

APRIL: MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HOLY SATURDAY 15 APRIL

9:30AM (Saint Joseph) Tenebrae

8:00PM (Saint Thomas: Easter Vigil): *Celebrant's Intentions*

SUNDAY 16 APRIL: SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Celebrant's Intentions*

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *For the Intentions of the Flower Donors*

9:30AM (Saint Joseph): *Celebrant's Intentions*

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Celebrant's Intentions*

12:30PM (Saint Thomas - Note change of church): *Celebrant's Intentions*

EASTER MONDAY 17 APRIL

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Greta McLaughlin, r.i.p., by Barbara Newman Mannix & Family*

6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Lewis Tahtouh by the Ireifej Family*

EASTER TUESDAY 18 APRIL

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Nick, Erica, & Baby Santiago, a.i.d., by Mary King*

EASTER WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL

8:30AM (Mass, Saint Thomas): *Horacio Dimayuga, r.i.p., by Mrs. Erlinda Malabanan & Family*

EASTER THURSDAY 20 APRIL

8:20AM (Saint Thomas): *In Thanksgiving by the Crispo Family*

EASTER FRIDAY 21 APRIL

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Christine Reyes de Leon, r.i.p., by Mrs. Erlinda Malabanan*

EASTER SATURDAY 22 APRIL

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Lillian Pelella, r.i.p., by Harry & Pat Kryzak*

4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *the Siner Family by Linda Siner*

5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Theresa Gleeson (1st Anniversary), r.i.p. by Kathleen & Rose*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 23 APRIL

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *the Downey & Riley Families*

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

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *John Pelella, Sr., r.i.p., by John, Jr. & Margaret Pelella*

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *The Tahtouh Family by the Ireifej Family*

Alleluja
Alleluja
Alleluja



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:

Palm Sunday: \$12,775.58

Capital Projects Fund: \$390.00

Easter Flower Collection to Date: \$4,037.44

Pantry: \$90.72

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

April's Prize: For your April Flowers!

Waterford 10" olive green vase

MSRP: \$325.00



EASTER FLOWERS

The 9:00AM Easter Sunday Mass will be offered for the intentions submitted by Easter flower donors. The

envelopes will remain on our altars throughout the Easter Season and therefore in our prayers.

PLEASE NOTE

The parish office will be closed
Easter Monday (4/17).

It will reopen on Tuesday (4/18).

PRAYER CHAIN

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



**2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: As of
4/7**

Parish Goal: \$116,500.00
Pledged to Date: \$42,580.00
Donors: 150

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR FLOCKNOTE YET?

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CDA COURT RITA # 264 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.

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.



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AN INVITATION

On April 23, Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sisters of the Presentation will engage in what Pope Francis terms the 8th work of mercy: having mercy on our "common home". On the grounds of Mt. St. Joseph there will be

a procession and short video beginning at 11 a.m. at the Administration Center, 84 Presentation Way in New Windsor. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For information call 845-401-8531.

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.**

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.

"BRITISH LANDSCAPES" PARISH TRIP

WITH FATHER DOUGHTY

Come to know the best of England, Scotland and Wales on this 10-day tour (October 19th - 28th). 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 with questions. See the parish website for registration information: ststthomasjoseph.com



4TH ANNUAL CASH-N-COCKTAILS

Sponsored by the Sacred Heart PTO to support Sacred Heart School. Tickets are available now and each ticket admits two to a reception to be held on Sunday, May 28, 2017, 7-10:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's School, 148 Windsor Highway, New Windsor, NY, where the winning tickets will be drawn. Only 300 tickets will be sold for \$100 each (if less than 200

tickets are sold, prize becomes a 50/50 with one prize only). *You do not need to be present to win.* Please contact Mary Gould (914-805-2332) or Dr. Gina Cook (845-541-4216) or email ptosacredheart@gmail.com for further information.

THE HARROWING OF HELL

By Father Doughy

The following text is from the Gospel of Nicodemus, a pious and imaginative recounting of Jesus's descent on Holy Saturday into Hell (the place of the Dead) to free all held captive by eternal death. It was written between 150 and 255 AD.

Now when we were set together with all our fathers in the deep, in obscurity of darkness, on a sudden there came a golden heat of the sun and a purple and royal light shining upon us. And immediately the father of the whole race of men, together with all the patriarchs and prophets, rejoiced, saying: This light is the author of everlasting light which did promise to send unto us his co-eternal light. And Isaiah [who prophesied]: the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light, and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them did the light shine..., said, "and now hath [that light] come and shone upon us that sit in death.:

And when father Adam that was first created heard this..., he cried out to Seth his son, saying: Declare unto thy sons the patriarchs and the prophets all that thou didst hear [that] then shall the most beloved Son of God come upon the earth to raise up the body of Adam and the bodies of the dead.... Christ Jesus [shall] come down upon the earth and shall bring in our father Adam into paradise unto the tree of mercy. And when they heard all these things... all the patriarchs and prophets rejoiced with a great rejoicing.

[Then,] all the multitude of the saints... spake with a voice of rebuking unto Hell: Open thy gates, that the King of glory may come in.... O thou most foul and stinking Hell, open thy gates, that the King of glory may come in. [Then] the Lord of majesty appeared in the form of a man and lightened the eternal darkness and broke the bonds that could not be loosed: and the succor of his everlasting might visited us that sat in the deep darkness of our transgressions and in the shadow of death of our sins.

Then did the King of glory in his majesty trample upon death, and laid hold on Satan the prince and delivered him unto the power of Hell, and drew Adam to him unto his own brightness. And the Lord

stretching forth his hand, said: Come unto me, all ye my saints which bear mine image and my likeness. Ye that by the tree and the devil and death were condemned. And forthwith all the saints were gathered in one under the hand of the Lord... And the Lord stretched forth his hand and made the sign of the cross over Adam and over all his saints, and he took the right hand of Adam and went up out of hell, and all the saints followed him. Then did holy David cry aloud and say: Sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things. His right hand hath wrought salvation for him and his holy arm. The Lord hath made known his saving health, before the face of all nations hath he revealed his righteousness. And the whole multitude of the saints answered, saying: Such honor have all his saints. Amen, Alleluia.

ANNUAL GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS

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



Alleluia!
CHRIST,
having
risen from
the dead,
dies now
no more +
death shall
no longer
have
dominion
over him





















