

## JULY: MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

### **SATURDAY 1 JULY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Margaret McLaughlin, r.i.p., by Barbara, John, & Family*  
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *The Siner Family by Linda Siner*  
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *William & Jeremiah O'Sullivan by Margaret Hennessey*

### **SUNDAY 2 JULY: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Anna Cercone, r.i.p., by the Family*  
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Margaret Kelly by Kathleen Milich*  
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Rosemarie Salvatore by David & Louise Carnright*  
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *pro populo*

### **MONDAY 3 JULY: FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Harold Kelly by Kathryn Kelly*  
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Michael Kane by Kathy Kissel*

### **TUESDAY 4 JULY: FERIA INDEPENDENCE DAY**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Ted King & Margaret Scalzo, r.i.p. by Mary King*

### **WEDNESDAY 5 JULY: MEMORIALS OF SAINTS ANTHONY ZACCARIA; ELIZABETH of PORTUGAL**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Glen McGuinnis, r.i.p., by Peggy McGuinnis*

### **THURSDAY 6 JULY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARIA GORETTI**

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

### **FRIDAY 7 JULY: FERIA**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Catherine Schwarzler, a.i.d., by the Schwarzler Family*

### **SATURDAY 8 JULY: FERIA**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Raymond Costella, r.i.p., by Peter Costella*  
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *pro populo*  
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Kelly Tritsos, r.i.p., by Dominick Nisi & family*

### **NEXT SUNDAY 9 JULY: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Lina Tagliaferro by Steven & Annette Sorillo*  
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Eric Nedwitzky by his parents*  
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Lillian Pelella, r.i.p., by the Grabe Family*  
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Antoinette Florio, r.i.p., by Gloria Verdiglione*



*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)

Donors: 191

### **LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:**

*Regular Collection: \$9,946.86*

*Pantry: \$119.00*

*Bingo: \$1403.00*

### **THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION**

*Capital Projects*

### **NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION**

*Church in Africa*

### **PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday 9:00AM - 1:00PM

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

Monday - Friday

12:00 Noon - 4:00PM

### **2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: As of 6/23/17**

Parish Goal: \$116,500.00  
Pledged to Date: \$54,930.00

**PARISH WEBSITE**

Please visit [www.ststthomasjoseph.com](http://www.ststthomasjoseph.com) for information about parish Ministries, Religious Education, pictures, upcoming events, spiritual articles, bulletins, and more. New content is added weekly!



### **COLLECT FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen

### **THE CUPBOARD IS BARE!**

#### **SAINT THOMAS' FOOD PANTRY**

Macaroni & cheese, soup, canned meals (ravioli, etc.), pasta & rice sides, instant potatoes, **tuna**, **cereal**, mayonnaise, pasta sauce, toothpaste, laundry detergent, tissues, paper towels

#### **SAINT JOSEPH'S FOOD DONATIONS**

*The second weekend of every month (July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>)*  
Please bring non-perishable food items to the church for the Town of New Windsor food pantry.



### **RESPECT LIFE**

"The challenge is to make the Church's 'yes' to Life is concrete and effective. The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion, and your fortitude at the service of Life!"

*Saint John Paul II, August 15, 1993*

### **12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING**

#### **July's Prize:**

Enjoy the summer with a cool beverage poured from a "cool" Urban Safari Pitcher and tumbler! This Evolution series from Waterford will make even the most casual get together brighter.

**Urban Safari Pitcher MSRP: \$ 150.00.**

**Urban Safari Set of Four Tumblers MSRP: \$ 125.00**



### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of AMERICA**

#### **10 MONTH RAFFLE**

***Tickets for the 2017-18 Raffle Club now on sale!***

#### **FATIMA ANNIVERSARY**

Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady's third appearance in Fatima, Portugal. Parishioners will commemorate this event by meeting to pray the rosary in front of the Saint Thomas school building by the statue of the Blessed Mother at 7:00PM that day. All are invited!



For the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, Pope Francis has decided to grant a plenary indulgence opportunity throughout the entire anniversary year, which began Nov. 27, 2016, and will end Nov. 26, 2017.

Three ways to obtain the plenary indulgence (the faithful must also fulfill the ordinary conditions: go to Confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.)

#### ***1. Make a pilgrimage to the Fatima shrine in Portugal***

In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed, and invoke the Mother of God.

#### ***2. Pray before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima***

During the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month from May to October (2017), and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary.

Those seeking an indulgence must also pray an Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

#### ***3. The elderly and infirm***

These individuals can pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and must spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month, between May and October 2017. They also must "offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives."

*Catholic News Agency 12/1/16*

### **PARISH PRAYER MINISTRIES: PRAYER CHAIN**

To place someone on the prayer chain



please call Carolyn Mundy at 845-534-9277 or email [stsjprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stsjprayerchain@gmail.com)

### **MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP**

Every 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

### **JESUS SPEAKS**

by Father Doughty

Some years ago, I mentioned at Mass that Pope Benedict had forcefully advised Catholic politicians of the contradiction between receiving Holy Communion and advocating laws supporting abortion. I made an explicit mention – in the way of example - of a New York Post headline pitting Rudy Guiliani against the Pope, though I did mention other Catholic politicians generally, Democrat and Republican. Outside, after Mass, I was chided for mixing politics with religion. Jesus, the peeved parishioner claimed, never preached about abortion.

I was taken back at the suggestion about “mixing politics with religion.” I thought I was being topical, not political! I did have to concede he was right that Jesus may never have mentioned abortion during his public ministry, but that because Jesus had no need to upbraid his hearers Jews found abortion and (the ancient) methods of contraception abhorrent. With pride they could point to the disobedience of the Jewish midwives when Pharaoh ordered that all the male-born children of the Hebrews in Egypt be killed. Then, also, their singular appreciation that God was the source of every life, as in His words to the prophet Jeremiah: “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.” The Hebrew Scriptures are a “testament” to God’s love for life, and early life in particular.

Obviously, Our Lord did not have any compunction about preaching to the Greco-Roman world on the practice. “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel,” he said in the Gospel of Matthew (chapter 15:24). At the time he walked the earth, Jesus disclaimed any responsibility to attend to the needs of the non-Jew. Though He gave the Canaanite woman what she wanted and the Roman Centurion what he wanted, the gestures were likely meant as a lesson to the House of Israel about their lack of faith. He gave the twelve, for example, the instruction, “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel,” (Mt 10:5-6) when he charged them to preach about the Kingdom. Salvation began first with the Jews, he said (John 4:22) who made God’s laws part of the web and weft of their society. While abortion and

infanticide were common in other parts of the world, it would be his apostles’ work to convey God’s love for life - as made evident in the Resurrection - to the Gentile nations.

The Church’s own response to the repellant and common practice in the Roman Empire of abortion and infanticide was stated early on in documents such as the *Didache* (or the *Teaching of the Apostles*), c. 50-150 AD: “You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish.” It has been said that the nascent Christians would rescue babies left by their Roman parents to die by exposure. This “pro-life” perspective was one of the reasons the early Christians suffered such great persecution.

When (in 2012) eighteen Catholics in the US House of Representatives decried Pope Benedict XVI for mixing politics with religion, describing his counsel as “clash(ing) with the freedom guaranteed in our Constitution,” the U.S. Bishops wrote:

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society.” (United States Catechism for Adults, p. 442) Consequently, every Catholic is obliged to respect human life, from conception until natural death. To suggest that the Church should not clearly voice her teaching and apply it in a pluralistic society is to attack freedom of speech and freedom of religion. The Catholic Church always will and must speak out against the destruction of innocent unborn children. The right to do so is guaranteed by the Constitution that all legislators are elected to uphold. Speaking and acting against abortion is not a matter of partisan politics. It is a matter of life and death. The bishops urge all Catholics, especially those who hold positions of public responsibility, to educate themselves about the teaching of the Church, and to seek pastoral advice so that they can make informed decisions with consistency and integrity.

If our celebration of Pentecost is not a vain memorial, it should teach us that Jesus still speaks to us, through His Church – even about abortion. “We hold these truths to be self-evident,” the nation’s founders wrote, mixing politics and religion, “that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

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