

APRIL: MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Christy & Betty Gray by Catherine Conroy*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Dr. Felomena Colcol by Noel Vinoya*

MONDAY 1 MAY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Father Marc Oliver, a.i.d., by Melissa Nosenchuck*
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Catherine Lundgren by Eric Lundgren*

TUESDAY 2 MAY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT ATHANASIUS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Eileen Kearns, pro sal., by Henry & Vickie Malanowski*

WEDNESDAY 3 MAY: FEAST OF SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Dr. Seruando Malabanan by Linda Malabanan*

THURSDAY 4 MAY: EASTER FERIA

8:20AM (Saint Thomas): *Raymond Costella, r.i.p., by Peter Castella*

FIRST FRIDAY 5 MAY: EASTER FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Doris Miller by Thomas Kingman*

FIRST SATURDAY 6 MAY: EASTER FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Jane Gibbons, r.i.p., by Barbara Gosda*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *Mamawal Family by Linda Siner*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Father Bob Phelps, a.i.d., by the Basini Family*

SUNDAY 7 MAY: EASTER IV

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Josephine Kerielle by William & Susan Cotton*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Bridie Gray, pro sal, by the Rich Family*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Theresa A. Buckley, r.i.p., by Marty & Liz Stallone*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *pro populo*



Saint Joseph the Worker

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)

EASTER COLLECTION TOTALS:

Holy Land: \$2226.00
Flowers: \$4,587.44
Easter Gifts: \$33,182.22

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:

Regular Collection: \$9696.47
Pantry: \$85.15 & \$25 Hannaford gift card

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Central & Eastern Europe

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Capital Project Fund

2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: As of 4/21

Parish Goal: \$116,500.00
Pledged to Date: \$46,730.00
Donors: 167

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12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

April's Winner: Peggy Brady

May's Prize: For your May Grad!

Rogaska Crystal Clock & Pen set.

MSRP: \$200

Celebration Crystal Heritage 5x7 Picture Frame.

MSRP: \$75



MITE BOXES

Please return all mite boxes to the parish office by Tuesday 5/2/17. Catholic Charities will be picking them up on Wednesday 5/3/17.

Thank you for your generosity!

PANTRY NEEDS

Solid white tuna, canned potatoes & yams, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, coffee, & tea.



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"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. Contact Mary Ellen at metiernan@comcast.net with questions.

See the parish website for registration information: ststthomasjoseph.com



SEPARATED & DIVORCED CATHOLICS

First & third Wednesdays every month

Saint John's Rectory Meeting Room

77 Murray Ave., Goshen

For information: Helen at (845) 563-0604

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



"I am from Heaven."

Fatima, Portugal. Our parish will commemorate this Centennial Anniversary by participating in a Rosary Rally along with other parish ministries and 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. Refreshments to follow in the school gym. *For more information, please contact Mary Ann & Bart at 534-5060.*

PARISH LADIES - YOU ARE INVITED

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Rita, #264 is looking for a few good women.

Come to our **May 8th meeting** at 7 PM in Room 7 at St. Thomas of Canterbury Parish Center (new school). Bring your ideas and inspiration to our gathering. Make a difference in our local community and in our country. Find out how! Refreshments served. Questions, please contact our Regent, Bridgid Flynn at [845-534-2116](tel:845-534-2116).

PLEASE HELP!

A recent call for volunteers to help with lectoring (reading the scriptures) at Sunday Masses was met with a lukewarm response (only two people responded). Contact Chris at cmscas18@aol.com if you can able to help with this ministry.

Similarly, our volunteers for parish bingo on Thursdays have worked for many years and with little acknowledgement to provide an evening of fun and entertainment for many of our elderly and less fortunate of the area. Our parish bingo is a very real ministry (if not thought to be chic) and provides funding for parish events and other needs. Contact the rectory office if you can help (office@stt-stj.com)

Lastly, if you regularly attend one of the Sunday Masses in St. Thomas Church or St. Joseph, we could use a few steady ushers to offer a hospitable welcome to visitors, help people find seats, and take up the collection. Contact Fr. Doughty at the rectory office (office@stt-stj.com).



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

THE LIGHT OF THE RESURRECTION

by Father Doughty

In her Pulitzer Prize winning book, **Pilgrim at Tinker Creek**, Annie Dillard writes of how poorly we see and experience the world around us: “An infant who has just learned to hold his head up has a frank and forthright way of gazing about him in bewilderment. He hasn’t the faintest clue where he is, and he aims to learn. In a couple of years, what he will have learned instead is how to fake it: he’ll have the cocksure air of a squatter who has come to feel he owns the place. Some unwonted, taught pride diverts us from our original intent, which is to explore the neighborhood, view the landscape, to discover at least where it is that we have been so startlingly set down, if we can’t learn why.”

Why the world, and by extension life, is so obscure can be explained simply through our Catholic understanding of salvation. The darkness of sin and death, from which we were saved through the Cross of Christ, dulls our full experience of creation and life and its goodness. Death bears so heavily upon our consciousness that one commentator, both an anthropologist and a psychologist, suggested that we spend much of our lives subconsciously trying to suppress its reality. We do all we can to put it out of our minds. As a consequence, he concludes, we fail to live life as joyfully as we could because a full life’s experience would bring into focus its end as well, a thought we believe to be intolerable.

The light of the Paschal candle that was lit in the darkness of night before Easter Sunday and continues to be lighted at every Easter season liturgy reminds us that the extraordinary news that Jesus is risen from the dead is meant to help us see our world and our lives in a new light. Living in that light means no longer living in the valley of “the shadow of death” (*Psalms* 23). All the ways we’ve learned to fake it through the years are forgotten: we “put off the old man” (Eph 4:22; Col 3:9) and are “renewed [in] youthfulness of Spirit” (today’s opening prayer for the Third Sunday of Easter).

This light of faith makes it possible for us to once again, in a frank and forthright way, to explore the neighborhood, view the landscape, and to discover where it is and why we have been so startlingly – and lovingly – set down in it.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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 and will be sold after all Masses on May 13th & 14th.

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

In 1955, Pope Pius XII moved the feast of Joseph’s patronage of the universal Church to May 1, and renamed it in honor of Joseph “the Worker”. Joseph watches over the entire Church just as he protected the original “domestic Church,” the Holy Family. Through the work of his hands, Joseph provided for the material needs of Mary and Jesus. He educated Jesus and patiently schooled him in the trade of carpentry. “Work was the daily expression of love in the life of the Family of Nazareth (*Redemptoris Custos* 22). *Magnificat*, May 2017



A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

(Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*)

PLEASE NOTE

The 2017 Mass Intention Book is full. There are no more available *announced* Masses. *Unannounced*

Masses may be requested at any time (cards are provided). The Grace of the Mass benefits our loved ones whether they are announced or not! There will be an item in the bulletin when the 2018 Mass Book opens.























