

## **FEBRUARY: MONTH OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

### **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*

### **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*

### **MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY: FERIA**

**PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY - THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Kathleen Hurley*

**THERE WILL BE NO 6:30PM MASS TONIGHT AT SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH.**

### **TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT PETER DAMIAN**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Michael & Rose Prezioso, r.i.p., by Fran Clifford*

### **WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY: FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER the APOSTLE**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Joseph Congelli by Liz & Jim Congelli*

### **THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT POLYCARP**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Cesar Lombardi, r.i.p., by the Staudle Girls*

### **FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY: FERIA**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Henry Malanowski, Sr. by Henry, Jr. & Vickie Malanowski*

### **SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY: FERIA**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Lillian Pelella, r.i.p., by Hector & Nancy Torres*

4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *Charles & Catherine Gegenheimer, r.i.p., by the family*

5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Clarence & Sophie Zimmer by Eric Lundgren*

### **NEXT SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY: EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *John Moore, r.i.p., by Mike & Margaret Gallagher*

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Dolly Dragonetti by Dr. & Mrs. E. Schreiner*

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Mary Byrne by Nelly Lopez*



**SAINT PETER DAMIEN**  
*Patron of free runners*



**SAINT POLYCARP**  
*Patron against earaches*

*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: \$6784.00**

**Pantry: \$60.47**

**Peter's Pence: \$2042.00**

### **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.



### **PLEASE NOTE**

**There will be no Mass at Saint Joseph's on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The parish office will also be closed that day in observance of President's Day.**

### **"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 your "checkup". For questions or further information, contact Izabella Nagle at [izabelle.nagle@archny.org](mailto:izabelle.nagle@archny.org).

### **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**



### **JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS 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.

### **HEALING WEEKEND**

*Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley* is offering a healing weekend from March 31 - April 2, 2017 at Saint Lawrence Friary in Beacon, NY. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have **suffered the loss of a spouse** through death, divorce, or separation.

Reservations are required.  
For information call Betty at 973-903-3941 or Mary Anne at 914-260-5087.



### **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.

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

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



### **A LENTEN JOURNEY: "COME BACK TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART"**

*A Day of Prayer sponsored by the Pallottine Sisters with Fr. Eric Andrews, C.S.P.*

Sat., March 11, 2017, 9:00AM to 5:00PM  
(Mass at 4PM)

Queen of Apostles Center

98 Harriman Heights Rd., Monroe, NY 10950

Donation: \$30.00 (includes hot lunch)

For information and advance registration (recommended), please call [845-492-5076](tel:845-492-5076).

## **LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW**

*By Father Dougherty*

I'm guessing last week's snow storm will be the last before Spring, but you never know. There's something of the child in me that loves snow days, but now more because I love the still and quiet. The day is also helpful for getting to some of that paperwork that I try to avoid doing.

When a snow "event" falls on a Sunday, people often call either during or before to ask if we're still going to have Mass. Because I have always lived "above the store," I've never had to cancel a Mass and we have always had someone attend, even if only a few. Once when I was at St. Ann Church in Nyack, ice appeared mysteriously overnight and the parking lot and sidewalks were like a skating rink. I was able to let people know via Flocknotes (stay tuned: Flocknotes is coming here!) how dangerous it was and that for safety's sake they should delay their attendance at Mass or stay home with no fear of committing a sin. Naturally, I reminded them of the obligation of spending some time in prayer that day to give God the glory, and that I expected them to double their contribution the next week! (Hint – hint! if you didn't make it last Sunday!)

When I was at St. Lawrence O'Toole in Brewster we had a snow storm that was supposed to have been the biggest since 1946. An elderly couple in the parish told me they were married that day long ago, after the pastor insisted they go ahead with the wedding and one of the few color photographs left from that day showed the bride walking to the church along the streets of Wakefield in the Bronx wearing red galoshes! Years later I celebrated the wedding of her granddaughter on a cold December day – the bride wore red galoshes like her Nanna did.

I remember the snow in '96. I was at the Church of Notre Dame, on 114<sup>th</sup> St. and Morningside. It seemed like a lot to me then because the city was so ill prepared to clean sidewalks and streets, but nothing compared to the ineptitude of Washington, DC in snow. One storm crippled the city – when I lived in Arlington - for five and six days! Fortunately for me, the Heidelberg Pastry Shop was only a short walk up Lee Highway (about a mile). People from Buffalo and Rochester (and maybe from Orange County) laugh at us. We're pikers compared to them. Compared to other parishes in the area, we fared pretty well. We probably had about 800 people come to Mass, mostly on Saturday and early Sunday morning. (That compares with the 1100 to 1200 we normally get at both churches.) I did have to cancel the 12:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph's on Sunday – for the first time! I found

driving conditions dangerous driving up there and did not want Father Simon to risk it on the ride home. I expect I will be hearing not a few people confessing – needlessly – that they missed Mass last week. We are quite certain that the Lord would prefer you stay home and keep safe and warm. Nevertheless, please note that while many non-Catholic congregations suspended services, in nearly every Catholic Church one could expect to find the Mass celebrated.

Do you wonder where the snow came from? I know. A friend of mine, a pastor in Dutchess County, called me up one morning after a big snow fall to tell me that when he went to pray before an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he found a prayer card left by one of the children of the parish with a personal message to the Mother of Our Lord: "Oh, Lady of Guadalupe, please let it snow so that we can go sledding!"

Mystery explained.

## **RESCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS**

If the Mass for which you had scheduled an intention is cancelled due to weather, please call the parish office (845-534-2547) to reschedule. We will do our best to accommodate you.



## **LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE**

During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of faith and abstinence.

**FASTING** requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Nor is there eating between meals. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige through age 59. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

**ABSTINENCE** prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige through their lives. Those who are specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.

**ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **Fast & Abstinence.**

**FRIDAYS** in Lent are days of **Abstinence.**

## **2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL**

Parish Goal: \$116,500.00

**Pledged to Date: \$14,690.00**