULT STUDY CLASS

Why is Mary so important to us? Find out with this new 8-part study, "Mary: A Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother". Join us, Tuesday March 29th for our live group (from 7:00 - 9:00PM in the OLD St. Thomas School building) or study online.

Register and order your materials at www.evangelization.com (search for St. Thomas of Canterbury Church) or contact Theresa Trella for more information (text/call: [845-667-1772](tel:845-667-1772) or email: hummingbird828@gmail.com)

MANY THANKS

We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus for their donation of new collection baskets, their help with ushering, and all their work during Lent on the Friday Fish Fry Dinners!



RESPECT LIFE

"Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings...if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties?"

~ Pope Francis

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

11th ANNUAL CELEBRATION

April 3rd. Saint Rocco's Church, Newark, NJ.

Mass, Healing Service, Chaplet. Buses will leave Saint Joseph's School at 7:30AM and depart from Newark at 5:00PM.

\$25/person. (Bring your own lunch.) A beautiful way to

participate in the Year of Mercy.

Please call Mary Maddalena for more information: 534-3904.



WITH GRATITUDE

Catholic Charities of Orange County was happily overwhelmed by the many Easter Baskets and the amount of toiletries that were donated by the parish. All items remain in Orange County and are distributed to the many families served by the local Catholic Charities office. The staff of C.C. wishes to extend their heart-felt thanks!

COFFEE HOUR

Please join fellow parishioners for food and fellowship after the 9:00AM Mass at Saint Thomas next Sunday in the school gym.



PRAYER CHAIN

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

SEPARATED & DIVORCED ROMAN

CATHOLICS Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays every month.

Saint John Church, Goshen
77 Murray Ave.

Rectory Meeting Room

Please call Helen for information: 845-563-0604

ALLELUIA

EASTER JOY

It is the first and most important feast day of the Church, and that should make sense. One Sunday morning, round about two thousand years ago in Jerusalem, a man rose from the dead, something that no one had ever heard of before. It was not a ruse; all who knew him and all in the city knew the quality and certainty of his death. Yet, now he was alive – and different though the same. Different, because death was no longer written into his humanity. The same, because there was no mistaking that it was really him: the marks of his passion were still there on his risen body. I can hardly figure out how this day, above all days, is not grasped by the entire world and its history as singular and indispensable.

The joy that we should experience on Easter Sunday (and every Sunday of the year which celebrates that extraordinary event) should be total. It should suffuse every element of our being, heart, mind, body and soul. Because simply, there is no greater, better, more important news which can have an impact on our life than that someone has risen from the dead. Some may figure this out with the help of wisdom: the possibility of never-ending life should seem reasonably to be a prospect that cannot be overlooked. For most, however, the event of the Resurrection moves us because we know what it is to live in the valley of the shadow of death, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Some years ago, I was teaching the second graders about Jesus' Body and Blood in the Holy Communion they were about to receive and why we call it the Bread of Life. I mentioned how, even now, the Eucharist brought them not only into the presence of their Father in Heaven but also united them with the communion of the saints, including their grandparents who had died, and uncles and aunts and neighbors, and in a few cases, with their mommies or daddies who had passed away. One child who was very quiet throughout came over to me when I was finished and grasping me around the knees, gave me a big hug in the only way he knew to show how grateful he was to have learned this important news.

I pray that this year, our Easter celebration of the good news of the Resurrection touches you in an extraordinary way and brings you total joy. On behalf of the clergy of St. Thomas of Canterbury-St. Joseph Parish, Father Simon, Father Bob, Deacon John, Deacon Len, Deacon Tony and Deacon Joe, I extend

our wishes and blessings, and promise you our prayers for a happy Easter.
In the Risen Christ,

~ Father Doughty

ORANGE COUNTY LAOH

100th Anniversary of the Easter Rising

Knights of Columbus Hall

18 Hallock Drive

Washingtonville, NY 10992

Luncheon, music, speakers

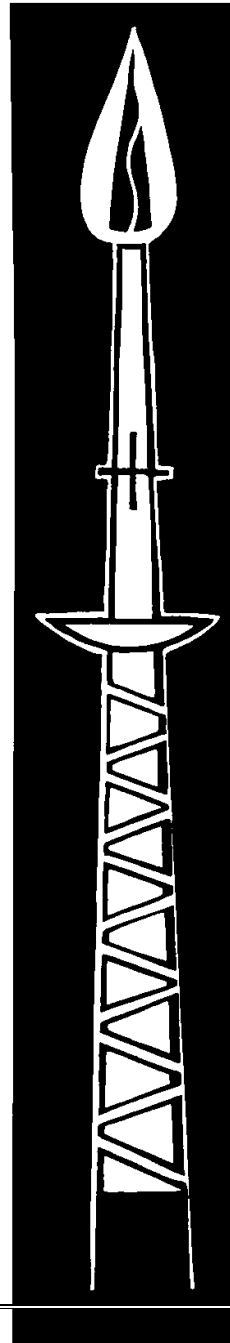
\$10/adults & seniors. \$5/children 13-17

\$25/family (2 adults & children 12 & under)

For information contact Ann Marie Mulholland

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Alleluia!
CHRIST,
having
risen from
the dead,
dies now
no more +
death shall
no longer
have
dominion
over him