

## FEBRUARY: MONTH OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

### SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Edward F. Doyle, r.i.p., by Massimo & Marilyn Kusmann*

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

5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Vigil): *The Gleeson Family by Kathleen & Rose*

### SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Thomas E. Sulliovan by Peter Costella*

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Patrick Palopoli, r.i.p., by Gary & Cecilia Iovine*

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Sam Goldman, r.i.p., by John & Margaret Pelella*

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *James Van Wort by Brendan O'Dea*

### MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Lillian Pelella, r.i.p., by Saint Thomas - Saint Joseph Staff*

6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Marcelle Tahtouh by the Ireifej Family*

### TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY: FERIA

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

### WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY:

#### MEMORIALS OF SAINT JEROME EMILIANI; SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Richard McClintock, r.i.p., by Eileen Sweeney*

### THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Ern Phillis, r.i.p. by the Kiernan Family*

### FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Jarlath & Mary Tierney by the Ross Family*

### SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY: MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *The Mamawal Family by Linda Siner*

5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil):

*Bruno & Annette Michalski, r.i.p., by Bill & Mary McKenna*

### NEXT SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Katherine Bilotti by Gary & Cecilia Iovine*

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *James Gorman by the Fitzpatrick Family*

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Francis Rich by the Conroy Family*

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Special Intention by Eric Lundgren*

*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:**

*Sunday Regular: \$10,398.58*

*Pantry: \$116.00*

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

*Capital Projects*

### **NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION:**

*Peter's Pence*

parish donations, please call **Kathy** in the parish office: 534-2547

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

There are many items available to all parishioners on the large rack at the rear of the church near the parking lot entrance. Take advantage of spiritual aids, publications, parish ministry information, raffle tickets, events, etc.

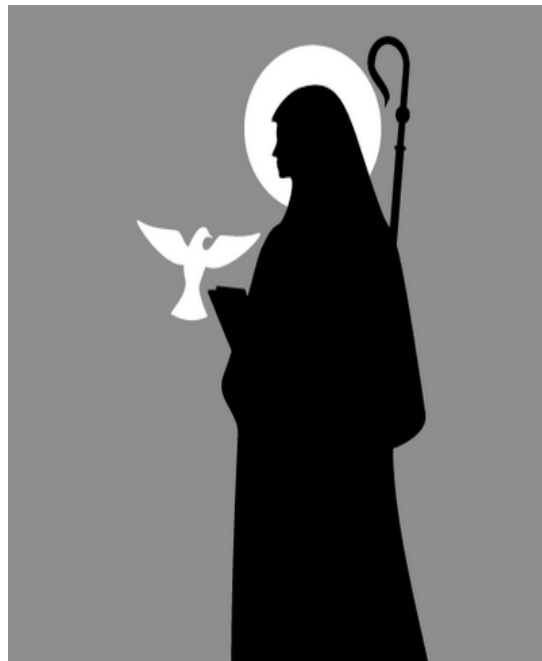
### **2016 OFFERING REPORTS**

Tax statements for 2016 *will not be mailed automatically*. If you would like a copy of your

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

*February's Prize:*

*Celebrate Valentine's Day by enshrining a photograph with that*



**SAINT SCHOLASTICA**

Patron of nuns, convulsive children, & against storms

special someone in a Lismore Essence picture frame  
by Waterford.  
MSRP: \$160

### **THE EMMAUS MINISTRY**

Losing a child under any circumstance is terrible. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. The Emmaus Ministry is for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause. Please join us—all are welcome.

One-day retreats offered:

**Saint Joseph's Seminary**

February 11 & February 25, 2017

**Church of the Magdalene, Sleepy Hollow**

April 1, 2017

\$12/person, \$40/couple

Financial assistance available

To register: [www.emfgp.org/archny](http://www.emfgp.org/archny) or contact Sue DiSisto, Coordinator for Parenting & Family Life Education: [susan.disisto@archny](mailto:susan.disisto@archny) or (646) 794-3191

### **MEAL DELIVERIES**

Join an elite group of volunteers to deliver a mid-meal to homebound seniors Cornwall through the Orange County Office for the Aging. Volunteers are needed for once a week or once in a while. Please call Pat Grabe at 845-534-9977 or 845-709-9229.



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### **GIRLS DAY-BY-DAY AGAPE (DDA) RETREAT**

February 17-20, 2017

For High School teens 14+ years old. Cost \$140.00/pp for materials, meals & lodging. Early Bird, \$125.00 must be postmarked 9 days prior to retreat. All paperwork & non-refundable \$75.00 deposit must be received by the registration deadline, February 14<sup>th</sup>. For info and application contact CYFM or visit our website: [www.cyfm.org](http://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

### **FATHER BOB**

If you would like to send a card or letter please feel free to drop it off at the parish office and we will make sure that it is passed along. Please continue to keep Father Bob in your prayers.

### **TRAVELING MARY**

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, Court Rita #264. Please contact Pat Evans (845-496-4826) if you are interested in hosting the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home for a week. Use this opportunity to pray the rosary for peace.



### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

"From each tiny child waiting to be born, to individuals nearing death, all are precious and deserve our care and protection... Let us ask God to make us channels of His loving mercy."

**Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan**

**Chairman USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities**

### **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

If your child is 10 years old or older and interested in being an Altar Server for our parish. Please contact Gene Fenton by email at [genefenton44@gmail.com](mailto:genefenton44@gmail.com). The training will be on consecutive Wednesdays: March 8, 15, 22, & 29. The children **must attend all 4** training sessions. The sessions will run from 6:30-8:00PM & parents must accompany their children.



### **"BRITISH LANDSCAPES" PARISH TRIP WITH FATHER DOUGHTY**

Come to know the best of England, Scotland and Wales on this 10-day tour (October 19<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>). Enjoy the beauty of the Lake District, York, Stratford-upon-Avon, Edinburgh, the Borders Region and so much more. Extend your tour 3 more nights by taking the Eurostar Chunnel to Paris. Brochures with more information are located in the vestibule of the church. Contact Mary Ellen at [metiernan@comcast.net](mailto:metiernan@comcast.net) with questions. See the parish website for registration information: [ststthomasjoseph.com](http://ststthomasjoseph.com)

**Come and hear all about it and sample the cuisine of England on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30PM in the parish office.**

## **A SECOND ANNUNCIATION**

*by Father Doughy*

*This past Thursday, we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Below, the thoughts of Saint John Paul II on the Presentation of the Lord from his 1986 encyclical "Redemptoris Mater, On the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Life of the Pilgrim Church."*

Later, a little further along [her] way of the "obedience of faith," Mary hears other words: those uttered by Simeon in the Temple of Jerusalem. It was now forty days after the birth of Jesus when, in accordance with the precepts of the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph "brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord" (Lk. 2:22). The birth had taken place in conditions of extreme poverty. We know from Luke that when, on the occasion of the census ordered by the Roman authorities, Mary went with Joseph to Bethlehem, having found "no place in the inn," she gave birth to her Son in a stable and "laid him in a manger" (cf. Lk. 2:7).

A just and God-fearing man, called Simeon, appears at this beginning of Mary's "journey" of faith. His words, suggested by the Holy Spirit (cf. Lk. 2:25-27), confirm the truth of the Annunciation. For we read that he took up in his arms the child to whom-in accordance with the angel's command-the name Jesus was given (cf. Lk. 2:21). Simeon's words match the meaning of this name, which is Savior: "God is salvation." Turning to the Lord, he says: "For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel" (Lk. 2:30-32). At the same time, however, Simeon addresses Mary with the following words: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against, that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed"; and he adds with direct reference to her: "and a sword will pierce through your own soul also" (cf. Lk. 2:34-35). Simeon's words cast new light on the announcement which Mary had heard from the angel: Jesus is the Savior, he is "a light for revelation" to mankind. Is not this what was manifested in a way on Christmas night, when the shepherds come to the stable (cf. Lk. 2:8-20)? Is not this what was to be manifested even more clearly in the coming of the Magi from the East (cf. Mt. 2:1-12)? But at the same

time, at the very beginning of his life, the Son of Mary, and his Mother with him, will experience in themselves the truth of those other words of Simeon: "a sign that is spoken against" (Lk. 2:34). Simeon's words seem like a second Annunciation to Mary, for they tell her of the actual historical situation in which the Son is to accomplish his mission, namely, in misunderstanding and sorrow. While this announcement on the one hand confirms her faith in the accomplishment of the divine promises of salvation, on the other hand it also reveals to her that she will have to live her obedience of faith in suffering, at the side of the suffering Savior, and that her motherhood will be mysterious and sorrowful. Thus, after the visit of the Magi who came from the East, after their homage ("they fell down and worshipped him") and after they had offered gifts (cf. Mt. 2:11), Mary together with the child has to flee into Egypt in the protective care of Joseph, for "Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him" (cf. Mt. 2:13). And until the death of Herod they will have to remain in Egypt (cf. Mt. 2:15).

## **SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA**

At the age of 9, Josephine was kidnapped from her home in Sudan, force-marched for eight days, and sold into slavery. "Bakhita" (Arabic: "fortunate one") had five masters who treated her with great cruelty. One mistress "tattooed" Bakhita by repeatedly cutting her skin and rubbing salt into the wounds. Finally, reaching Venice with a kind Italian family, Bakhita was entrusted to the Canossian sisters. There she embraced the Faith, ultimately entering the order herself. She served in humble ways, and spent her last years in a wheelchair. "The whole of my life has been God's gift, men, his instruments; thanks to them for providing me the gift of faith," she declared. Bakhita died in 1947 and was canonized in 2000.

*(Magnificat, February 2017)*



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