

MARCH: MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH

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*

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*

MONDAY 20 MARCH: SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Noreen, Bridget, & Joseph Downey by Julia Downey*
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Ibraheem Tahtouh by the Ireifej Family*

TUESDAY 21 MARCH: LENTEN FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Kevin Hennessey, r.i.p., by John & Flo Wood*

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH: LENTEN FERIA

8:30AM (Mass, Saint Thomas): *Lillian Pelella, r.i.p., by Kathleen Milich & Family*

THURSDAY 23 MARCH: COMMEMORATION OF SAINT TURIBIUS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Lillian Pelella, r.i.p., by Jerry & Kathy Sarubbe*

FRIDAY 24 MARCH: COMMEMORATION OF BLESSED OSCAR ROMERO

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *John & Nellie Hennesey by Margaret Hennesey*

SATURDAY 25 MARCH: SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Ted King & Margaret Scalzo, r.i.p., by Mary King*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *The Siner Family by Linda Siner*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *pro populo*

SAINT JOSEPH

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Jane Mahler, r.i.p., by the Fuger Family*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Robert Mike Walits by the Family*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Kathleen Carron Sherry by the Maddalena Family*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Special Intention by Eric Lundgren*

NEXT SUNDAY 12 MARCH: LENT IV

Patron of the Universal Church & Fathers



r.i.p. (requiescat in pace: rest in peace), *a.i.d.* (ad intencionem donoris: for the intention of the donor)
pro sal. (pro salutem: for health), *pro populo* (for the people)

SAINT JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION

Today, 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!



2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: As of 3/10

Parish Goal: \$116,500.00

Donors: 84

Pledged to Date: \$28,230

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:

Sunday Regular: \$11,050.90

Pantry: \$584.91

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Easter Flowers

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

March's Prize:

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



PRAYER CHAIN

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

PARISH TRIP

Please join us to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at the Divine Mercy Center in Newark, NJ. The day will include: Mass, Healing Service with Br. Paul Miller, OFS, Confessions, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Date: Sunday, April 23, 2017

Time: Departing at 7:30 a.m. from St. Joseph's SCHOOL, 148 Windsor Hwy, New Windsor, NY. We will leave Newark approx. 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 for transportation/West Point Tour Bus
Please pack a lunch. For more information and to reserve a seat on the bus please call Mary at [\(845\) 534-3904](tel:845-534-3904).



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.

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ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Open to graduating high school seniors of the parish.

Please contact:

Mrs. Rose Hufford
Education Chairman
30 Hazen St.
Cornwall, NY 12518
845-534-9245

or
Ms. Mary Jane Reed
129 Main St. Apt. 1B
Cornwall, NY 12518
845-458-5543

Applications must be returned no later than April 21.

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.



ATTENTION MEN!

The Archdiocese of New York Men's Conference is a day for Catholic men to gather for fellowship, spiritual enrichment, and practical insights on how to live their faith.

Saturday, April 1, 2017

11:00AM - 5:30PM

St. Joseph's Seminary
201 Seminary Avenue
Yonkers, NY 10704

MITE BOXES

Please help yourself to a mite box (or 2!) from the baskets in the back of the church.



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.



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."

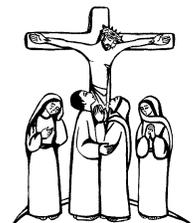
Saint Therese of Lisieux

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

LENT: A BRIEF HISTORY

(Excerpted from the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*,
The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC,
1967.)

In the earliest days of the Church's life, Lent (from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning spring), as a period of fasting to prepare for the Paschal/Easter feast, did not last more than a week in some places around the Christian world, and more often was limited to one or two days at most. The second century Church Father Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wrote of various practices including a fast of forty consecutive hours. The third century tract of Hippolytus, *Apostolic Traditions*, which sought to preserve the "older" traditions of the Church, mentions a 2-day fast in Rome. (Our second Eucharistic canon or prayer in the missal incidentally is derived in part from this documents.)

A mention of a 40-day period of fasting first appears in the Canons of the Council of Nicaea (325) and while its character as a preparation for the paschal feast is not certain, it is clear that by the latter part of the century, from the letters of Saint Athanasius, it had become so. Indeed, its observance in both East and West was commanded by the Fathers at the Council of Laodicea (360AD) who referred to it in Latin as *quadagesima* (or *tessarakoste* in Greek). The practice of fasting itself as preparation for the Feast of Easter finds its origin in the prescribed fast for those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

Catechumens, men and women who had yet to be initiated into the sacred mysteries, underwent an intense period of *catechesis* or instruction as well as formation. Imitating Jesus' 40-day fast in the desert prior to his proclamation of the kingdom, these initiates kept watch with our Lord through prayer and fasting as a visible repentance for all the faithful to see. It was not long before the faithful, perhaps encouraged by the example of these converts, adopted for themselves the spiritual practice.

The different regional churches had various ways of actually numbering the forty days. While the West practiced six weeks of fasting, exempting Sundays – the day of the Resurrection – as a feast to be celebrated, the Eastern Church fasted over seven weeks, forgiving the discipline on Saturdays and Sundays. Since the practice in the Western Church left only 36 actual days of fasting, the Church in the West eventually (in the 7th century) added four days, marking the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

Of course, the discipline of fasting was not the only aspect of the Lenten season; an emphasis on spiritual renewal defined the season's early character. In later centuries, however, the fast became preeminent, and its observance quite strict, particularly among religious orders. Various, only one meal a day was allowed; any kind of meat, fish, and dairy product were forbidden; and even Sundays did not allow the consumption of meat. During the Middle Ages, many of the practices were relaxed, with a light meal allowed along with the main meal, and dairy products and fish permitted.

In the modern eras, great relaxation of the law of fasting for Catholics meant that meat could be eaten on Sundays in Lent, and then every other day except Fridays, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday. More attention to other penitential works beside fasting and abstinence followed, particularly with Pope Paul VI's 1966 apostolic constitution *Poenitemini*. Thus in our day, prayer and other pious devotions, and works of charity, have been linked inseparably with the practice of self-denial through fasting and abstinence.

"STAR" YOUTH GROUP

(SAINT THOMAS – SAINT JOSEPH ACTIVE RELIGIOUS)

Fun, Friends, and Faith!

Did you know that we have an active youth group at our parish? Would you like to join us?

The youth group typically meets every other Sunday at 12:30PM. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Louise Pisano at (845) 534-9393. Upcoming events include Parish Babysitting (April 8th) and a Holy Hour event scheduled for April 21.

Babysitting Event

Sponsored by the parish youth group.

April 8th 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.

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