

## FEBRUARY: MONTH OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

### 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: Sunday Vigil): *The Mamawal Family by Linda Siner*  
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Bruno & Annette Michalski, r.i.p., by Bill & Mary McKenna*

### 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): *Clare & Sophie Zimmer by Eric Lundgren*

### MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Rosalie H. Iasso, r.i.p., by Alice Fratz & Family*  
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Father Robert Hilfiker (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by Kathy Kissel*

### TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY: MEMORIAL OF SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Anne Cunningham by Ann Badach*

### WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Anna Circone by the Family*

### THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Maxine Joly, r.i.p., by Jean Ries*

### FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY: MEMORIAL OF THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Ewanitch by Mary King*

### SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Father Bob Phelps, a.i.d., by Eric Lundgren*  
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *The Siner Family*  
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *pro populo*

### NEXT SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Schwarzler, a.i.d. by the Schwarzler Family*  
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *For the Intentions of the Junior Catholic Daughters of America*  
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *George E. Stokes by Anthony & Maryanne Rizzi*  
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Nicholas Benavente by Nelly Lopez*



*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: \$11,105.79*

*Pantry: \$88.00*

*Capitol Projects: \$3240.00*

### THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION:

*Peter's Pence*

### 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, event announcements, registrations, etc.

### 2016 OFFERING REPORTS

If you would like a copy of your 2016 parish donations for tax purposes, please call **Kathy** in the parish office: 534-2547

### 12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

#### *February's Prize:*

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



special someone in a Lismore Essence picture frame by Waterford.

MSRP: \$160

### **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: [ststomasjoseph.com](http://ststomasjoseph.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.**

### **MINISTRY TO SICK & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

Currently we know of 19 parishioners who receive the Holy Eucharist in their homes. We believe that there are more in need of this service. If you, or another parishioner you know, are interested in receiving weekly visits and/or the Holy Eucharist, please fill out one of the forms found on the information shelf/table in the rear of the church. You may return the completed sheet to the parish office or hand it to one of the deacons or priests after Mass.



### **ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES**

The Archdiocese of New York's Family Life + Respect Life Office is inviting couples to take the *Catholic Couple Checkup*. This is an online tool designed to identify the unique relationship strengths and growth areas of dating, engaged or married couples. Research has shown this process improves relationships by stimulating honest dialogue and increasing understanding. It's an enjoyable, easy, and private way to evaluate your relationship and start some meaningful conversations. Visit [nyfamilylife.org](http://nyfamilylife.org)

to start you "checkup". For questions or further information, contact Izabella Nagle at [Izabelle.nagle@archny.org](mailto:Izabelle.nagle@archny.org).

### **JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS NEWS**

#### **2017 BABY SUPPLY DRIVE**

To benefit the Newburgh Ministry.

February 14 - March 1.

Please drop off supplies in the bins at Saint Thomas & Saint Joseph churches as well as at Saint Thomas school. Suggested donations: diapers, bottles, formulas, pacifiers, wipes, etc.

Thank you for your support.

#### **NATIONAL JCDA DAY**

February 19

The 9:00AM Mass will be followed by a breakfast for the JCDA members and their mothers in the Saint Thomas school gym.

### **RESPECT LIFE**

"Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every life circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love...every life is worth living."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



### **LUKEWARM CATHOLICS**

The...thing about being lukewarm is that it is so easy... The lukewarm typically go to Mass every Sunday and give money to their parish and other charities. From the outside they appear to be committed Christians ("practicing Catholics"), but the lukewarm also tend to choose convenience and comfort over what is right and just. They rarely talk about God or their spiritual journey. Jesus is *part* of their lives, but He is not at the *center* of their lives. They are not willing to make sacrifices to grow spiritually. They almost never think about *heaven*, but are instead obsessed with the things of this world. They structure their lives so that they never really have to trust God too much...God doesn't want us to be lukewarm.

He wants to set us on fire.

*Mathew Kelly, Resisting Happiness*

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Peanut butter & Jelly, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent. Thank you!



### **COURT RITA #264 10 MONTH RAFFLE JANUARY WINNERS**

#306 Marilyn J. Belle - \$50.00  
#056 Tim & Matt Lam - \$75.00

## **PARISH NOTES: MAKING ALL THINGS NEW**

*by Father Doughty*

If we are to give our archbishop credit for grace working through his apostolic office, we should take his word as the Lord's when we consider the parish merger of St. Thomas and St. Joseph according to "Making All Things New." The process wasn't perfect and it's been difficult to implement; nor is it in anyway completed. I have been engaged in the undertaking with two different parishes, in three different iterations, but I don't envision it's fruition until well after my first term or even second term as pastor.

At the outset, the goal was to remake the parish in ways that inspire active parishioners to true discipleship and invite new parishioners to become part of the calling. A common ideal used in a number of the parish reform movements around the country is to move **from maintenance to mission**. Thus far, St. Thomas of Canterbury - St. Joseph Parish has begun a new way of catechizing our children and families; we are developing an outreach to our elderly and infirm parishioners that will keep us more connected to this important segment of our parish; we are thinking of ways to enhance the experience of prayer through our liturgy and other opportunities. (We will have a Lenten parish mission from March 13 to 15th, among other things.)

However, no parish - or organization - can survive all the change occurring in our world and in our church unless it gives high attention to its infrastructure. With so many challenges facing parish life today, like the lack of engagement in parish life by our young people, or the increasing secularization of our society, or the lack of available religious and clergy, it is vital that we think smartly about how we do what we do. In most parishes today, and admittedly in our own, an approach to infrastructure - that is, by organizing institutions and groups of people in a mindful way that best supports the mission of a parish - has only been notional. We do the things we've always done, because they were always done in that way. That can only lead to stagnation.

This past year, I hired Dennis Corcoran, a nationally known lay pastoral leader, to help us develop a parish infrastructure that works. With his help, we

have already formed a new Finance Council to ensure that all monies coming in and out of the parish are administered with regard to purpose and process. Our newly formed parish council will soon begin meeting regularly to help prioritize the current and future direction of St. Thomas - St. Joseph. Our parish staff will be charged with both stewarding and animating those initiatives.

Eventually, we hope the work of these parish leaders and the guidance they provide to the pastor will bring greater engagement with all our parishioners in the mission we share in Christ, and I ask all to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to make our parish truly new!

## **SAINT THERESA'S CLASSICAL ACADEMY**

March 3<sup>rd</sup> & May 19<sup>th</sup>

The Academy is looking for visual/3D/video/digital artists to serve as guest speakers for grades K-12. Each speaker will present to two fine arts classes on what it is like to be a practicing artist and a practicing Catholic and how one informs the other. Speakers will have to be present from 8AM-11AM in Blooming Grove, NY.

For more info: [info@gmspear.com](mailto:info@gmspear.com) - please include a link to your work.

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## **AKWAABA!**

*("Welcome" in the Akan language of Ghana.)*

We welcome Father Simon back this weekend from his home visit (and his bishop!) in Sunyani, Ghana.

While there, he was able to celebrate a memorial Mass with his family for his late father, who passed away this past year. (Father Simon was unable to return at the time because his visa had not been completed.)

A belated Akwaaba to Father Stephen Asomah who has helped us out while Father Simon has been

away. Father Stephen is presently a parochial vicar at St. Frances de Chantal in Throongs Neck, the Bronx. He also hails from Ghana. Thank you, Father Stephen, for your visit!