

APRIL: MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SATURDAY 1 APRIL: LENTEN FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Lillian Pelella, r.i.p., by Jack & Lucy DuBois*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *Mario Puricelli by Maureen Seymour*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Kevin Jurgens by Betty & Chick*

SUNDAY 2 APRIL: LENT V

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *The Kenny & Serraino Families*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Stephen & Margaret Rogan, r.i.p., by John & Margaret Pelella*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Deceased Members of the Gallo Family by Mr. & Mrs. Sal Gallo*

MONDAY 3 APRIL: LENTEN FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Lillian Pelella, r.i.p., by Tom & Marian Kane*
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Frances Carroll by the Family*

TUESDAY 4 APRIL: COMMEMORATION OF SAINT ISIDORE

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

WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL: COMMEMORATION OF SAINT VINCENT FERRER

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Lillian Pelella, r.i.p., by Loretta Fanning*

THURSDAY 6 APRIL: LENTEN FERIA

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

FRIDAY 7 APRIL: COMMEMORATION OF SAINT JOHN BAPTIST de la SALLE

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

SATURDAY 8 APRIL: LENTEN FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Danilo P. Morada by Linda Malbanan*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *The Mawawal Family by Linda Siner*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Pat, Bucky, Tim, & Connor Riley by Chick & Betty Jurgens*

PALM SUNDAY 9 APRIL

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Andrew Maroney by Jean Maroney*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Ralph Dragonetti by Dr. & Mrs. E. Schreiner*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Joseph & Anthony Paganico*

5th Sunday of
Lent
We prepare

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: \$10,273.00
Easter Flowers: \$1,100.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$2,871.00
Pantry: \$80.00

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Capital Projects Fund

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

April 10, 2017

3:00PM - 9:00PM

Cardinal Dolan designated April 10, 2017 as Reconciliation Monday for Lent. All parishes in the archdiocese will have priests available to hear confessions from 3:00PM-9:00 PM. Confessions will be at Saint Thomas.



12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

April's Prize: For your April Flowers!
Waterford 10" olive green vase
MSRP: \$325.00



2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: As of
3/10

Parish Goal: \$116,500.00

Pledged to Date: \$

Donors:

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CDA COURT RITA # 264

LADIES!

All Ladies of our combined parish are welcome to attend the next meeting of CDA, Court Rita on Monday, April 3rd, at 7:00PM in Room 7 of the Saint Thomas Parish Center (new school). Refreshments will be served along with good conversation and pleasant company. Contact Brigid Flynn at 534-2116.

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.

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).



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FR. DENNIS DINAN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Mass on Sunday, May 7th at 3PM

St Joseph's Church, New Windsor

Celebration to follow at St Joseph's School, Route 32 New Windsor. Please fill out a flyer to RSVP found in the church entrances.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for 2017-2018

Now in progress.

All families, currently enrolled, have received an email with a copy of the registration attached. Grade 1, 2 with siblings will enroll in the Family Formation program, which will take place on the first Sunday of the month. Forms are available in the Religious Education office. You can also email us and we will be happy to email you a copy. REP@st-stj.com or st.thomas.faith.formation@gmail.com

If you are re-registering, all forms are **due into the office no later than May 31, 2017** to get your choice of day and time. Re-registration forms that come in after that date will be assigned where there is space available. **Please do not wait to register.**

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.

Orange County Youth Groups Holy Hour

Saint Thomas of Canterbury Church

April 21st from 7:00PM-9:00PM

Holy Hour in the church followed by refreshments in the school gym.

ANNUAL GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Jubilee Mass with



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Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick,
Sunday, June 11th at 2:00PM.
Pre-registration is required:
nyfamilylife.org or 646-794-3188.
Last day to register is Friday, May 12, 2017.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

by Father Dougherty

In 1993, William Bennett, the former Secretary of Education under President Reagan, put together an anthology of short stories and fables in *The Book of Virtues*. He wanted to re-present many of the timeless classics like Aesop's "The Tortoise and the Hare" and other fables that taught wisdom and virtue. He saw in these stories a way to reset our nation's moral compass and ensure our children (and we ourselves) are morally literate.

Stories with messages make a lot of sense. We're attracted to them usually because they entertain. We learn from them because they challenge us to find an often hidden message within them and figure out what that message may have to do with us. The unfortunate drawback is that these stories, fables, and parables often lose their power to communicate with each telling. As with "The Three Little Pigs" or "Goldilocks", they become too familiar and are often disregarded as time-worn or even irrelevant.

This cannot be said of what has often been named as referred to as "the greatest story ever told." The passion accounts we will hear once again on Palm Sunday from the Gospels of Matthew (this year), Mark, and Luke, and the Gospel of John on Good Friday, defy the challenge of time and predictability. As with any story, the Passion of Our Lord might be thought to be boring, the same-old, boring, unbelievable, etc. Yet, it only becomes so if we let it.

The story of the Savior's Passion and Death, handed on from the apostles and ever taught by the Church through Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, is simply the most profoundly captivating story ever told because it plumbs the depths of God's interest in us. It provides a response to the yearning in the human soul where one can find hope full of immortality (Wisdom 3). It has personal relevance necessarily for everyone who has ever lived.

In that story, one may find "romance, glory, honor, fidelity, and the true way of all loves on earth, and

more than that" (J.R.R. Tolkien). It is about God; it is about you. The yearly recounting of how God loved us will help us, as the focus of our prayer and meditation, keep our love for God alive and prepare us for Holy Week in new ways.

The scriptural accounts of how Jesus willed his suffering and death can amaze us if we pray about and with them. The crown of thorns, the nails, the purple cloth adorning the simple wooden cross at the foot of our altar frame a story that continues to give us new reasons to love Him with all of our hearts.

The crucifix above the altar, the altar itself, and the Holy Eucharist speak with eloquence about God's great affection for you. Ever vivid, always profound, never hackneyed, the greatest story ever told is the reason itself for our prayer and devotion.

MASS BOOK

The 2017 Mass book is now full.
Unannounced Masses are available
anytime. These Masses are said
privately by the parish priest or sent out to Mission
priests. When the 2018 Mass book arrives a notice
will be placed in the bulletin.



THE TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY 13 APRIL

9:30AM (Saint Joseph) Tenebrae
7:30PM (Saint Thomas) Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY 14 APRIL

Day of Fast & Abstinence

9:30AM (Saint Joseph) Tenebrae
12:00 Noon (Saint Thomas)
Stations of the Cross for Families
3:00PM (Saint Thomas) Good Friday Liturgy
7:30PM (Saint Joseph) Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 15 APRIL

9:30AM (Saint Joseph) Tenebrae
8:00PM (Saint Thomas) Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY 16 APRIL: **SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE** **LORD**

7:30AM (Saint Thomas)
9:00AM (Saint Thomas):
For the intentions of the Flower Donors
9:30AM (Saint Joseph)
11:00AM (Saint Thomas)

**12:30PM (Saint Thomas)* NOTE CHANGE OF
CHURCH**

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Today, after the 9:00AM Mass,
please make your way over to the
school gym and join fellow
parishioners for coffee, breakfast,
and conversation. Visit with old
friends and meet some new people!





















