

APRIL: MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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*

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*

MONDAY 4 APRIL: SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Carolyn Sarubbe, r.i.p., by Jerry & Kathy Sarubbe*
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Charles & Catherine Gegenheimer by Bet O'Mara*

TUESDAY 5 APRIL: MEMORIAL OF SAINT VINCENT FERRER

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Ted King & Margaret Scalzo, r.i.p., by Mary King*

WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL: EASTER FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Lina & Justin Savoia, r.i.p., by Connie & John Freeman*

THURSDAY 7 APRIL: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN BAPTISTE de la SALLE

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Benedetta Marino by Anthony Pina Germana*

FRIDAY 8 APRIL: EASTER FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Special Intention by Mary King*

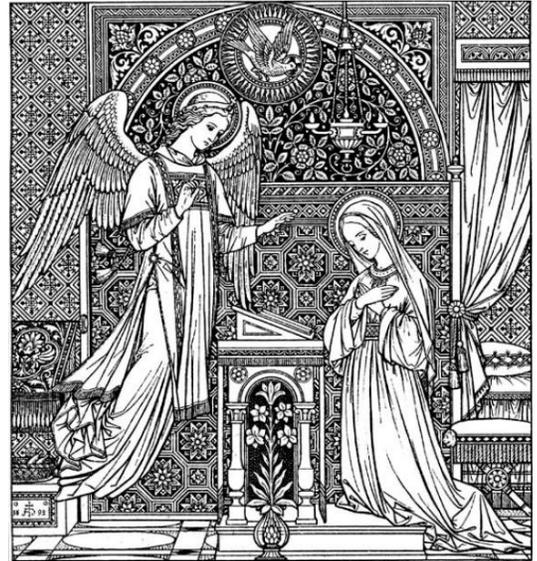
SATURDAY 9 APRIL: EASTER FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Anna Iannorella by the Faller Family*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *Frances Dobson, r.i.p., de caritate*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *pro populo*

SUNDAY 10 APRIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Glen McGinnis, r.i.p., by the Schwarzler Family*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *John Shay, r.i.p., by Philip & Karen Seymour & Family*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Rev. William Warren & Rev. Sean Horriġan*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Ann C. Greehy, r.i.p., by Ursula Slattery*

THE ANNUNCIATION



"AVE MARIA. gratia plena. Dominus tecum."

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)

CARDINAL'S APPEAL GOAL :

\$114,500.00

As of 3/25/16

Pledges: \$34,880.00

Donors: 113

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

April prize:

Waterford wine decanter
& 4 wine glasses. Stop by the
parish office, have a look, and
buy a raffle ticket (or another
if you already have)!

MSRP: \$214.50



LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERING

***Saint Thomas:* \$25,554.32 (Easter)
\$1569.00 (Holy Land)**

***Saint Joseph:* \$1367.05 (Regular)
\$3992.00 (Easter)
\$305.00 (Holy Land)**

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

***Saint Thomas:* Special Projects
Saint Joseph: Maintenance & Repairs**

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

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)

COFFEE HOUR

Please come to the Saint Thomas school gym after the 9:00AM Mass today for food and fellowship!



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!

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.



MISSION APPEAL: APRIL 16 & 17

Rev. Anthony Raj Kammara, priest of Kurnool Diocese, India, will visit our parish to share information about the spiritual and practical needs of the 330 villages in that diocese. Over 80,000 low income Catholics are spread among powerful Hindu & Muslim groups. The financial support generated through this mission will help construct small chapels, promote education, support religious training and vocations, and provide safe drinking water and health care. Please be generous!

SAINT JOHN BAPTISTE de la SALLE

Born to a noble family in Reims, France, and educated in the finest schools, John seemed destined for a high church position. His willingness to help establish a school for poor boys opened him to a world previously unknown, and he gave his life to forming the Brothers of the Christian Schools. John developed an innovative pedagogy that responded to the concrete needs of the students.

He promoted teaching in the vernacular and use of the blackboard. He grouped students according to ability. The Order he founded in 1680 brought forth schools at all levels. John died in 1719. In 1950 he was declared patron of teachers of the young.



ORANGE COUNTY LAOH

100th Anniversary of the Easter Rising
May 8, 2016

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 at:
LAOH_IrishHistory@frontier.com

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.



RESPECT LIFE

"Assisted suicide may sound like it provides choices for individuals, but instead, it's taking choices away from people by radically weakening the promise of care and support at the end of life for terminally ill patients like me."

Maggie's Story: Living like Dad," www.goo.gl/JKnvWc
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

ALLELUIA!

He is Risen..... He is Truly Risen Indeed.... Alleluia ! That is the chant of Holy Mother Church as we begin the Great fifty days of Easter. On Easter Sunday, we remember and celebrate that the tomb is empty.... The one who was dead lives no more to die and the gates of heaven are once again opened for us to gain entry into everlasting life in heaven. We have completed our Lenten journey which culminated in the celebration of Holy Week. As some would say , and hopefully we agree , that it is THE week that changed the world. On Holy Thursday we recall and give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist which was first inaugurated by Jesus at the Last Supper as he contemplated His passion that lie ahead of him. He left us his words This is my Body.... This is my Blood.... Do this in remembrance of me. Yes his words but He also gave us the great gift of the priesthood which gives validity to those words which provide for us the bread of the Angels The food of everlasting life... Christ's body and blood . On Good Friday we recall Christ's passion His agony on the Cross. But before his death St. Dismus.... The "good thief" on his right asks that he be remembered. And Jesus assures him on that very day he will be with Him in paradise. Some have said he is the thief that stole heaven. It seems that St. Dismus is an icon of us.... You and I who are sinners and are in need of God's mercy. The "good thief" heard those words directly from Christ on the Cross.... You and I hear them in the confessional and in the prayer of the Mass. We, each, should see ourselves in St. Dismus.... That is recognizing our sins and asking for God's mercy. A mercy that God NEVER tires of giving. Finally on Easter Sunday we shout Alleluia..... And know that sin and death have been defeated once and for all. We are so blessed to be able to celebrate Easter Sunday at EVERY mass we pray. Please remember that Easter is such a primordial feast for us that the Church gives us 50 days to celebrate it and so we should. St . Augustine tells us we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song. May we each sing that song for Easter and for always. May the blessings of the Risen Christ be with you always,

~ Deacon John

PRAYER CHAIN

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



RCIA NEWS

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Margaret Knapp who was baptized on the Easter Vigil, as well as Stacey Lyle and Traci Palmieri who were received into the Catholic Church, and Cierra Nelson who was confirmed along with these women. Please continue to pray for these newest members of our parish family.

I would like to extend my thanks to the RCIA team of Laurie Hanley, John and Dorie Knipp, Rosemarie Morello, and Helen Piltman.

John Hanley, RCIA team leader

SAINT VINCENT FERRER

A native of Valencia, Spain, Vincent joined the Order of Preachers at nineteen. A man of great intellect, he refused a bishopric, preferring to give his life to the people who sought the consolation of his words. Advising fellow preachers, Vincent said, "Speak...out of the depths of love and fatherly care, like a father suffering for his sinful children, as if they were gravely ill, or trapped in a deep pit, whom he is trying to draw out and set free, and look after like a mother. You must be like one who delights in their progress, and in the glory in heaven that they are hoping for." Vincent died in 1490 and is the patron of builders and reconciliation.



NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA was established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1985, to provide the Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces.

The AMS is the only source of Catholic chaplains for the United States military and the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. Its endorsed priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral services to approximately 1.8 million Catholics.

Unlike a conventional (arch)diocese, the AMS has no parish or parish registries. It has no weekly collections, relying solely on the generosity of private donations to support its programs and services. Last year, Pope Francis told military orderlies from around the world that "The role of military chaplains is to accompany and support (those in need) on the journey, to be a comforting and brotherly presence to them all." Your support of this national collection for the Archdiocese of the military Services will bring the gospel, sacraments, and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women who serve our country and defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from our own archdiocese.

