

MARCH: MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH

SATURDAY 11 MARCH: LENTEN FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Shirley & Tom Riley, r.i.p., by Julia Downey*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *Adaline Puricelli by Maureen Seymour*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Cindy Pear, r.i.p., by the Melendez Family*

SUNDAY 12 MARCH: LENT II

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Theresa Buckley by Hector & Nancy Torres*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Erick Nedwetsky, r.i.p., by the Kiernan Family*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Jean Accilli & Mary Galletta, r.i.p., by Julia Downey*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *pro populo*

MONDAY 13 MARCH: LENTEN FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Lillian Pelella, r.i.p., by Dennis, Cheryl, & Sarah*
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Mamawal Family by Linda Siner (No Adoration)*
7:30PM (Saint Thomas) Parish Mission

TUESDAY 14 MARCH: LENTEN FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Lillian Pelella, r.i.p., by Henry & Vickie Malanowski*
7:30PM (Saint Thomas) Parish Mission

WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH: LENTEN

8:30AM (Mass, Saint Thomas): *Anna Cercone, r.i.p. by the Family*
7:30PM (Saint Thomas) Parish Mission

THURSDAY 16 MARCH: LENTEN

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Deceased members of the Coneran Family*

FRIDAY 17 MARCH: FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK

Patron of the Archdiocese of New York

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Owen Clerkin by Terri Doogan*

SATURDAY 18 MARCH: COMMEMORATION OF SAINT CYRIL

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Francis King, r.i.p., bt Marion King*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *pro populo*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *White & Jurgin Families by Chick & Betty Jurgins*

NEXT SUNDAY 19 MARCH: LENT III

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Frank Trivigno & Alexis Harris, r.i.p., by Beezer & Christine*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Cornelius Conroy, r.i.p., by Catherine Conroy*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *John Dragonetti by Dr. & Mrs. E. Schreiner*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Wallace Bywater (4th Anniversary), r.i.p., by the family*



SAINT PATRICK

Patron of Ireland & the Archdiocese of New York

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)

PARISH MISSION: "Life in Christ"

Father Harold Brock will preach at all Masses this weekend about the parish mission.

Monday - *The Eucharist: Bread of Life with Adoration*

Tuesday - *Confession: Life Giving Repentance*

with Adoration

Wednesday - *The Cross: Tree of Life with closing Mass*

7:30PM each evening at Saint Thomas church.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:

Ash Wednesday: \$3882.73

Sunday Regular: \$11,217.00

Capital Projects Fund: \$3175.00

Pantry: \$98.00

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Easter Flowers

2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$116,500.00

Donors: 70

Pledged to Date: \$24,780.00

SAINT JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION

Next Sunday, March 19 in the Saint Thomas school gym after the 9:00AM Mass. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Stop in and enjoy some coffee, zeppoli, and other goodies while learning more about this patron of the Universal Church and fathers!



LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE SUSPENDED FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Because the **Feast of St. Patrick**, which is celebrated as a solemnity in the Archdiocese, occurs this Friday, Cardinal Dolan has written to assure us that the practice of fasting and abstaining from meat normally observed on Fridays in Lent is suspended.

Please also note that the celebration of the Solemn Feast of St. Joseph, the universal patron of the Church, has been moved to Monday, March 20 this year. The day should be regarded as a time to feast, not fast. Enjoy your cannoli!

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. The training will be on consecutive Wednesdays: March 15, 22, & 29.



NEW MASS SETTING

During Lent, the parish will be singing a new setting for the proper parts of the Mass. The Belmont Mass, composed by Christopher Walker, can be found in the Music Issue of Today's Missal in the pews.

Please turn to No. 847 for the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy); Nos. 848, 849, and 850 for the Memorial Acclamations; No. 851 for the Amen; and No. 852 for the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God).

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR FLOCKNOTE YET?

Flocknote is a powerful email/texting media tool that helps us keep parishioners informed about important events in the parish. You can choose to receive updates from the parish and parish groups; you may unsubscribe anytime; and there is no spam!

Help us stay in touch with you by signing up today at Mass or after. Text STC to 84576 on your cell phone, or visit flocknote.com/STCanterbury.



PRAYER CHAIN

To place someone on the prayer chain please contact Carolyn Mundy at 845-534-9277.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Babysitting Event

Sponsored by the parish youth group. April 1st from 5:00 – 9:00PM at Saint Thomas school. Plan a fun night out or a quiet evening in! *All ages – but must be potty trained!*

Raffle

One week vacation in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina! \$5/ticket or \$20/5. Proceeds to benefit the Youth Group's Camp Veritas Scholarship Fund. Tickets available in the Religious Education office.

MITE BOXES

Please help yourself to a mite box (or 2!) from the baskets in the back of the church. Fill them with your change and bring them back to the church. Collected monies go to support **Orange County Catholic Charities** and its local programs.



CDA COURT RITA # 264 NEWS

MARCH RAFFLE WINNERS

#166: Alana Staudle - \$50
#072: Melissa Nosenchuck - \$75

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Open to graduating high school seniors of the parish. Please contact:

Mrs. Rose Hufford	or	Ms. Mary Jane Reed
Education Chairman		129 Main St. Apt. 1B
30 Hazen St.		Cornwall, NY 12518
Cornwall, NY 12518		845-458-5543
845-534-9245		

Applications must be returned no later than April 21.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH DINNERS

5pm-7pm every Friday during Lent in the Saint Thomas school kitchen. Takeout or dine-in.

\$10 each Flounder or Shrimp Dinner

\$15 for a combo of both (Fish & Shrimp).

Dinners include choice of fish, coleslaw, potato salad, dinner roll and accompanying sauces.



Tasty desserts and chances for a beautiful Easter Raffle Basket will also be available for purchase. Proceeds directly support the St. Thomas - St Joseph Parish and the Knights of Columbus. For more information or if you are interested in becoming a Knight please email Grand Knight Tom DiSalvo at KofC7460@gmail.com.

THE POPE SPEAKS: "THE WORD IS A GIFT"

This is the last part of Pope Francis's message for Lent this year.

The Gospel of the rich man and Lazarus helps us to make a good preparation for the approach of Easter. The liturgy of Ash Wednesday invites us to an experience quite similar to that of the rich man. When the priest imposes the ashes on our heads, he repeats the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". As it turned out, the rich man and the poor man both died, and the greater part of the parable takes place in the afterlife. The two characters suddenly discover that "we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it" (1 Tim 6:7).

We too see what happens in the afterlife. There the rich man speaks at length with Abraham, whom he calls "father" (Lk 16:24.27), as a sign that he belongs to God's people. This detail makes his life appear all the more contradictory, for until this moment there had been no mention of his relation to God. In fact, there was no place for God in his life. His only god was himself.

The rich man recognizes Lazarus only amid the torments of the afterlife. He wants the poor man to alleviate his suffering with a drop of water. What he asks of Lazarus is similar to what he could have done but never did. Abraham tells him: "During your life you had your fill of good things, just as Lazarus had his fill of bad. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony" (v. 25). In the afterlife, a kind of fairness is restored and life's evils are balanced by good.

The parable goes on to offer a message for all Christians. The rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers, who are still alive. But Abraham answers: "They have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to them" (v. 29). Countering the rich man's objections, he adds: "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead" (v. 31).

The rich man's real problem thus comes to the fore. At the root of all his ills was the failure to heed God's word. As a result, he no longer loved God and grew to despise his neighbor. The word of God is alive and powerful, capable of converting hearts and leading them back to God. When we close our heart to the gift of God's word, we end up closing our heart to the gift of our brothers and sisters.

Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favor the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

From the Vatican, 18 October 2016,
Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist

THIS LENT IN THE PARISH

Adoration

Every Monday at Saint Joseph's at 5:30PM, followed by Mass at 6:30PM (with Confession).

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you – for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart."

Saint Therese of Lisieux

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at Saint Joseph's church at 7:30PM

"Compassionate your Lord."

Saint Alphonsus Liguori



Confessions

Every Saturday at Saint Thomas' 4:30 – 5:15PM;
every Monday at Saint Joseph's 6:00 – 6:30PM

Reconciliation Monday

April 10 at St. Thomas' from 3:00 – 9:00PM

Parish Mission: Life in Christ

Led by the Friars of the Renewal who minister to homeless men at Saint Anthony Shelter for Renewal in the South Bronx. Father Herald Brock will preach at all Sunday Masses on March 11 & 12 with preaching from Monday, March 13 - Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30PM.

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS

DRAWING

March's Prize:

Waterford Crystal Celtic Standing Cross for Saint Patrick's Day. MSRP: \$185



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I BIND UNTO MYSELF TODAY
THE STRONG NAME OF THE TRINITY,
BY INVOCATION OF THE SAME,
THE THREE IN ONE, AND ONE IN THREE.

















