

AUGUST: MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

SATURDAY 27 AUGUST: MEMORIAL OF SAINT MONICA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Jeremiah & Bridget Dennehy, r.i.p., by Julia Downey*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *Edward & Lynne Hassdenteufel, r.i.p., Shirley Hassdenteufel*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Bridget Regan by Jerry & Kathy Sarubbe*

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Daniel Mahoney, r.i.p., by Cori Jackson*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Hays By Anthony & Maryann Rezzi*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Gaetana DiPalma by John & Paula O'Connell*

MONDAY 29 AUGUST: THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN the BAPTIST

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Richard Bywater, pro sal, by the family*
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Mary & Catherine Schwarzler*

TUESDAY 30 AUGUST: FERIA

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

WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *For the Holy Souls by Julia Downey*

THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Francis & Patricia Devaney by Julia Downey*

FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER: FERIA

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

SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT GREGORY the GREAT

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Re by Mike & Marge Gallagher*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *Siner Family by Linda Siner*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Martin Sheridan by Deirdre Tarnea*

NEXT SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *John & Michael Hornick by the Crispo Family*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Olivia Ferrara by Mr. & Mrs. James Gagliano*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Barbara Morrison by John & Eileen Ternay*



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: \$6615.75	Regular: \$3246.00
Assumption: \$831.70	Assumption: \$224.00

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THROUGH LABOR DAY

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

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

September's Prize:

Gordon Ramsey/Royal Doulton
Chip & Dip Tray: MRSP \$75
Bread Tray & Dipping Dish: MRSP \$72.50
Divided Server: MRSP \$59
Royal Doulton 1815 Casual Wine Glasses:
MRSP \$58



BINGO NOTES!

There will be **NO BINGO** on 9/1.

***** PLEASE NOTE: *****

Our parish community of Saint Thomas of Canterbury-Saint Joseph will be merged by civil incorporation on September 1st. Until His Eminence decides upon a name for the new parish entity, the parish will be known as “The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Thomas of Canterbury-Saint Joseph”. As of September 1st, we ask that all checks written to the newly merged parish be made payable to: “*Saint Thomas-Saint Joseph*”.

CDA COURT RITA #264

Tickets for the new **10 MONTH RAFFLE** will be available for purchase after all Masses at Saint Thomas August 27th & 28th and September 3rd & 4th.



2017 MASS BOOK

Mass requests for 2017 will be accepted beginning **Wednesday, September 14th**. In order to accommodate the many parishioners interested in having Masses offered we will **NOT** take any requests before that date and then it will be on a first come first served basis.

THANK YOU!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of those who attended the **Sip & Paint** on Saturday, August 20th at Saint Thomas of Canterbury. We had a wonderful time and look forward to another great community event!



HELP!

Drivers are needed to deliver a daily meal to the homebound. Do you have an hour once a week, or once in a while, to help the Orange County Office of the Aging bring local seniors a meal and a friendly visit?

Please call Pat Grabe at 534-9977 or 709-9229.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Mixed Vegetables, canned potatoes, boxed rices and sides, strawberry & grape jelly, toothpaste, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, laundry & dish detergent.



NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES COMING SOON!

The civil incorporation of Saint Thomas of Canterbury-Saint Joseph requires that our sister collections are joined – from September 1, our offertory envelopes will reflect that new status with new envelope numbers for each family and the name “Saint Thomas of Canterbury – Saint Joseph Church. If you do not receive your envelopes by 9/1 or if you would like to begin receiving envelopes, please notify the parish office.

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 25th from 1:00 – 5:00PM on the Saint Thomas school grounds. A terrific way to bring ALL our parishioners together! Please see the enclosed flyer or pick one up in the church entrances. Everyone is welcome – come and enjoy a great time!



THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

“The task set before the Baptist as he lay in prison was to become blessed by this unquestioning acceptance of God’s obscure will; to reach the point of asking no further for external, visible, unequivocal clarity, but, instead, of discovering God precisely in the darkness of this world and of his own life, and thus becoming profoundly blessed. John even in his prison cell had to respond once again and anew to his own call for metanoia or a change of mentality, in order that he might recognize his God in the night in which all things earthly exist. Only when we act in this manner does another – and doubtless, the greatest – saying of the Baptist reveal its full significance: “He must increase; I must decrease” (Jn 3:30). We will know God to the extent that we are set free from ourselves.”

~ Pope Benedict XVI

WITH GRATITUDE

“Your gifts for our ministry are greatly appreciated. Your collection of school supplies is amazing – so plentiful and practical. We hope that the many students serviced will be grateful for all your efforts



to help them. God bless you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.”

~ The Newburgh Ministry

DEACON'S CORNER

by John Pelella

“Humble yourself the more, the greater you are.”

“Everyone who exults himself will be humbled.”

The first comes from today's first reading from the Prophet Sirach and the second from today's Gospel from Luke.

These ideas, these commands” do not sit very well with the secular world we live in. In our jobs, in our sports, in our schools we are encouraged, we are exhorted...we are pushed to be #1! Whether it is Little League, or being First Chair in band or orchestra or being first through the traffic circle. It is kind of hard wired into our beings.

But the Church in her scripture and in her teaching asks us to be humble. To approach God with a humble service and love. Our Blessed Mother Mary, who is the disciple par excellence is a great example for us to emulate. She, in her life, exhibited a humble love for God. From when the angel, Gabriel, announced to her that she would be the mother of the Son of God...her answer as the humble maidservant of the Lord...”be it done unto me according to Your will”. When Jesus was preaching and the Blessed Mother and His “brothers” were outside and wanted to see Jesus but the answer to them was “He that does the will of my Father is my mother and my brother”. Mary understood that her relationship with God was the most important thing in her life – not being recognized as the proud mother.

The Feast that Holy Mother Church will celebrate tomorrow is that of the Passion of John the Baptist. John the Baptist who is a central figure in the beginning of Advent...the one who announces that “the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand”...the one who preaches a message of repentance...the one who is believed to be THE Messiah...the one of whom Jesus says “Truly I say to you, among those born of woman there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he”. It is THAT John the Baptist who says “He (Jesus) must increase; I must decrease”. Now that is humility personified.

When one stands back and gazes at the cross. When one tries to grasp or understand the love that God has for us by sending His only Son to take on our flesh so that He could die for our redemption. When

we try to and appreciate the graces and blessings that come our way from God...our very being, our health, the food on our tables, the homes we live in, the great country that we are citizens of...when we begin to try and understand that all that we are and all that we have is a gift from God we can begin to understand the message of today's scripture readings...a humble and contrite heart will not be spurned by God.

May each of us aspire to that.

AN INVITATION FOR YOUNG WOMEN

The Presentation Sisters invite College and Young Adult Women join us for our *Fall Serving with the Sisters Saturday*.

Saturday September

17th in Newburgh, NY as

we work with Habitat for Humanity. We will gather at Mount Saint Joseph, 84 Presentation Way, New Windsor, NY at 7:30AM for a light continental breakfast and prayer, then travel to our worksite. Upon completion of our service we will return to Mount Saint Joseph and enjoy pizza and prayer. To RSVP log onto our website

<http://sistersofthepresentation.org/registration> or contact Sr. Mary T. Naccarato, PBVM at 845-399-4433. Grab a friend or two, or come alone and meet a few new ones that day! Please note participants must be at least 18 years of age. We hope to see you the 17th.



ADULT LEARNING FOR THE FALL

1) The study of **Proverbs** will continue every other Friday after the 8:30am Mass starting on 9/16. Contact Dominick Forte (845) 570-0746 or dantefort@aol.com

2) The Tuesday Night Group will do an 8 part study on **An Introduction to the Theology of the Body**, St. John Paul II's groundbreaking teaching on God's plan for humanity and what it means to be made in the image of God. Join us live starting on 9/13 from 7:00-9:00 in the Old St. Thomas School building OR ask for the registration code to access the study online at your convenience. Contact Theresa Trella (845) 667-1772 or hummingbird828@gmail.com

3) ALSO, you can **start your own study** with as little as 4 participants with free online access to 38 studies at www.ascensionpress.com!

Much more is in store this year for all of us to experience the richness of our faith...STAY TUNED AND TAP IN!

**PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES
BEFORE DROPPING OFF FOOD FOR
THE PANTRY!
Thank you!**