

MAY: MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SATURDAY 13 MAY: MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Sam & Anita Lombardi by the Staudle Girls*

4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *Mother's Day Novena*

5:30PM (Saint Thomas): *Mother's Day Novena*

SUNDAY 14 APRIL: EASTER V

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mother's Day Novena*

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Mother's Day Novena*

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Mother's Day Novena*

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Mother's Day Novena*

MONDAY 15 MAY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT ISIDORE

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Ana Cercone, r.i.p., by the family*

6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Mother's Day Novena*

TUESDAY 16 MAY: EASTER FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mother's Day Novena*

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY: EASTER NOVENA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mother's Day Novena*

THURSDAY 18 MAY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN I

8:20AM (Saint Thomas): *Anne Campbell by the Crispo Family*

FRIDAY 19 MAY: EASTER FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Edmund Fitzgerald, r.i.p., by John Milmore*

SATURDAY 20 MAY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT BERNARDINE of SIENNA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Richard P. Waye, Sr., r.i.p., by the family*

4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *pro populo*

5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Louise Sawoska, r.i.p., by Henry Sawoska*

SUNDAY 21 MAY: EASTER VI

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Joseph Hines, r.i.p., by Doris Hines*

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Joan Sullivan, r.i.p., by Peter Costella*

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Special Intention by Eric Lundgren*

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Antoinette Monsour by the Ireifej Family*



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:

Regular Collection: \$9134.48

Capital Project Fund: \$2719.95

Pantry: \$109.30

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Collection for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

YOUTH GROUP 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 this weekend.

2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: As of 4/21

Parish Goal: \$116,500.00

Pledged to Date: \$50,865.00

Donors: 175

"REVIVE"

Last fall, the Archdiocese of New York launched an exciting mission and evangelization program called *Revive: Faith Every Day*, throughout the parish clusters. The three-day program will be led by a priest from one of our religious communities that specialize in preaching missions. It will be held at Saint Thomas of Canterbury on June 5, 6, and 7. The church will be open at 6:30PM for quiet reflection. The program will begin at 7:00PM. Mark your calendars!

PRAY FOR GRACE!

By Father Doughty

Last February, Grace Maxson, a seventh grader at Cornwall Central Middle School and a parishioner (her dad is chair of our Finance Committee and her mom is a lector – with toddler Peter) in our religious education program, won the county spelling bee and advanced therefore to the preliminaries of the 2017 Scripps National Spelling Bee. Grace travels with her family to Washington, DC on May 31 for the competition. The preliminaries and the finals will be broadcast on ESPN, ESPN2, and ESPN3 on May 31st and June 1st.

We ask that parishioners pray for Grace up to and during the competition. Novena's would be helpful, beginning on Monday, May 22nd and ending on Wednesday, May 30th. Saint Joseph Cupertino would be a particularly good saint to pray to for her, as he is known for passing his examinations for the priesthood because he prayed he would only be asked those question which he knew. He is the patron saint of test takers and students. Let's pray that Grace be asked the words that she knows!

Day 1: O humble St. Joseph of Cupertino, help Grace especially in the decisive moments of this examination, protect her from any forgetfulness and disturbing anxiety You struggled with forgetfulness and anxiety. I implore you to pray for her that she may receive the grace to calmly and thoughtfully take this examination. Amen.

Day 2: O holy St. Joseph of Cupertino, you put your intellectual shortcomings in the hands of God. In doing so, you were able to pass your exams and become a priest against all odds. I pray for all those struggling with exams. May they try their best and put the rest into the hands of God with the knowledge that anything is possible with God. I pray especially for Grace. Amen.

Day 3: O humble St. Joseph of Cupertino, you suffered greatly because you had difficulty learning. I pray, though your intercession, for all those who have mental disabilities and those who struggle at school. May they take comfort in your story and your faith in God. I also pray for Grace. Amen.

Day 4: O holy St. Joseph of Cupertino, you were born into poverty and a very difficult family situation. You were raised in a loveless family that thought very little of you. I pray for everyone who has experienced such a loveless family life. May I learn to see the value that every individual has in God's eyes. I pray especially for Grace. Amen.

Day 5: O humble St. Joseph of Cupertino, you were an unwanted child because your father died before you were born. Even your own mother thought you were worthless. I pray, through your intercession, for all unwanted children. May they come to know they were born because of God's love for them. I pray especially for Grace. Amen.

Day 6: O holy St. Joseph of Cupertino, you struggled to control your anger and frustrations as a child. I pray for all those who struggle to control and express their emotions and for those who have a bad temper. Help them to overcome their sins of anger. I pray especially for Grace. Amen.

Day 7: O humble St. Joseph of Cupertino, your gift of levitation during prayer made you the patron of air travelers, pilots and astronauts alike. I pray that all travelers may reach their destinations safely. I pray especially for Grace. Amen.

Day 8: O holy St. Joseph of Cupertino, any mention of anything holy would often cause you to levitate in ecstasy and love of God. Help me to be holy like you! I implore that you show me how to grow in the understanding of God and the saints that you had. I pray also for Grace. Amen.

Day 9: O humble St. Joseph of Cupertino, when you levitated during prayer, you were only able to come back down to the ground when you were ordered to do so by your superior. Help me, that I may grow in love and obedience to the Church and her teachings. I pray also for Grace. Amen.

Prayer before an exam: O Holy St. Joseph of Cupertino. You obtained from God the grace to only be asked questions you knew during your examinations. Please obtain for Grace the same blessing for the examinations for which she is now preparing. Grant that she may succeed in the spelling bee. I promise to give you thanks and make it known that it was you who interceded for her. I will also try to imitate you and your prayerful and devoted spiritual life.

Closing prayer: O humble St. Joseph of Cupertino, you were favored by God in overcoming the difficulties and worries of studies and examinations. Intercede for Grace and all students to the Holy Spirit that their minds and memories may be strengthened in the pursuit of God's wisdom. Help them to offer God their very best work and to grow in knowledge and humility offered in service to God. Amen.

SAINT FRANCISCO AND SAINT JACINTA

This May 13th was the 100th anniversary of the first of a number of apparitions of the Blessed Mother seen by three children of Portugal. Yesterday, Pope Francis canonized two of the child visionaries, Francisco and Jacinta Marti, who died at the ages of 10 and 9 from the influenza epidemic of 1918. Lucia, who died at the age of 97 in 2005, was the oldest of the three at the time and described the first apparition thus:

Then Our Lady said to us: **'Do not be afraid. I will do you no harm.'**

'Where is Your Grace from?' I asked Her.

'I am of Heaven.'

'What does Your Grace want of me?'

'I have come to ask you to come here for six months in succession, on the 13th day, at this same hour. Later on, I will tell you who I am and what I want. Afterwards, I will return here yet a seventh time.'

'Shall I go to Heaven too?'

'Yes, you will.'

'And Jacinta?'

'Also.'

'And Francisco?'

'Also, but he will have to say many Rosaries.'

I remembered then to ask about two girls who had died recently. They were friends of mine and they used to come to my home to learn weaving with my eldest sister.

'Is Maria das Neves already in Heaven?'

'Yes, she is.'

It seems to me that she was about sixteen years old.

'And Amelia?'

'She will be in Purgatory until the end of the world.'

It seems to me that she must have been between eighteen and twenty years old.

'Are you willing to offer yourselves to God to bear all the sufferings He wants to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and for the conversion of sinners?'

'Yes, we are willing.'

'You are then going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort.'

It was in pronouncing those last words (the grace of God, etc.) that Our Lady opened Her hands for the first time, and communicated to us, as by a reflection which emanated from them, a light so intense that, penetrating our heart and even to the depths of our soul, it made us see ourselves in God, Who was this light, more clearly than we see ourselves in the best mirrors.

Then, moved by an interior impulse which was communicated to us, we fell on our knees and said repeatedly: 'O Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee. My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Holy Sacrament.'

The first moments passed, and Our Lady added:

'Recite the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.'

'Can You tell me whether the war will still last a long time, or if it will soon end?'

'I cannot tell you yet, as I have not yet told you what I want.'

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

May's Prize: For your May Grad!

Rogaska Crystal Clock & Pen set.

MSRP: \$200

Celebration Crystal Heritage 5x7 Picture Frame.

MSRP: \$75



PANTRY NEEDS

Solid white tuna, coffee, & tea, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, laundry detergent, toothpaste.

OUTREACH: WORKS OF MERCY

Please consider your neighbors.

Who might you know that is homebound due to illness, infirmity, or old age who would like to have

someone visit and bring Holy Communion on a weekly basis? Pick up a Homebound Ministry form from the tract rack in the back of the church and bring it to the parish office or bring it to the sacristy after any Sunday Mass.

Currently, a senior parishioner on Willow Street in Cornwall is in need of a ride to the 11:00AM Sunday Mass. ***If you can offer assistance, please call Sister Pat Reills: (508) 331-6044.***



CDA 10 MONTH MAY WINNERS

Pat Evans #116: \$50

Mary Lulves #204: \$75

BABYSITTING EVENT

The parish Youth Group is sponsoring another babysitting evening on June 3rd from 5:00PM – 9:00PM in the Saint Thomas school



gym. All children are welcome (must be potty trained) for dinner, games, and a movie! There is no cost but donations will be accepted to help defray the cost of Camp Veritas in July.

SAINT ISIDORE

Isidore served as a day laborer on the farm of Juan de Vargas outside Madrid, Spain. His day began with Mass. Isidore's



fellow laborers complained that Isidore was preoccupied with his devotions and neglected his work.. Vargas, determined to discover the truth, watched Isidore in secret. It is said that he saw Isidore rapt in prayer while, in the field, an angel guided the plow. After a life of humble service, Isidore died in 1130. Within forty years of his death, his remains were translated to the cathedral of Saint Andrew. He was formally canonized on March 12, 1622, alongside Saints Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, Francis Xavier, and Philip Neri.











