

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Jeannette Stowe, a.i.d., by John & Carmella Staples*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *Edward & Lynne Hassdenteufel, r.i.p., by Shirley Hassdenteufel*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Patrick Regan by Jerry & Kathy Sarubbe*

SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER: SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Ted Dobias by Michael & Ellen Kelly*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Eileen Cassidy, r.i.p., by Dominick Nisi & Family*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *George & Hazel Masterson by their daughter*

MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER: MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Edward Shuart, r.i.p., by Dennis Murphy*
6:30PM (Vigil Mass: Saint Joseph): *Margaret McCarthy, r.i.p., by the Schwarzler Family*

TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT CECILIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Valerie Oliver & Cecilia Madore, a.i.d., by Melissa Nosenchuck*

WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER:

MEMORIALS OF SAINT CLEMENT I; SAINT COLUMBAN; BLESSED MIGUEL AUGUSTIN PRO

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Edward Del Ross by Jim & Liz Congelli*

THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS THANKSGIVING DAY: THE PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED

9:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Pastor's Intentions*

FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER: MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDER THE PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Theresa Arnold by the Encke Family*

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Sadie C. Lee, r.i.p., by Sally Mendelson*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *Robert Costello (8th Anniversary) by Catherine Costello*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Bruno & Annette Michalski by Bill & Mary McKenna*



NEXT SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER: ADVENT I

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Joseph Hines, r.i.p., by Doris Hines*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Anita Jacoi by Michael & Barbara Noppi*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Richard Wayne by Ken Cook*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *pro populo*

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)

jelly, mayonnaise, mixed vegetables, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:

Regular: \$9745.05

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Macaroni & cheese, tuna, boxed rice, soups, pancake mix, syrup,



Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The parish & Religious Education offices will be closed on **THURSDAY 11/24 & FRIDAY 11/25** for the Thanksgiving holiday.



THANKSGIVING MASS
SCHEDULE
Saint Thomas Church
9:30AM

PRAYER CHAIN

To place someone on the prayer chain please call Carolyn Mundy at 845-534-9277 or email stsprayerchain@gmail.com

“WON'T YOU SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME?”

On Friday, December 2nd the parish will have a wonderful Advent opportunity to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. At the conclusion of the 8:30AM Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration throughout the day. This beautiful devotion will conclude with a Holy Hour at 7:30PM and Benediction.



Like the shepherds and the wise men, spend some time in silent adoration of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Prepare yourself for the arrival of our Savior, our Redeemer, our God. (A signup sheet will be available to commit to an hour so that there will always be someone present in the Church.)

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)

The collection for CCHD provides funding for groups that make lasting changes and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give to the CCHD collection.

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

November's Prize:

Marquis by Waterford crystal Pumpkin Bowl with special Thanksgiving Treat!
MSRP: \$100



A NOTE OF THANKS

CDA, Court Rita #264 thanks all who attended our recent Tricky Tray event. Your generosity and patronage made the evening a tremendous success! All the members of our Court hope you enjoyed it as

we did. All proceeds from the evening will be used to support local and national charitable donations.

CDA 10 MONTH RAFFLE

November Winners:
#023 Bernice Gill: \$50.00
#040 Beth Fiore: \$75.00



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Catholic Charities of Orange County has provided us with a list of items to be distributed to needy local children and adults – both gifts and personal necessities. Beginning on Thanksgiving Day, “ornaments” will be placed on trees in the Saint Thomas school and church and in a basket at Saint Joseph's. Please take one (or more!) and return the **unwrapped** item(s) to the parish office **no later than Sunday, December 11th**. Gifts will be picked up on Monday, December 12th. (New wrapping paper and ribbon would also be appreciated.)



Thank you for your generosity!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

ADOPT A COAT

Thanks to all those who have donated to our “Coats for Kids” program. We will continue accepting donations until the end of November.

MOVIE NIGHT

In recognition of 60 years since its television debut, the Knights of Columbus will host a big screen showing of "The Wizard of Oz" movie on Saturday, November 26th at 6:30PM in the St. Thomas school gym. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by 11/23 to kofc7460@gmail.com with number of people attending.

GRATEFULLY
ACKNOWLEDGED

The Cornwall on Hudson PBA is generously providing the 16 turkeys distributed by our food pantry volunteers for holiday meals. Thank you!



FATHER BOB

If you would like to send notes or Mass cards to Father Bob, please bring them to the parish office to be delivered to him. Father Bob appreciates the outpouring of support.

GOSHEN CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR

Sponsored by Catholic Charities of Orange County
 Saturday December 3rd (Snow date: December 4th)
 1:00 – 5:00PM
 \$40/person by 11/28 *
 \$45/person day of event
 For tickets and information,
 please contact Sheila Toohey at
 845-294-1524 ext. 308 or
 Sheila.Toohy@archny.org



YOUR KING

by *Father Doughy*

As Jesus entered into Jerusalem the first Holy Week, fulfilling an old prophecy by riding on a donkey, the people proclaimed him their messiah, “the king of Israel”. They believed they had another Judas Maccabeus, who a couple of hundred years before had overcome the heirs of Alexander the Great and restored worship to the Temple. The idea of a humiliated and crucified king did not enter into their minds any more than the prospect of another kind of victory, greater than any other won by the kings of the earth, could be imagined, the victory over death itself; and in their disappointment at Jesus’s failure to prove himself to be like other kings, they proposed him as a usurper. “Are you the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked Jesus, referring to the charges. “Shall I crucify your king?” he asked the people. The preconceptions and hardheartedness of Jesus’ own brethren made them incapable of recognizing what three kings and the shepherds of Bethlehem saw so clearly thirty-three years before. Before them in a simple manger: Divine Royalty, but inconceivably as a child born in less than common circumstances. That is the reality we meet today in sacrament and prayer: the same child, born of a woman, who lived unnoticed for most of his life, and would have been regarded no differently in history’s judgment than any other leader of a failed cause... but for the fact that after a certain and horrible death, he rose from the dead.

Today’s Feast of Christ the King is not an anachronism, the remainder of days when kings and queens wielded authority over their subjects for better or for worse. This feast was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI! Its establishment came when much of the world believed the Good News to be old news and totalitarianism threatened to turn civilization on its head. At the time, the Pope invited the Christian Faithful to hear again Jesus’ answer to Pilate’s question about his kingship: “For this was I born, and for this did I come into the world. . . .”

Coming at the end of our liturgical year and readying our Advent preparations for Christmas, the Solemnity of Christ the King invites us to consider prayerfully the same simple Presence which inspired those in

attendance at his nativity to kneel before Him. Perhaps during this approaching season, it will be in the quiet of prayer or the intensity of the Eucharistic sacrifice that we will discover a surprising and new way to proclaim Christ our true king and so live in the joy of faith.

On the First Friday of December, in the First Week of Advent, the parish is invited to minister to the King of Glory – by standing, sitting or kneeling in the Real Presence of the same One who was born of the Virgin Mary, who preached the Kingdom of God, who suffered, died, was buried, and rose again as the Scriptures foretold. From just after the 8:30am Mass until the evening, the Blessed Sacrament, the very Body and Blood of Jesus, will be exposed on the altar at St. Thomas for adoration and prayer. Spend an hour with him, as he asked in Gethsemane, or a half-hour, or fifteen minutes, or just make a visit during the day; whatever works for you! It will be a wonderful way to keep the hectic pace of the holidays from overwhelming you, an opportunity to help you take notice of the truth that cannot/should not be trivialized, an encounter with the only king who can fulfill our hopes and expectations.

IN ALL
 THINGS *Give*
Thanks

1 Thessalonians 5:18

FATHER DAN TUIE

Father Dan Tuite will be helping the parish out by celebrating Masses on Sunday until Fr. Bob returns. A native of Staten Island, Father Tuite was ordained in 2010 and served as a parochial vicar at St. Patrick Church in Yorktown Heights and St. Martin de Porres in Poughkeepsie. Just this past year, Cardinal Dolan asked him to study for a Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching through the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri. He resides at St. Mary Parish in Washingtonville while pursuing his degree.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Please join us for our town's 49th Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service this Tuesday, November 22nd, at 7:30 P.M., at St. John's Episcopal Church. Please bring a non-perishable item to contribute. Stay for refreshments after the service. Parking is available behind the church.





