

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT THERESE 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*

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*

MONDAY 3 OCTOBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Geraldine Gould, r.i.p., by Frances Clifford*
6:30AM (Saint Joseph): *Frank Rich by Mary & Lynn Pyle*

TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS of ASSISI

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Daniel Dangerfield, r.i.p., by the Ross Family*

WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Ted Dobias by Thomas Kingman*

THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER: MEMORIALS OF SAINT BRUNO; BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Aurora Pascali by Karen Morgan*

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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

SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Ann McDonald by the Papaleo Family*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *The Siner Family by Linda Siner*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Kevin Jurgens by Betty Jurgens*

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Norma Grasso, r.i.p., by Al & Anna Vanacore*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Ann Neumann, r.i.p., by John & Margaret Pelella*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Bob & Pam Murphy, pro sal., by the Lopez Family*



ST. FRANCIS

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: \$7823.45 **Regular: \$2865.00**

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

All Souls' Day

COSTUME DRIVE

The Junior Catholic Daughters are holding their annual Halloween Costume Drive for the children of Newburgh Ministry. There will be a drop box for used costumes at Religious Education all week and outside of both churches next weekend. Clean items in good repair only, please! Thank you for helping local children enjoy Halloween!



MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday at 7:30 PM in the St. Thomas school building. All mothers are welcome to join us as we pray for our children & grandchildren.

For more information please contact: Marion Kane at 534-4551.



PICNIC

The weather was beautiful, the entertainment was fun (we were treated to Fr. Simon on the drums!), the food was delicious, and the company was terrific! Thank you to the many, many, people who made this day possible. We are blessed with very generous parishioners. Check out the parish website for pictures and videos (ststhomasjoseph.com). Looking forward to next year...

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? Hope and healing are possible. "Days of Prayer and Healing" offer the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to heal the wound of abortion. The next "Days of Prayer and Healing" are Saturday, October 8th and Sat, October 22nd (In Spanish). For location and confidential registration call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. You may also visit here - <http://www.sistersoflife.org/days-of-prayer-healing-testimonies-faqs> For additional tri-state retreats and information see Lumina Hope & Healing after abortion www.postabortionhelp.org or email lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

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. 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 at Saint Thomas church at the statue of the Blessed Mother in front of the new school. For more information please contact Mary Ann & Bart at 534-5060.



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)

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,
36 Lake St., Newburgh, 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 to register your prayer time at the vigil so we know when prayer volunteers are at the vigil site or call Wendy at 845-820-4366.

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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday, October 9, at 2:00 pm, we will be blessing your pets to celebrate God's goodness in all of creation in commemoration of the memorial of the death of St. Francis on Oct. 4th. We invite you to bring your dogs, cats, birds, giraffes, etc. to the front of St. Thomas Church. Please – bring nothing dangerous to people or other pets. Anything on all fours must be leashed, and *be prepared to pick up whatever your animal leaves behind!!!* (If it rains, the blessing will have to be cancelled.)



2nd ANNUAL SOCCER CHALLENGE

Knights of Columbus, Council 7460
Free event open to boys and girls of the local community ages 9-14. Sunday, October 2nd, 2016 from 12-2PM. Laurel Crest Field (Harold Ave, Cornwall). Each player allowed 15 shots at goal from penalty line (12 yds from the goal). Winners will progress to the district, regional, state and international levels. No previous soccer experience necessary. Pre-registration is not required but will save time. Please send child's name and age to kofc7460@gmail.com with subject "Soccer Challenge".

COFFEE HOUR

After the 9:00AM Mass please stop by the St. Thomas' school gym for a bite to eat and word with fellow parishioners. All are welcome!



A RIGHT TO LIFE?

Father Doughty

Animals, or certain animals it seems, can think – or so *Time Magazine* reported in a feature article some years ago entitled “Inside the Minds of Animals.” That was not a revelation to me. For fifteen years I have watched my dog make what seem to be “conscious” decisions about, among other things, whether she wanted me to throw the Frisbee or the tennis ball (these days in her dotage, she will only occasionally consent to catch the ball). She would point at each toy as if she’d were playing “eenie, meenie, ...” and then would choose whatever – I imagine – gave her the most joy at the moment.

We have become ever more conscious of how important that part of creation which groans in expectation for “the sons of God to be revealed” (Romans 8:20-21) is to us. Some may remember the rich woman from the book/miniseries *All Creatures Great and Small* who doted over her beloved Tricky Woo. I knew a sheep farmer who loved his shepherd dogs but would not hesitate to put one down if it acquired the taste of sheep’s blood. Every Christmas, his donkey Toby would be treated to fresh hay and apples in honor of the role the donkey played in carrying Our Lady to Bethlehem.

According to *Time Magazine*, however, the great cross-species leveler is the experience of suffering. According to *Time*, this indisputable fact, heralded by Princeton University bio-ethicist Peter Singer in his 1975 book *Animal Liberation*, was what launched the animal rights movement and promoted a more humane treatment of animals.

In light of our society’s concern and interest in animals and the rest of creation, our nation’s wholesale indifference to abortion and the refusal to afford the human right to life to the unborn is more than perplexing. *Time* laid bare the incongruity when not long after the article on animals it published an issue featuring the new science of fetal origins. The magazine’s front cover displayed a picture of a pregnant mother with the words: “How the first nine months shape the rest of your life.” New and extensive research shows that our health and well-being are powerfully shaped during gestation. What our mothers eat and drink, their behavior and the environment they live in, how they relate to their unborn child in the womb, and so many other factors all are apparently determinative of who and how we are after we are born. The author writes that what is held to be commonplace, that our childhood experiences make a profound difference in who we are as adults, will be said as well of the nine months we spend in the womb.

I doubt most people who believe abortion is a fundamental right in our country would deny that the

fetus in the womb is alive. Medical experience proves that the “fetus” has a heart beat and brain waves, and no less than an animal or maybe more, possesses the capacity to experience pain and suffering. Crazy, the pro-choice philosophy suggests the fetus is not a child because it has not reached a stage of development that entitles it to birth. Given the research reported by *Time*, that there is no state of development that is unimportant in the unborn child’s life, the pro-abortion stance is absurd. If that is not the question, then it comes down to deciding who deserves life more, the mother or the child, a decision no society should make.

Maybe it’s just as important to highlight the ultimate fruit of abortion rather than its absurdity. The thought that men and women who could have lent their gifts toward the common good of humanity will never be because they were denied the right to life in the womb is the great tragedy of the last half of the twentieth and this century.

Respect Life month this October asks us to consider how the Church’s constant proclamation of the Gospel and her works confirm the sanctity of life.

Her message is the same at any time in history or anywhere: nothing proclaims the value and goodness of human life more than the Resurrection of Jesus.

FOOD PANTRY DRIVERS NEEDED!

Please call the parish office (534-2547) to volunteer for local food deliveries once a month.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of AMERICA NEWS

COURT RITA EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO ALL LADIES

Please join us at our next meeting of **Court Rita #264 on Monday, October 3rd in Room 7 at 7 PM**. All ladies from our merged parishes are cordially invited to attend. Bring a friend or two or three, if you like. Enjoy pleasant conversation, share some interesting ideas, and have some delicious refreshments. Best of all, see why our motto is "**Unity and Charity**."

For further information contact Brigid Flynn at [845-534-2116](tel:534-2116).

TRAVELING MARY

A program Court Rita established last year that met with great success. Each week an individual or family is invited to play host to our **TRAVELING MARY**, a beautiful statute of our Blessed Mother. While she is in the host home, it is suggested that the individual, or family, say the rosary each day. During October, the month of the Most Holy Rosary, it is particularly appropriate to do so. If you are interested in taking

part in this beautiful program please contact **Pat Evans** at [845-496-4826](tel:845-496-4826).