

## DECEMBER: MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY

### SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER: COMMEMORATION OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Nicholas Daley by the Patterson Family*  
4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *Siner Family by Linda Siner*  
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Dorothy Gagliano, r.i.p., by Mr. & Mrs. James Gagliano*



### SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER: ADVENT II

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Alana Donahue, r.i.p., by Carolann Furchi*  
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*  
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Ted Dobias by John & Barbara O'Rourke & family*

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Robert & Roseanne Jurik by the family*

### MONDAY 5 DECEMBER: ADVENT FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Peter Yaw Obeng, r.i.p., by the Bingo Staff*  
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Margaret McCarthy by the Schwarzler Family*

### TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER: COMMEMORATION OF SAINT NICHOLAS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *John & Ella Kinsler by the family*

### WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER: COMMEMORATION OF SAINT AMBROSE

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Thomas Campbell by the Crispo Family*

### THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER: SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Marjorie, Betty, and Eunice Higgs, r.i.p., by Susan & Noemy Dudman*

### FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER: COMMEMORATION OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Thomas Nosenchuck, r.i.p. (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary), by Melissa Nosenchuck*

### SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Harvey Izzo by the Family*  
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *Kathleen Kane by Kathy Kissel*  
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Louise Milliken, r.i.p., by John & Judy CArnright*



### NEXT SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER: ADVENT III

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Alana Donahue*  
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Anita Santafemia Jaccoi by Michael & Barbara Nappi*  
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Richard Waye by Ken Cook*  
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *pro populo*



**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
Patron Saint of Children

*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)

### **11/19-20 OFFERING:**

*Regular:* \$9783.67  
*Human Development:* \$2921.08  
*Food Pantry:* \$557.27

### **LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:**

*Thanksgiving:* \$590.00  
*Sunday Regular:* \$10,662.42  
*Flowers:* \$1598.00  
*Food Pantry:* \$133.00

### **THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION**

*Parish Project Fund*

### **12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING**



We will begin a new year of prizes this month. Please pick up a raffle entry, complete it, place it in an envelope along with your \$20, return it to the office, or drop it in the collection plate.

#### **December's "Get Into the Spirit" prize:**

"Santa's World Travels" Hand Decorated Porcelain by Royal Doulton (MSRP: \$175)  
Set of 4 Fine Chine Christmas Tree Cocoa Mugs by Johnson Brothers (MSRP: \$80)

#### **January's "Ring in the New Year" prize:**

"Wish Believe" Champagne Flutes with a New Year's Surprise by Waterford (MSRP: \$130)

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
MASS SCHEDULE**

***A Holy Day of Obligation***

**Vigil (12/7):**

5:30PM St. Joseph

**Thursday (12/8):**

8:30AM St. Thomas

12:00 noon St. Thomas

7:30PM St. Thomas

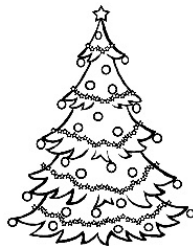


**COFFEE HOUR**

Today after the 9:00AM Mass in the Saint Thomas school gym.

**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 by **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Gifts will be picked up on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. (*Unused wrapping paper and ribbon would also be appreciated.*)



Thank you for your generosity!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**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.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Presented by the parish Religious Education students.  
December 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM  
Saint Thomas school gym. All are invited!



**27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL  
NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**

9 PM Dec. 8th (Thursday) to 1 AM Dec. 9th (Friday)  
St. John the Evangelist Chapel, Murray Ave., Goshen  
*Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego*  
Adoration, the holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, litanies, and silent prayer. For more information, contact Dawn at [\(845\)325-4823](tel:8453254823)

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saint Thomas Church**

**Saint Joseph Church**

**Christmas Eve:**  
4:00PM & 8:00PM

**Christmas Eve:**  
6:00PM

**Christmas Day:**  
7:30AM  
9:00AM  
11:00AM

**Christmas Day**  
12:30PM (added)

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY (NEW YEAR’S)**

**Saint Thomas Church**

**Saint Joseph Church**

**Vigil:**  
5:30PM

**Vigil:**  
4:00PM

**New Year’s Day**  
7:30AM  
9:00AM  
11:00AM

**New Year’s Day**  
12:30PM

**COURT RITA #264  
ANNUAL BAKE SALE**

Next Saturday & Sunday,  
December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

In the old school building after all Masses at Saint Thomas church. Stop by and treat yourself to some delicious homemade sweets and support a worthy cause.



**MONTHLY MEETING**

All parish women are invited to the monthly meeting at 7:00PM on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Saint Thomas school, Room 7.

**SAINT JOSEPH FOOD COLLECTION**

***Every second Sunday of the month.***

Please bring non-perishable food items to Saint Joseph’s next weekend for delivery to the Town of New Windsor.

**ADVENT REFLECTION**

**“A Morning with Mary”**

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

9:00 – 11:30AM

Mt. Saint Joseph

84 Presentation Way, New Windsor

RSVP: Sister Eileen Carmody

[ecpbvm@gmail.com](mailto:ecpbvm@gmail.com)

845-913-5178



**THANK YOU!**

To the *Cornwall High School Key Club* for all the food they collected for our parish pantry for Thanksgiving!

## **OUR LADY OF ADVENT BY**

*by Father Doughty*

Dante: "I saw a Beauty smile on the angelic games and songs, a Beauty that was joy to the eyes of all the other Saints.... Now look upon that face which is most similar to that of Christ; its clarity alone can dispose you to the Christ. I saw such happiness rain upon her, joy carried in the holy minds created to traverse such heights, that whatever I had seen previously did not fill with such admiration nor show me so great a likeness to God."

St. Anselm: "Blessed Lady, sky and stars, earth and rivers, day and night - everything that is subject to the power or use of man - rejoice that through you they are in some sense restored to their lost beauty and are endowed with inexpressible new grace.... Lady, full and overflowing with grace, all creation receives new life from your abundance. Virgin, blessed above all creatures, through your blessing all creation is blessed, not only creation from its Creator, but the Creator himself has been blessed by creation.... Truly the Lord is with you, to whom the Lord granted that all nature should owe as much to you as to himself."

St. Bernadette of Lourdes: "Mademoiselle," I said, "would you be so kind as to tell me who you are, if you please?" The Lady extended her hands towards the ground, swept them upwards to join them on her heart, raised her eyes, but not her head to Heaven, leaned tenderly towards me and said, "Que soy era Immaculada Conception."

Lumen Gentium: "This maternity of Mary in the economy of grace lasts uninterruptedly from the consent that she faithfully offered at the Annunciation and sustained without hesitation beneath the Cross until the perpetual consummation of all the Elect. Assumed into heaven, she does not lay aside this salvific office, but by her multifold intercession continues to obtain for us the gifts of eternal salvation. With her motherly love she takes care of the brothers and sisters of Christ who are still on pilgrimage in the midst of dangers and sorrows."

Bishop Austin Vaughan: "Is there a presence of Mary as mystery in all salvific acts? I know many people might find that a little bit repelling, too strong. Yet, we have lived with centuries of writers, many of them

saints, who maintained that all grace comes through Mary. Does that mean anything beyond intercession, in terms of her direct and immediate contact with us?"

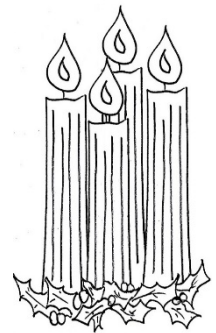
St. John Paul II: "No one has received into his heart, as much as Mary did, that mystery, that truly divine dimension of the redemption effected on Calvary by means of the death of the Son, together with the sacrifice of her maternal heart, together with her definitive fiat.... Mary, then, is the one who has the deepest knowledge of the mystery of God's mercy. She knows its price; she knows how great it is. In this sense, we call her the Mother of Mercy: Our Lady of Mercy, or Mother of Divine Mercy..."

St. Augustine: "She gave milk to our bread."

## **AN ADVENT PRAYER**

*(Often used when lighting an Advent wreath)*

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*



## **BOOK SALE**

St. Therese Classical Academy is having a book fair through Barnes and Noble to raise funds for the textbooks we use at the school. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, join us at the **Route 300 Barnes and Noble** for caroling, crafts, family fun, gift wrapping, cheesecake tasting, and more. While you are there, use the code **11990496** at the register and a portion of the profit will go to STCA. You can also shop online at [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) between December 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and use the code **11990496** at checkout. Come meet our students and learn more about St. Therese Classical Academy!

*Wrapping all day: 10AM-8PM*

*Tiny Tots Story Hour: 11AM Christmas story & craft*

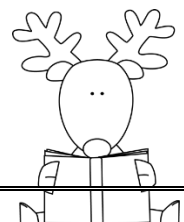
*Cheesecake Tasting: 4 - 6PM*

*Choir-Sing: 5PM*

*Harp Music: 5:30PM*

*Christmas Story and Crafts:*

*Vintage Christmas Crafts and*



**Christmas letter to a Soldier: 6 - 7PM**

**Holiday Scavenger Hunt: 7PM**

