

AUGUST: MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

SATURDAY 30 JULY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Patricia A. Starr, r.i.p., de caritate*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *Nicholas Woodford by Sister Columbiettes in Saugerties*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Jack & Jeanne Davis, r.i.p., by Missy Irwin*

SUNDAY 31 JULY: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Maria Alonge, r.i.p., by Angie Leombruno*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Jane Hahn, r.i.p., by Anna Crispino & Family*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Laurence J. Coan by the Family*

MONDAY 1 AUGUST: FEAST OF SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *John Smitchger, r.i.p., by Michael & Ellen Kelly*
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Stamford Cowan, pro sal., by the Rich Family*

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST:

MEMORIALS OF SAINT EUSEBIUS of VERCELLI; SAINT PETER JULIAN EYMARD

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Richard Bywater, pre sal., the Family*

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *John Nolan by Henry & Vickie Malanowski*

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *M. Clarke Calyer, r.i.p., by James & Eileen Tully*

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST: DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR

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

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST: FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

the lay apostolate

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Betty Castelli, r.i.p., by Bob Castelli*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *The Siner Family by Linda Siner*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *James Kelly & John Horan, r.i.p., by the Family*

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Thomas Purdue, r.i.p., by Caroline Mundy*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Hazel Vargo, r.i.p., by Linda DiSalvo*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Jerry & Helen Maddalena, r.i.p., by the Maddalena Family*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *pro populo*

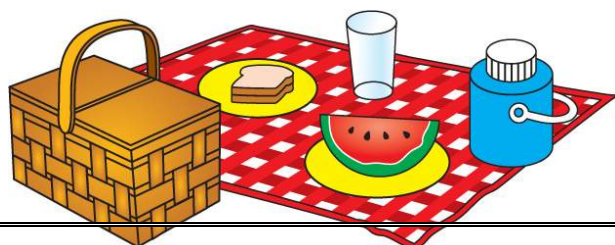


S. ALFONSO M. DE LIGUORI

Patron of confessors,
moral theologians, and

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)

**PARISH PICNIC (*NEW
DATE)**
Sunday, September 25



PARISH OFFICE HOURS THROUGH LABOR DAY

Monday - Thursday: 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Friday: 9:00AM - 1:00PM

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Saint Thomas: Regular: \$6705.10
Saint Joseph: Regular: \$4430

FROM FATHER SIMON

"Dear People of God, on behalf of my family I say thank you very much for your support, generosity, comfort, and prayers during the Memorial Mass for my late father. Although my family is far away, your presence makes me feel at home. Your kind donations and prayers have strengthened me. God richly bless you."

~ Father Simon Gyan-Obeng

THE CUPBOARD IS BARE! **THE NEED IS GREAT!**

PLEASE BRING: Paper products, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, laundry detergent, Bisquick, maple syrup, mayonnaise, ketchup, tuna, canned meats & pasta meals, any canned vegetables, canned potatoes, canned fruits, applesauce, cereal.



SAINT THOMAS FELLOWSHIP

Please join us next Sunday, August 7th, after the 9:00AM Mass for food, beverages, and fellowship. All parishioners are welcome! If you can donate your time or food, please contact Sean Camo at stcamo@hotmail.com.

THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR (5 AUGUST)

At Ephesus, in 431, the bishops of the Church gathered in ecumenical council to condemn the heretical teachings of Nestorius and confirm the creed set forth at the Council of Nicea. For the first time, they declared that Mary was to be acknowledged as *Theotokos*, "God-bearer." Consecrated only a few years later, Saint Mary Major was the first Roman church dedicated to the Mother of God. Mary's role as "God-bearer" is tangibly remembered at Saint Mary Major every year on Christmas Day when a manger, said to be the relic of Christ's first crib, is brought forth for veneration.



12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS **DRAWING**

July's Winner:
Tom & Tara DiSalvo

DEAR SAINT THOMAS/SAINT JOSEPH PARISH,

"Thank you for your incredible support of CYFM's Capuchin Appalachian Mission! Your generous donations helped renovate homes, clothe those in need, run a Vacation Bible School, and support a ministry to seniors in Harlan County, Kentucky. Altogether, our parish contributed over \$4,200 to the mission! Please see pictures in the church entrances."

~Timothy Fenton, CYFM, and Harlan County, KY

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (6 AUGUST)

Christ's Tabor radiance is a kind of mirror in which we glimpse the glory that God wills to give his friends. The resplendence of the Transfiguration reveals the fullness of life destined to be ours. The Transfiguration invites us to configuration. As we peer into the glory that pours from every pore of the Transfigured Christ, we cast off everything unworthy of our personal relationship with the Infinite, and we take in the luster of the Son of God. Jesus gazes back at us with a luminous look of love that makes us desire to live his transparent beauty – to be luminaries. Silently, from Tabor's splendor, the Savior begs: "Become what you behold!"



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER

Sip, Paint with Vine Van Gogh

to support the Cornwall Knights of Columbus. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and wine as you create your own masterpiece. A talented local artist will lead you step-by-step through the re-creation of a beautiful piece of art that you can call your own. Absolutely no artistic experience is necessary! August 20th, 7PM in the St. Thomas Gymnasium (340 Hudson Street Cornwall-on-Hudson)

Tickets are on sale now at:

<http://vinevangogh.com/p.../community-canvas-knights-columbus/>

\$45.00 per person advanced registration required. Seating is first come first serve and begins at 6:45 PM. Painting begins promptly at 7:00 PM. Come early to get your raffle tickets!

All tickets include:

Required art supplies

Assortment of local cheeses, crackers, prosciutto & melon, wine, soda and water.

Event Duration: 2.5 hours (including a break)

Must be 18 years of age or older.

PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST!

Father Jacques Hamel was celebrating Mass this week when two young men, affiliated with ISIS-Daesh, and influenced not by God's will but by an alienation from life and love, stormed into his church in the city of Rouen in France. The 86-year old priest was forced to kneel at the altar as they placed a knife at his neck and beheaded him. Three nuns and two churchgoers were taken hostage before the *shebab* ("young men" in Arabic) were captured. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis condemned the murder; the Vatican decried the horror that took place in "a sacred place where the love of God is announced." I had to wonder how the people of France, which was once described as the "Eldest Daughter of the Church," and Europe were affected by this not random act of terror targeting Christians; so few in Europe have a meaningful relationship with the Church anymore. Yet, Catholics everywhere, I'm sure, are worried and angry and reasonably so. Cardinal Dolan recently wrote pastors asking them to team up with local law enforcement to create an action plan at least to help us forestall and become aware of any threats. While I find it difficult to imagine something happening here, I am compelled to admit the possibility and take every step within our power to ensure the safety of our community. However, prayer will be the most effective measure we can take, and even prayers for our enemies and their conversion. Archbishop Dominique Lebrun of Rouen called on the faithful "to lower their arms before violence and to become an apostle of a civilization of love." I ask everyone to pray each day for the safety of the world, the end of terrorism, for our brethren in Christ who suffer this persecution daily, and for our own community. Nevertheless, despite the emotions of fear, anger, and confusion we all suffer from this assault on love, there is good reason as well to say "Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever!" In the early years of our Church, it was common for Christians to respond to martyrdom of countless disciples with gratitude for their witness to the Resurrection. I would not doubt that before he suffered, Father Jacques uttered in inspiration the words Jesus spoke on the Cross: "Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do."

It is said by an early commentator that when Christians living in Abitene, near present day Tunis, were martyred in 303 for their adherence to Christ, they cried out during their torments: "I thank you, O

God," "I implore you, Christ, hear me," "Christ have mercy." Their confession, in answer to the Roman Pro-consul question about whether they gathered unlawfully in worship: "O foolish and ridiculous... judge! As if a Christian could be without the Sunday Eucharist, or the Sunday Eucharist could be celebrated without there being a Christ! Don't you know that it is the Sunday Eucharist which makes the Christian and the Christian that makes the Sunday Eucharist, so that one cannot subsist without the other? We cannot live without Sunday!"

Thanks be to God for the witness and confession of Father Jacques Hamel!

~ Father Doughty

SOS!

Almost every Thursday, a dedicated group of volunteers runs our Bingo game. It has become "the only game in town" or the area for that matter and provides fun and an opportunity to get together with friends for many of our seniors. It has also become our major source of fundraising for the parish. Our volunteers could use some help. There are many different jobs to be done and even occasional help is welcome. Please let Father Doughty or the parish office know if you would like to volunteer.



PRAYER CHAIN

Please note the new email address with which to contact Carolyn Munday stsjprayerchain@gmail.com

TEACHERS NEEDED

Please contact Louise Pisano in the Religious Education Office (534-9393) if you are considering becoming a Catechist. This is a wonderful way to not only pass on our Faith but also to foster and strengthen your own spiritual growth. Training provided! Think about it!



PARISH WEBSITE

It is "under construction" and content is added weekly. Visit the site at: ststthomasjoseph.com. Mass schedules, upcoming events, parish news, bulletins, etc. can now be found online! Photos of parish life and activities would be appreciated. Please email them to office@stt-stj.com.



TAKE A LOOK

Please check the box on the table in the church entrance (parking lot side). Items left for more than 2 weeks will be disposed of.