

SEPTEMBER: MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Harold Kelly, r.i.p., by Kathryn Kelly*

4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *pro populo*

5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Michael & Rose Prezioso, r.i.p., by Frances Clifford*

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Bruno & Annette Michalski by Bill & Mary McKenna*

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Alexander J. Ligertwood by Connie Ganz*

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Theresa Sweeney, r.i.p., by Cathie Julian*

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Pedro Oquendo, r.i.p., by the Torres Family*

MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINTS COSMAS & DAMIAN

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

6:30AM (Saint Joseph): *Macario Abad by the Delrosario Family*

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Carl Lundgren, r.i.p., by Eric Lundgren*

WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER:

MEMORIALS OF SAINT WENCESLAUS; SAINT LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMPANIONS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Joseph Dziadzio by Henry & Vickie Malanowski*

THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER:

FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Anne Milano, r.i.p., by the Iovine Family*

FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JEROME

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *George & Elizabeth Ewanich by Mary King*

SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT THERESA of the CHILD JESUS ("THE LITTLE FLOWER")

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Frank & Helen O'Donnell by Carmella Staples*

4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *Edward & Lynne Hassdenteuffal by Shirley Hassdenteuffal*

5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *pro populo*

NEXT SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mike Lawlor, r.i.p., by Steve & Sue D'Auria*

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *James Larkin, r.i.p., by the Family*

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Christy & Betty Gray, r.i.p., by Catherine Conroy*

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Laurence J. Coan by the Family*



PATRONS OF PHARMACISTS



PATRON OF CHARITIES, HORSES,
HOSPITALS, VOLUNTEERS



PATRON OF MISSIONS

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:

Regular: \$7448.64

Flood Relief: \$2631

Saint Joseph:

Regular: \$3070.00

Flood Relief: \$911

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Parish Project Fund

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, napkins, canned vegetables, boxed rice.



THE ARCHANGELS

Three Archangels are named in Scripture: Michael, the defender of the Church; Gabriel, the herald of the Incarnation; and Raphael, whose name means "God heals." In chapters 5 through 12 of the Book of Tobit, Raphael accompanies young Tobiah on the journey that ends in his marriage to Sara. With Raphael's aid, the evil spirits troubling Sara are defeated and Tobit's blindness is miraculously healed. Travelers, migrants, and those in search of a spouse seek Raphael's intercession. In Tuscany and elsewhere in Italy, parents pray to Raphael, "the defender of adolescent chastity," as young persons leave home for the first time.

ANNUAL NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY

Each year, *America Needs Fatima* holds the Public Square Rosary Crusade, with thousands of rosary rallies in cities all across the country. In 2015, there were 14,108 rallies and in 2014, there were 12,629 groups simultaneously praying for our country and the world all across America! These Public Square Rosary Rallies take place on the closest Saturday to October 13, feast of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun.



You are invited to participate locally on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 12:00 noon in the City of Newburgh. Please gather in the park between the Newburgh Ministries on Johnston Street and the Registry of Motor Vehicles on Landers Street. Parking is available. Please call Ted Coughlin for more information: cell#: 845-913-5631 or home#:845-565-7884.

PRAYER BEFORE THE ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(Unites States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

October's Prize:

Beautiful, fully framed & matted photo of the Salisbury Mills trestle in Autumn by local, professional photographer, Tom Doyle.

(28 1/2 X 22 1/2)

Value: \$250



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

Oct. 20-23, 2016: FOR and BY high school teens 14+ 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. Cost \$140. pp for materials, meals & lodging. All paperwork & non-refundable \$75.00 deposit must be received by registration deadline, by Oct. 18; Early Bird fee \$125.00, application & deposit must be received by Oct. 11. For info and application contact CYFM or visit our website: www.cyfm.org and click on "events".



Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote: CYFMGarrison. Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY [\(845\) 424-3609](tel:8454243609)

HELP WANTED

The Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary seek an experienced part-time Mission Advancement Assistant to work in partnership with the Director. The position plays a key role in data management, gift processing, acknowledgements, direct marketing and special events. Must have two or more years experience in a fundraising office and must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and database management, preferably Raiser's Edge. Qualified candidates should forward resume and cover letter to Sister Mary Byrnes at mbyrnes-pbvm@hvc.rr.com with "Development Assistant" in subject line. The office is located at 84 Presentation Way, New Windsor, NY.

ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY

LIFE CHAIN



Middletown: Today, Oct. 2, 2-3:30 p.m. Beginning near the Galleria at Crystal Run and ending at Shop Rite, on the south side of Route 211 only (Galleria side). Contact Christine Tighe, (845) 496-0391. If you need a ride please call Joe Coyle at 1-845-561-7384.

ABORTION AND WAR

Father Doughty

If you want peace, work for justice (Pope Paul VI)

In a 1996 article in *FIRST THINGS*, Joan Frawley Desmond reported that in Japan, where abortion has been widely available since the 1970s, millions of couples have been drawn to a Buddhist cult that gives them solace in the face of a profound regret for terminating the lives of their unborn children through abortion. Though resigning themselves to the “necessity” of abortion, these parents have nevertheless felt compelled to commend the souls of their aborted children to Jizo, a minor figure among Buddhist personalities. A ritual devoted to this protector of the aborted, the miscarried and the still born is thought to help the souls of these children cross the divide which separates the living from the dead. Small Jizo figurines can be found in temples and cemeteries all over Japan, decorated with bibs, often with toys, and nearby, are places where parents can leave signed apologies and prayers. Although Japanese culture and its traditional religions make no judgment about the morality of abortion, the steady rise in this religious practice suggests a need by Japanese parents to ease their guilt and admit their wrong.

Catholics organizations in the United States that provide abortion counseling know well the psychological effects of abortion on women and families. Because of an increasing need for healing from “post-traumatic” suffering due to abortions, groups like the Sisters of Life, among others, direct monthly retreats for prayer and healing. Priests have often and long been acquainted with the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation to relieve both women and men of burdens they have carried with them because of involvement in abortion. All of this leads – in a roundabout way, I suggest - to a consideration of the coming elections. It is sad that abortion is not considered, in today’s political circles, a valid issue for the electorate. Despite all the sociological and anecdotal evidence that abortion causes tremendous harm to its victims; despite the casual regard for the sanctity and goodness of life that a culture of abortion and death fosters in our country; there are many who still refuse to see the one million (plus) abortions in our nation, and the many more around the world, as significant to our life. It is suggested that it is only *one issue among many* and that a focus on that issue is one-dimensional. What many refuse to understand, however, is that a broad commitment toward creating a nation of peace and justice begins with a commitment to justice for the most vulnerable

of our society, the sick, the poor, the dying, and the unborn. Justice for the unborn can be nothing else but the right to life. Our efforts to convince our politicians to commit our country toward peace in Syria or Iraq, or Afghanistan, in the South Sudan, or elsewhere, can hardly be sincere if we do not ask them to think of protecting life in all its stages, from conception to natural death.

It is a shame the political set has lost its zeal for life. Without a wholehearted commitment toward justice for all, including the unborn, they are likely to make little difference in our lives and to continue to merit the skepticism of the people who elect them.

ANNUAL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

We are asking individuals to commit to vigil hours during the **40 Days for Life Campaign**

September 28th – November 6th

at Planned Parenthood,
17 Noxon Street, Poughkeepsie
between the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM.

Can you make a weekly commitment of an hour or more? Can you make that commitment **NOW**? How about one of our parish organization or groups to take a block of time 3, 6, or even 12 hours? Go to the online vigil calendar at www.40daysforlife.com/poughkeepsie to register your prayer time at the vigil so we know when prayer volunteers are at the vigil site or call Maureen at [845-853-6529](tel:845-853-6529).



RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS

A new session will begin in October. Please pick up a registration form in the church entrances or contact the parish office (office@stt-stj.com or 534-2547) for more information.

RCIA is for three groups of people:

- 1. Those who are not baptized (and not young enough to be in a parish religious education program).**
- 2. Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.**
- 3. Baptized Catholics who were never formed in the Catholic faith and have not completed their initiation; that is, who have received neither of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.**



