

JUNE: MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART of JESUS

FIRST SATURDAY 4 JUNE: THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Jane Hahn, r.i.p., by Angelo & Marguerite Sands*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *The Siner Family by Linda Siner*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *pro populo*

SUNDAY 5 JUNE: TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Jane Hahn, r.i.p., by the Hickey Family*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Edith Cook by Daniel & Barbara Creagan*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Bruno Leombruno, r.i.p., by Angie Leombruno*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Laurence J. Coan by the Family*

MONDAY 6 JUNE: MEMORIAL OF SAINT NORBERT

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *John McGovern, r.i.p., by Paul & Helen Kavaservice*
6:30pm (Saint Joseph): *Mel Garcia by Theresa Kulelis*



TUESDAY 7 JUNE: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *John McGovern, r.i.p., by Theresa Torres*

WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Dennis Bolger, r.i.p., by James Kane*

THURSDAY 9 JUNE: MEMORIAL OF SAINT EPHREM

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *John McGovern, r.i.p., by Carole McGovern*

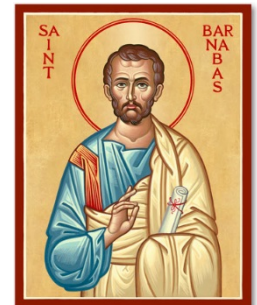


FRIDAY 10 JUNE: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Jane Hahn, r.i.p., Loretta Fanning*

SATURDAY 11 JUNE: MEMORIAL OF SAINT BARNABAS, APOSTLE

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Olivia Ferrara, r.i.p., Tony & Vivian Calandriello*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *the Mamawal Family, r.i.p., by Linda Siner*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Marcos Ramero, r.i.p., by Negrinelli Family*



SUNDAY 12 JUNE: ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Anna Marie Nelson, r.i.p., by the Fitzpatrick Family*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Yolanda E. Bullock by Ralph Bullock*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Father Matthew Golden by Bet O'Mara*

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 OFFERING

Saint Thomas: **Saint Joseph:**
Regular: \$6562.76 Regular: \$2711.00

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Saint Thomas: Parish Project Fund
Saint Joseph: Maintenance & Repairs

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Black & Indian Missions

Father's Day Envelopes may be put in the collection to be placed on the altar for our Father's Day Novena.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL GOAL :

\$114,500.00

As of 5/20/16

Pledges: Pledges: \$48,248.00

Donors: 191

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

June's Prize:

"Old Country Roses" cake plate, fluted mug set, and platter. MSRP: \$250.

Please stop by the parish office to purchase a raffle ticket!



FATHER DAMIEN THE LEPER



Actor Casey Groves will perform the one man play *Damien* in St. Thomas Church on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 2:00PM. Make sure you set aside the time for this moving production of the saint who shared his life with the lepers of Molokai!

SUMMER PROGRAM

The youth of the parish will be hosting a Vacation Bible School program called "Rainbow Days"



It will be held in the school building during the week of July 18-22. Children (toilet trained) Pre-K through 5th grade. (Children completing 5th grade June 2016) are invited to participate. Program runs from 10- 1 PM and the cost is \$25.00 per students. We will provide lunch on Friday after the prayer service. Registration forms will be available in the vestibule of the church and in our Religious Education office. Already registered families will receive an email with the forms attached. Please register early, space will be limited. Each day of the program we ask the students to wear a specific color. **Monday is BLUE...Tuesday is RED... Wednesday is Green...Thursday is PURPLE...Friday is RAINBOW.**

COURT RITA #264 NEWS

101st ANNIVERSARY

June 17, 2016 at 5:30PM

Vinum Café at Brotherhood Winery, Washingtonville, N.Y.

Cash Bar and dinner \$35.00

For tickets or more information, please call Maryjane Reed: [845-458-5543](tel:845-458-5543).



JUNE MEETING!

Parish ladies please join us on Monday, June 6 in the Parish Center, Room 7 at 7:00PM for our final meeting until September. We welcome your input and ideas. Contact Brigid Flynn at 534-2116.

FINALLY!

The 2015 Sunday contributions have all been successfully posted! We are especially appreciative of the help we received from Judy Carnright and Sister Mary Burns while working on this project. The 2016 postings have been kept up to date and providing parishioner contribution sheets for next year's taxes will not be a problem. Thank you for your patience.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

"The term 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person...Devotion to the Sacred Heart...calls for a fundamental attitude of conversion and reparation, of love and gratitude, apostolic commitment and dedication to Christ and his saving work" (Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy #166,172). "The essential nucleus of Christianity is expressed in the Heart of Jesus; in Christ, the whole of the revolutionary newness of the Gospel was revealed and given to us: the Love that saves us and already makes us live in God's eternity. Even our shortcomings, our limitations, and our weaknesses must lead us back to the Heart of Jesus. His divine Heart calls to our hearts, inviting us to come out of ourselves, to abandon our human certainties, to trust in him and, following his example, to make of ourselves a gift of love without reserve." (Pope Benedict XVI)



THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"The *mysterium* of the Heart of Jesus is projected onto and reverberates in the Heart of his Mother, who is also one of his followers and a disciple...The memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a celebration of the



complex visceral relationship of Mary with her Son's work of salvation: from the Incarnation, to his death and Resurrection, to the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy #174)

"LORD I AM NOT WORTHY THAT YOU SHOULD ENTER UNDER MY ROOF..."

When I was the pastor of St. Lawrence O'Toole in Brewster, the parish would take up a yearly collection out of fondness for Msgr. George Kwami Kumi (now the vicar general) of the Diocese of Sunyani in Ghana who had spent some time as a parochial vicar there while he pursued studies in Theology at Fordham University. Mostly, the designated projects we would raise funds for were to help them construct churches throughout the outlying areas. I remember one of our visiting priests from Sunyani explaining that walls were so important, once a roof had been put up, because the goats in the village would roam among the people during Mass; it was a terrible distraction!

A few years later, I visited Sunyani and asked to visit one of the villages that benefitted from a substantial gift given by a friend of mine for a roof. By the time I arrived, the church's exterior was completed and the people were in the process of finishing the interior. This new Church of St. Anthony was already being used, though it would be some time before the worship space would be more than just a cover from the rains and protection from goats and everything else. I was shown, not far away, the place where the villagers would gather for worship, a lovely area sheltered by a few trees and a fence here or there, a setting some dreamy American Catholics would find idyllic but the very practical villagers found impossible. They were proud of their new church. They loved their new church.

A week ago this past Tuesday, the work of replacing St. Thomas's roof was finally completed. Parishioners will remember the rain pouring in through the clerestory upon the altar, down the columns, and over select pews, one of which tells the tale of how damaging a steady drip of water can be. The roofing material is a specially treated sheet metal that keeps the heat inside over the winter months and holds the cool air in during the summer. There are four other layers of insulation underneath made of various materials that had replaced the rotten plywood and insulation that lay below the clay tiles of the old roof. Some months ago, the entire roof of St. Thomas School was replaced. Our religious education and maintenance staffs now breath sighs of relief every time stormy weather approaches. So far the church roof has held

up, though we need a good nor'easter to really test it! Thankfully, we don't have to worry about goats!

All told, the project cost close to \$650,000. Already, about two-thirds of the project has been paid by St. Thomas parish; the other third has been financed by the Archdiocese and will be paid down through our first Sunday of the month special collection. Very shortly we will replace some very old gutters at St. Joseph's Church as well and start on repairs on that roof. What we will do with St. Joseph School is up in the air. The facility needs a new heating system estimated to cost \$350,000. I have an idea or two up my sleeve, but much depends on a conversation with the Archdiocesan Chancery.

Recently, long-time parishioner Tom Waye, Sr. passed away. Just before his funeral Mass, his son Tom, told me that when his dad had retired, he devoted a lot of time toward making St. Thomas Church more welcoming by planting and weeding and doing the kinds of things for the parish that an old pastor I knew told me were really important. Many thanks to Tina Raia, Kristina Santafemia, and Ross Miller, and several parishioners at St. Thomas who recently helped to plant our Easter flowers, and to Deacon Tony, Karen Monti, and Joan Hillegas who did the same at St. Joseph, as well as Ron Parente who built the new shelves beneath the statue of Saint Joseph and our Lady there. How many are proud of and love their church!

FATHER'S DAY CARDS

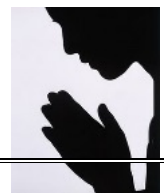
Envelopes containing a spiritual bouquet card for living fathers, grandfathers, or other special men, are available in at both parishes (*Saint Thomas: on the tables in the entrances. Saint Joseph: on the table in the back of the church*) These cards provide a beautiful way to let a loved one know that he will be remembered at all the Father's Day Novena Masses at the parish. Envelopes will be placed on the altar.



RESPECT LIFE

"Let's say 'Yes' to Life and 'No' to Death."
Pope Francis
to Catholics at the March for Life in France

PRAYER CHAIN



Please note the new email address with which to
contact Carolyn Mundy:
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