

SEPTEMBER: MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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

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

MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA LABOR DAY: THE PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Jane Dolan, r.i.p.*, by James, Clare, & Matthew Chan
6:30PM MASS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED TODAY

TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Ted King, Jr. & Darlene, a.i.d.*, by Mary King

WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Richard P. Wayne, Sr., r.i.p.*, by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Creagan

THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER: FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *In Thanksgiving* by Collette Fulton

FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT PETER CLAVER

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Clarke Calyer* by Bill & Kathy Fogerty

SATURDAY 10 AUGUST: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Marie Whalen, r.i.p.*, by the Ross Family
4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *Edward & Lynne Hassdenteufel, r.i.p.*, Shirley Hassdenteufel
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Diana Molone, pro sal*, by Henry Sowoska

NEXT SUNDAY 11 AUGUST: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Olivia Ferrara* by the Hickey Family
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Marie Greak, r.i.p.*, by Arlene & Bob Ryan
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Cathy Burke* by John & Eileen Ternay



do SMALL
THINGS
with
GREAT love
-mother teresa

r.i.p. (requiescat in pace: rest in peace), *a.i.d.* (ad intencionem 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: \$7546.45	Regular: \$2955.00

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Saint Thomas: Special Projects
Saint Joseph: Maintenance & Repairs

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.

***** 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".

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!



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.

CDA COURT RITA #264

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



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](tel:8455700746) 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. Join us live starting on 9/13 from 7:00-9:00 in the old St. Thomas School building OR do the study online. Register & buy materials online at www.tinyurl.com/FallStudy2016. 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!*

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Tea, boxed rice and boxed pasta sides, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, laundry & dish detergent.



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

Thank you!

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.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Please come to the Saint Thomas school gym for coffee and fellowship after the 9:00AM Sunday Mass this weekend.



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.

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



PALLOTTINE SISTERS FALL BIBLE STUDY

Luke: The Good News of God's Mercy

by Kevin Perrotta

Every Tuesday, Sept. 27 thru Nov. 1, 2016

10:00 - 11:45 AM

Donation: \$10.00 (includes cost of book)

Sponsored by the *Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines)* at Queen of Apostles Center, 98

Harriman Heights Rd., Monroe, NY 10950.

To register in advance (recommended) or for additional information, contact Barbara Allcroft at 845-492-5076.

LABOR DAY THOUGHTS

by Father Doughty

It's the last blast of summer vacation before getting back to business and school and the like. Everywhere families and neighbors gather for picnics and barbecues, a pick-up game of softball or volleyball, a day to forget briefly the duties of our workaday life. It's a lousy break if you have to go to work on Labor Day; a reason to be sympathetic to the policeman or fireman on duty, the nurse or doctor doing rounds, or the grocer who stays open to make sure we have enough hot dogs and hamburgers. Labor Day is about anything but labor. Indeed, a refuge from it.

It then might seem counter intuitive to suggest the day as an opportunity to thank God for the work in our lives. In truth, there is more to be grateful for than just getting a steady paycheck. Human work, the Church teaches in the Catechism (article 2427), comes from the gift of being created in the image and likeness of God. *We are called to prolong the work of creation by subduing the earth, both with and for one another... By enduring the hardship of work in union with Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth and the one crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work. He shows himself to be a disciple of Christ by carrying the cross, daily, in the work he is called to accomplish. Work can be a means of sanctification and a way of animating earthly realities with the Spirit of Christ.* Work is a blessing. We are reminded of our obligation to pray for those who suffer through the worry and humiliation of unemployment.

Nevertheless, we are reminded *work is for man, not man for work*. Leisure in its loftiest form, prayer, leads us toward friendship with God: in its most familiar form, toward friendship with one another. Pope Benedict XVI warned that the consequence of too many daily occupations was the danger of 'hardness of heart'. Citing St. Bernard, the Holy Father stressed the importance of balancing activity with prayer to avoid "suffering for the spirit, loss of intelligence, and dispersion of grace." Too much activity endangers one's spiritual, emotional and physical health. "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." (*Matthew 4:4*)

We would think it unreasonable to ask anyone to work on Labor Day, apart from those employed in

occupations addressing grave need. Many remember when Sunday was also a refuge from labor, a day to spend with God and family. Some among us have made deliberate decisions to limit TV and other distractions for the sake of "family togetherness." Could it be a good idea to set aside our Sundays as well for "nothing" at all except God and family and friends? "*Dienst ist Dienst und Schnapps ist Schnapps*," an old German proverb says: "Business is business, and. . . " When work is done, it is time to turn to the "better part" of our lives (Luke 10:42).

SACRED HEART SCHOOL, NEWBURGH 18TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

We are currently looking for golfers, advertisers and sponsors for our 18th annual fall golf tournament to be held on Monday, September 26th, 2016 at The Powelton Club on Balmville Road in Newburgh. Our outing is well established and we have a great group of loyal golfers, we would love to make you a part of it! The tournament is a best ball event with registration beginning at 9:30am, Putting Contest 10:15am, Tee Off 11am with a barbecue lunch on the turn and a scrumptious buffet dinner with carving stations. We take care of our golfers like no other tournament and have wonderful prizes, auctions and raffles. \$150 per golfer, and many sponsorship opportunities. We accept donations of goods & services as well. Would you like to join us for dinner? Dinner & Prizes \$65 per person. Please contact us at golfSHS@gmail.com, or Marcia at (845)464-4042, Marcia.espinosa.oliva@gmail.com



LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED!

If you have ideas and inspiration to help others then please circle the date of **Monday, September 12th. CDA, Court Rita** is looking for you at our monthly meeting at 7:00PM in Room 7 of the St. Thomas Parish Center. All ladies from St. Thomas and St. Joseph's are cordially invited and please bring a friend, also. Come for an evening of friendship, fellowship and refreshments. Find out why our motto is "**UNITY AND CHARITY.**" If you have any questions, please contact Regent Brigid Flynn at [845-534-2116](tel:845-534-2116).

BACK TO SCHOOL

Please keep all our parish students and teachers in your prayers as we begin a new school year.

May the Holy Spirit guide them as they face challenges, protect them as they live out their Catholic Faith, and rejoice with them as they find success.

