

APRIL: MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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*

MONDAY 24 APRIL: MEMORIAL OF SAINT FIDELIS of SIGMARINGEN

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Hugh & Cookie Gavin*
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Father Robert Hilfiker, r.i.p., by Kathy Kissel*

TUESDAY 25 APRIL: FEAST OF SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Robert Tarantino, r.i.p., by Judy & Joe Valentine*

WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL: EASTER FERIA

8:30AM (Mass, Saint Thomas): *Margaret Kelly by Thomas Kingman*

THURSDAY 27 APRIL: EASTER FERIA

8:20AM (Saint Thomas): *Lillian Pelella, r.i.p., by the Schwarzler Family*

FRIDAY 28 APRIL: MEMORIALS OF SAINT PETER CHANEL; SAINT LOUIS de MONTFORT

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Doris Miller by the Card Players*

SATURDAY 29 APRIL: MEMORIAL OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Bernice Gill, r.i.p., by Pat, Bobbi, & Laurie*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *Shahid Hasan, r.i.p., by John Mercuri*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas): *Kelly Tritsos, r.i.p., by Diana Tutini & Family*

SUNDAY 30 APRIL: EASTER III

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mario & Anna Cercone, r.i.p., by the Family*
miscarriage,
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Christy & Betty Gray by Catherine Conroy*
piety
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Dr. Felomena Colcol by Noel Vinoya*



SAINT CATHERINE
OF SIENA

Patron against fire, illness,

and of those ridiculed for their

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)

Pledged to Date: \$45,575.00
Donors: 164

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:

Holy Land: \$2126.00
Easter Collection: \$27,145.22
Regular Collection: \$659.00
Pantry: \$107.00

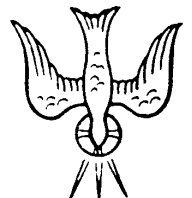
NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Central & Eastern Europe

2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: As of 4/7
Parish Goal: \$116,500.00

EASTER VIGIL SACRAMENTS

Congratulations!
Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation:
Judy Caballero
Holy Eucharist &
Confirmation:
Liesl Kenney Van Ledtje
Jasmin Lundgren
Christopher Rittendale



Levon Volpe

Terry Volpe

Confirmation:

Richard Johnson

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"MY CHOICE" PREGNANCY CARE CENTER ANNUAL BANQUET

May 11, 2017.

My Choice is a medical pregnancy resource center where women receive free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and std testing and are treated in a loving and dignified manner. They have two centers, one in New Windsor and one that just opened in Middletown. Orange County Right to Life is honored to work with **My Choice**. Our goal is to direct the girls to real, hands-on help, which is what **My Choice** provides. The New Windsor Center is located just 3 miles away from Newburgh Planned Parenthood. It is important to support **My Choice**, without them we have no place to send these vulnerable girls.

RSVP by May 1st to helplinerone@mychoicepcc.com

MOUNT ALVERNIA RETREAT DAY

When: Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Cost: \$30 (includes breakfast & lunch)

Topic: Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Meet in Saint Thomas church parking lot at 8:15AM to carpool.

Call Colette at 845-534-2664 for more information.



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.



12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

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



FATIMA

Each year, *America Needs Fatima* holds the Public Square Rosary, with thousands of Rosary Rallies in towns/villages and cities all across the country. May 13, 2017 is the 100-Year Anniversary of Our Lady's first appearance to the three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Our parish will commemorate this Centennial Anniversary by participating in a Rosary Rally along including parish ministries/organizations, on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. at the St. Thomas school parking lot, in front of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.
For more information, please contact Mary Ann & Bart at 534-5060.

AN INVITATION

Today, 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, New Windsor. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For information call 845-401-8531.



NEW YORK CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze." Saint Catherine of Siena

April 29, 2017 9:00AM-5:00PM

Saint Joseph's Seminary

201 Seminary Ave.

Yonkers, NY 10704

To register: OYMNY.org/NY-Catholic-Youth-Day

For information: Cynthia Psencik (914) 367-8329 or CynthiaPsencik@archny.org

“BRITISH LANDSCAPES” PARISH TRIP

WITH FATHER DOUGHTY

Enjoy the beauty of the Lake District, York, Stratford-upon-Avon, Edinburgh, the Borders Region and so much more on this 10-day tour (October 19th – 28th). Extend your tour 3 more nights by taking the Eurostar Chunnel to Paris. Contact Mary Ellen at metiernan@comcast.net with questions. See the parish website for registration information: ststomasjoseph.com



QUASIMODO SUNDAY

by Father Doughty

That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians.. And when [they] saw the great power of the Lord... the people put their trust in him and in Moses his servant. (Exodus 15:30-31)

I never find the Book of Exodus an easy read. It's not that one of the most famous stories in all of civilization is complicated. Rather, it's discomfoting. The travails of the Israelites in Egypt and throughout their journey in the Sinai make me squirm (and not because of my identification – mentioned a couple of weeks ago – with the plague of bugs). How could they have been so thick-skulled? After having been spared the many pains suffered by the Egyptians and delivered from the angel that struck down the Egyptians first-born, you would think they'd have learned to trust God. They did not, however, for as soon as they escaped from Egypt and found themselves before the Red Sea, with Pharaoh's army in hot pursuit, they mocked Moses for allowing them to perish by the sword rather than die the slow death of slavery. They forgot what God had already done for them. The Lord, however, delivers them, once again, from present danger by destroying the Egyptians. The story of Moses parting the Red Sea by the power of God - and the many other acts performed by God to save the Hebrews during their sojourn - begs the question: How could they so consistently have failed to believe in a divine being who, through many acts of power and wonder, reveals Himself to be their very own God?

I said the story made me uncomfortable because I know that I am often too much like the Hebrews, failing to trust God as much as I should. How much convincing does it take to get it through my own thick head that I belong to God? Does He have to send his only begotten Son to become like me (in everything except that which He can't possibly be – sinful)? Does that Son have to die on the cross, suffering the punishment that should have been mine for all my sins? And should that Son have to rise from the dead

and charge me with sharing this “Good News” with the whole world in order to make a believer of me? What in the world else do I need to be convinced of His unfailing love, His providential care? The story of the Hebrews in the desert is the story of children, children loved by their Father. Just as a father and mother give everything they have and are (thus, giving themselves) to create the surroundings that will convince their child that he or she will be loved unfailingly and forever, so we are children of the Eternal Father who has shown us something pretty amazing (the Resurrection) to convince us of His great and unfailing love, and won't let us forget it in the ways we encounter His grace daily.

This Sunday we celebrate the eighth day in the Octave of Easter. In recent years, Saint John Paul II, added the name “Divine Mercy” for this Sunday's celebration but it has been known variously as “White Sunday”, for the day when the newly baptized laid aside their white baptismal robes; as “Low Sunday” to indicate the end of the week long celebration of the Resurrection; and as “Quasimodo Sunday”, from the Introit at Mass: *Quasi modo geniti infans, rationabile, sine dolo lac concupiscite*. The latter is especially helpful to our understanding of what we celebrate today. From Saint Peter's first letter, we are urged, “like newborn babies, [to] crave spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation...”

Whatever its name, the continuation of our Easter celebration today, and for the next seven weeks, focuses us on the one mighty act of God that is really all that needs to be said to convince us of the love of the Eternal Father for his children, born anew through baptism.

SAINT MARK

The Fathers of the Church held that Mark the Evangelist was a co-worker of Peter and Paul (*cf. 1 Pt 5:15 and Col 4:10ff*). Since antiquity, Mark has been associated with the lion, one of the four creatures who worship the lamb in Rev. 5:6-14. Mark opens his Gospel with the figure of John the Baptist, the “voice crying out in the wilderness” – recalling the roar of the desert beast. Since the removal of Mark's relics from Alexandria, Egypt – the supposed site of his martyrdom – to Venice, Italy, in 828, the winged lion, with its paw outstretched on the book of the Gospels, has represented Mark's patronage of the city. (*Magnificat, April 2017*)



RESPECT LIFE

“The threats to religious freedom are more subtle (in the West); many people don't even perceive them...Whereas in other parts of the worlds...it's

bloody, violent, overt. But in both cases it's a denial of the rights of conscience, it's a denial to the fundamental freedom to relate to one's own God."

~ *The Most Rev. William E. Lori*

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses on **4/23 & 24** and **5/13 & 14** for chances to win a week's stay in a condo at Myrtle Beach, S.C.. Proceeds to benefit the parish Camp Veritas Scholarship Fund.



