

MAY: MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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*

MONDAY 22 MAY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT RITA of CASCIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Lawrence Hanretta, Sr., r.i.p. (25th Anniversary) by Lawrence Hanretta, Jr.*
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *the Siner Family by Linda Siner*

TUESDAY 23 MAY: EASTER FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *James McKenna, r.i.p., by Phil & Liz Adams & family*

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY: EASTER FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Louise Sowaska, r.i.p.*
5:30PM (Saint Joseph: Vigil):

THURSDAY 25 MAY: SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

8:30AM (Saint Thomas):
12:00 Noon (Saint Thomas):
7:30PM (Saint Thomas):

FRIDAY 26 MAY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

8:30AM (Saint Thomas) *Jane Gibbons, r.i.p., by John McKelvey*

SATURDAY 27 MAY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT AUGUSTINE of CANTERBURY

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Tom & Katrice Ewanich, a.i.d., by Mary King*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *Lynne Hassdenteufel, r.i.p., by Shirley Hassdenteufel*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *pro populo*

NEXT SUNDAY 28 MAY: EASTER VII

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Special Intention*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Kathleen Carron Sherry, r.i.p., by the Milmore Family*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Norman Jenkeleit, r.i.p., by Joe & Judy Valentine*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Salvatore Siragusa by Sal Gallo & 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: \$11,505.85
National Shrine: \$2,784.00
Capital Projects Total: \$2,782.95

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The parish office will be closed.

The Mass schedule is as follows:

5:30PM Wednesday Vigil: Saint Joseph
8:30AM Thursday: Saint Thomas
12:00PM Thursday: Saint Thomas
7:30PM Thursday: Saint Thomas



A little while
and you shall
see me
no longer;
ALLELUIA!
and again
a little while
and you shall
see me,
because I go to the Father;

THE ASCENSION

"The meaning of Christ's Ascension," wrote Pope Benedict XVI, "expresses our belief that in Christ the humanity that we all share has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard of way. It means that man has found an everlasting place in God." It would be a mistake to interpret the Ascension as "the temporary absence of Christ from the world." Rather, "we go to heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him."
Heaven is a person:
"Jesus himself is what we call 'Heaven.'"
Magnificat – May 2017

BEAUTIFICATION APPRECIATION

Please take the time to admire the work that the DiSalvo Family and Fran Clifford & Colette Fulton have done on the Mary Gardens in front of the Saint Thomas school building. Projects appropriate for the month of May!



PANTRY NEEDS

Peanut butter, jelly/jam, tissues, laundry detergent, toothpaste.

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



YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP: DISCIPLESHIP

Sponsored by: CatholicHV & Catholic Rock-West

Saturday, June 3rd; 9:00AM-12:00PM

St. Kateri Residence

24 Sloane Road

Newburgh, NY 12550

Join us for our second leadership workshop focused on discipleship; what it is, what it is not, and how God is calling us to it. We will have a presentation and will conclude with daily Mass.

Coffee and donuts will be provided.

For more info:

Luigi.Manente@archny.org or [Facebook Invite](#)

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 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,



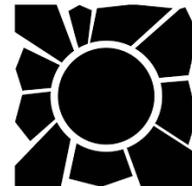
please call Sister Pat Reills: (508) 331-6044.

PRAYER CHAIN

To place someone on the prayer chain please call Carolyn Mundy at 845-534-9277 or email stsjprayerchain@gmail.com

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Thank you to the more than 100 people who gathered to pray the Rosary on May 13th at Saint Thomas church in honor of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's appearance in Portugal. Let's do it again in October to commemorate the "Miracle of the Sun"!



CDA 10 MONTH MAY WINNERS

#116 Pat Evans: \$50

#204 Mary Lulves: \$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.



2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: As of 4/21

Parish Goal: \$116,500.00

Pledged to Date: \$51,965.00

Donors: 177

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

The group meets each Thursday at 7:30PM in the Saint Thomas school building. All mothers are welcome to join us as we pray for our children and grandchildren.

For more information contact:

Marian Kane: 845-534-4551



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Please register your child for the 2017-18 year now. Classes are filling up quickly.

TO HIS GIRLFRIEND

(Witness to the Resurrection)

On October 28th, 2007, Bartolomé Blanco Márquez was beatified by the Pope. He was one of thousands of men and women who were brutally murdered in Spain during the Spanish Civil War from 1936 to 1939 for merely professing the Catholic Faith. Among the nearly 8,000 people martyred were 6,382 priests and religious. The following is a translation of a letter from the 21-year-old Blessed Bartolome to his girlfriend. It was written the day before his execution. (Reprinted by permission of ZENIT from its web site at <http://zenit.org>.)

Provincial prison of Jaen, Oct. 1, 1936

My dearest Maruja:

Your memory will remain with me to the grave and, as long as the slightest throb stirs my heart, it will beat for love of you. God has deemed fit to sublimate these worldly affections, ennobling them when we love each other in him. Though in my final days, God is my light and what I long for, this does not mean that the recollection of the one dearest to me will not accompany me until the hour of my death.

I am assisted by many priests who – what a sweet comfort – pour out the treasures of grace into my soul, strengthening it. I look death in the eye and, believe my words, it does not daunt me or make me afraid.

My sentence before the court of mankind will be my soundest defense before God's court; in their effort to revile me, they have ennobled me; in trying to sentence me, they have absolved me, and by attempting to lose me, they have saved me. Do you see what I mean? Why, of course! Because in killing me, they grant me true life and in condemning me for always upholding the highest ideals of religion, country and family, they swing open before me the doors of heaven.

My body will be buried in a grave in this cemetery of Jaen; while I am left with only a few hours before that definitive repose, allow me to ask but one thing of you: that in memory of the love we shared, which at this moment is enhanced, that you would take on as your primary objective the salvation of your soul. In that way, we will procure our reuniting in heaven for all eternity, where nothing will separate us.

Goodbye, until that moment, then, dearest Maruja! Do not forget that I am looking at you from heaven,

and try to be a model Christian woman, since, in the end, worldly goods and delights are of no avail if we do not manage to save our souls.

My thoughts of gratitude to all your family and, for you, all my love, sublimated in the hours of death. Do not forget me, my Maruja, and let my memory always remind you there is a better life, and that attaining it should constitute our highest aspiration.

Be strong and make a new life; you are young and kind, and you will have God's help, which I will implore upon you from his kingdom. Goodbye, until eternity, then, when we shall continue to love each other for life everlasting.

YOU WANT ANSWERS

***REVIVE US that your people may
REJOICE IN YOU.***

Psalm 85

We are all looking for answers to the tough questions in our lives.

At our Revive mission, we will talk about finding them – and how to better live our faith every day.

Through three evenings of song, reflections, and sacraments, we will focus on faith beyond Sunday morning.

**Monday, 6/5 * Tuesday, 6/6 *
Wednesday 6/7**

Preacher: Father Victor Hoagland, CP

Church opens at 6:30PM for reflection
Program begins at 7:00PM

Monday, June 5

**Tuesday, June 6:
Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Wednesday, June 7:
Mass
Sacrament of the Anointing**



***Please fill out a registration card
available in the church entrances**

