

## APRIL: MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### 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 Horrigan*

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Ann C. Greehy, r.i.p., by Ursula Slattery*

### MONDAY 11 APRIL: MEMORIAL OF SAINT STANISLAUS

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

6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Colleen Stanley, pro sal., by Jean Miller*

### TUESDAY 12 APRIL: EASTER FERIA

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

### WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL: MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARTIN I

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Boyle, pro sal, by Melissa Nosenchuck*

### THURSDAY 14 APRIL: EASTER FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Andrew Maroney, r.i.p., by Jeanne Maroney*

### FRIDAY 15 APRIL: EASTER FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Antoinette Conklin, pro sal, by Melissa Nosenchuck*

### SATURDAY 16 APRIL: EASTER FERIA

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

4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil):

*sláin!*

*Edward Hassdenteuffel & daughter Lynne, r.i.p., by Shirley Hassdenteuffel*

5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Thomas & Bridget McManus by the Family*

### NEXT SUNDAY 17 APRIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Raymond Carolan, r.i.p., by Kelly Falk & Michael Hopp*

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *John Pelella, Sr., r.i.p., by John & Margaret Pelella*

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Anthony & Josephine Paganico by Marie Cassiero*

*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: \$38,700.00

Donors: 125

### LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERING

*Saint Thomas: Regular: \$7461.70*

*Special Projects: \$1938.00*

*Saint Joseph: Regular: \$2828.00*

*Maintenance & Repairs: \$791.00*



*"Worthy is the Lamb who was*

### TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

### MISSION APPEAL: APRIL 16 & 17

Next weekend, 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!

## 12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

**April prize:** Royal Doulton wine decanter

& 4 wine glasses. Stop by the parish office, have a look, and buy a raffle ticket (or another)! **MSRP: \$214.50**



### 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:hummingbird828@gmail.com))

### PARISH & COMMUNITY

Emergency Preparedness

Please join the Knights Sunday 4/17 from 1-3.

The speakers will include Kurt Hahn Emergency Manager Cornwall Office of Emergency Management, Brett White 1st Lt. Div. of Military & Naval Affairs - Citizens Preparedness Corps

Learn reasons why and how to properly prepare for natural or man made disasters.

Sunday 4/17 from 1-3

Ages 18 and over.

### SAINT STANISLAUS: APRIL 11



The son of noble, Stanislaus was elected bishop of Krakow, Poland in 1072. After he rebuked King Boleslaus II for immoral practices, the king had Stanislaus murdered while he said Mass. Stanislaus' canonization followed upon the reports of numerous miracles. His tomb at Wawel Cathedral became the center of prayer for the Polish nation. Patron Saint of Poland.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration is now underway for the 2016-2017 Religious Education Program. Registration forms can be requested on line or picked up in the REP Office, but all forms must be returned in person to the REP Office. New families or families registering first graders must attach a copy of their child's/children's Baptism certificate. Registration fees are: \$175 for one child, \$225 for two children, and \$250 for three or more. Please register before May 15.



**SALESIAN NATIONAL SHRINE**  
of  
**MARY HELP of CHRISTIANS**  
174 Filors Lane, Stony Point, NY

April 16, 2016

A special celebration of the Year of Mercy with Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Hear from a Missionary of Mercy commissioned by Pope Francis, experience God's Mercy in the Sacrament of Confession, and learn how to get involved in works of mercy.

Event begins at 2:30PM. Mass at 5:00PM

[www.archny.org/mercy](http://www.archny.org/mercy)

### CAPUCHIN YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

#### CAPUCHIN OUTREACH PROGRAM

Jun 26-Jul 1, 2016

A "Fran"-tastic opportunity for high school students to earn service hours and find joy in serving the needy of the Hudson Valley. From manual labor fixing homes to outreach to the elderly and sick and a VBS for the young, there are opportunities for everyone to use their strengths and talents in service to others. Each evening participants gather at CYFM for socializing, reflecting in small groups on the day's experiences, participating in prayer services, & enjoying community meals together. Challenge yourself & join us, send in your application today Fee \$225 plus required fundraising; application & \$125. deposit due by April 25. For applications & info visit our web site: [CYFM.org](http://CYFM.org) or call our office TODAY. Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D Garrison, NY 10524 ([845-424-3609](tel:845-424-3609)). Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: [CYFMGarrison](http://CYFMGarrison)

#### GIRLS' DAY-BY-DAY AGAPE (DDA) RETREAT

April 21-24, 2016

For, and by, high school teens 15+ years old. Teen TEAM members present talks on their own lives, struggles and triumphs in Christ; Friars, adult Team and CYFM community help facilitate and support. Come to this amazing weekend of prayer, listening, sharing, growing, and feeling the love of Christ. Disconnect from stress and reconnect with what truly matters while enjoying a weekend full of laughter, prayer, music, wonderful meals and other awesome teens, no matter where you are in your spiritual journey. \$140. pp for materials, meals & lodging, Early Bird Fee \$125.(must be received by Apr. 9); All paperwork & non-refundable \$70.deposit must be received by Registration deadline, Tues. Apr. 19, 2016.For info and application contact CYFM or visit our website: [www.cyfm.org](http://www.cyfm.org) and click on "events" Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote: [CYFMGarrison](http://CYFMGarrison). Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY ([845-424-3609](tel:845-424-3609)).

#### CDA SCHEDULE CHANGE

Due to inclement weather on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, the CDA, Court Rita #264 meeting has been re-scheduled to Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center, Room 7.



#### NEW YORK CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY

Witness Mercy (Mt. 5:7)

Saturday 3 April, 2016 \* 9:00AM-5:00PM

Saint Joseph's Seminary

201 Seminary Ave., Yonkers, NY 10704

Come and meet over 1000 Catholic Youth from all over the Archdiocese for a day of faith, fun, great music and speakers, and Mass with His Eminence Cardinal Dolan. Register online at [OYMNY.org/NY-Catholic-Youth-Day](http://OYMNY.org/NY-Catholic-Youth-Day). Cost: \$25 (includes a t-shirt, string bag, and lunch). For more information call Cynthia Psencik at the Office of Youth Ministry at 914-367-8329 or email

[Cynthia.Psencik@archny.org](mailto:Cynthia.Psencik@archny.org)

## **WHY BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION (PART 1)**

Nancy Lohman sells real estate – kind of. To be precise, she sells \$400,000 mausoleums at any one of a number of the several dozen Florida cemeteries she owns. Quoted in the New York Times, she said of her “product,” “The mausoleum says, ‘I’m really significant in this world, I think I’m really significant to my family,’ and this is one way to communicate that to the community.” One of her customers, Ed Peck said his reason for purchasing his white granite tomb in a Greek-pillared neo-classical style was that “I did not want to be in the ground covered with weeds and whatnot and totally forgotten; I don’t like the idea of dirt being dumped on me.” The Times reported the growing popularity of extravagant tombs costing anywhere from a quarter million dollars to a million dollars (“For a price, Final Resting Places That Even Tut Could Appreciate,” *The New York Times*, April 17, 2006).

I could not help wondering if the trend toward opulence in funerary preparations (and perhaps, an opposite trend, the growing number of cremations) suggests a problem of faith in the Resurrection. Oftentimes, the thinking in purchasing these monuments seem to have little, if any reference to a belief in resurrected life. Only the most hardened hearts believe there is nothing after death. I have little doubt that people generally believe in life after death. Scripture tells us that God places an imperishable spirit within us (Wisdom 12:1). Yet to believe in the Resurrection, both Jesus’s and ours, is an article of faith particular to Christians. Contrary to Ms. Lohman’s sentiment, we measure *our* “significance in the world” by the ransom God paid for us in giving his only begotten son. The Resurrection is proof-positive that God loves humanity. Our destiny is hardly in the ground, covered “with weeds and whatnot.” The Resurrection is the beginning of the re-creation of the world God intended from the beginning, without sin and its consequence, death. No matter how glorious the monuments we leave behind to our memories, we will – in the long run - be forgotten when those who love us depart themselves from this life. However, we will never be forgotten by God!

St. Augustine wrote: “Costly funerals and expensive displays may afford the living some consolation, but are of no benefit to the departed.... Let care be bestowed upon funerals and the erection of monuments.... Let all perform these last services for their departed, and thereby relieve their own sorrow; but let them show greater zeal, care, and generosity in succoring the souls of the departed by Masses, prayers, and alms, and thus give evidence not only of a temporal, but also a spiritual love for those who are departed in body only. but not in spirit.”

We should not be surprised when formerly Christian societies take up practices and follow trends that are typical of non-Christian cultures. When there is no faith, something must take its place; nature, it is said, abhors a vacuum. How sad, however, that the Gospel message that Christ has risen from the dead has failed to fascinate and captivate so many people with what is the only reasonable answer to our desire to enjoy the loves and blessings of this life forever.

~ Father Doughty

## **RESPECT LIFE**

“Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated...if we want life, let us give life...The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development.” ~Pope Francis (9/24/16)

## **TODAY’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.

*The Four Living Creatures*  
*(Book of Revelation)*