

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
SAINT THOMAS of CANTERBURY – SAINT JOSEPH**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2017
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE
SEPTEMBER 21**

SAINT THOMAS' CHURCH

340 Hudson Street
Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening (Sunday Vigil): 5:30PM
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM

Weekday

Monday – Saturday: 8:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation

As announced

Confession

Saturday: 4:00PM – 5:15PM (or by appointment)

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after the 8:30AM Mass

Rosary

Monday – Saturday after the 8:30AM Mass

SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH

4 Saint Joseph's Place
New Windsor, NY 12553

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening (Sunday Vigil): 4:00PM
Sunday: 12:30PM
Monday: 6:30PM Mass;
Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction 5:30PM

Holy Days of Obligation

As announced

Confession

Monday: 6:00PM

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Monday: 5:30PM

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Rees Doughty

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Stephen Bosofami

Weekend Assistants

Rev. Robert Phelps

Deacons

Leonard Farmer

Anthony Ferraiuolo

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SEPTEMBER:

MONTH OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN

8:30AM (Saint Thomas):

Dr. Roger Baisas by Linda Malabanan

4:00PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Joseph):

Mario Puricelli by Maureen Seymour

5:30PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Thomas):

Helen & Leo Kennedy by Alan Kennedy

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER:

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas):

pro populo

9:00AM (Saint Thomas):

Thomas & Anne Campbell by the Crispo Family

11:00AM (Saint Thomas):

Sam Scalise, r.i.p., by the Family

12:30PM (Saint Joseph):

Rosendo Del Rosario, r.i.p., by the Family

MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas):

Olivia Rose Madore by Melissa Nosenchuck

6:30PM (Saint Joseph):

Souls in Purgatory by Linda Siner

TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JANUARIUS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas):

Rose Mineo by William & Kathleen Fogarty

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, & COMPANIONS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas):

Virginia Bochanski, r.i.p., by Ray & Sue Kurtulik

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER:

FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE

8:30AM (Saint Thomas):

Margaret E. Armitage by William & Kathleen Fogarty

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas):

Erick K. Nedwetzgy, r.i.p.,

by William & Kathleen Fogarty

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS of PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)

8:30AM (Saint Thomas):

Margaret Marchalos by Al & Anna Vanacre

4:00PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Joseph):

Phil Infante by his wife

5:30PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Thomas):

Bruno & Annette Muchalski by Bill & Mary McKenna

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER:

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas):

Greta McLaughlin, r.i.p.,

by Barbara Newman Mannix & Jim Kline

9:00AM (Saint Thomas):

pro populo

11:00AM (Saint Thomas):

Harold Kelly, r.i.p., by Kathryn Kelly

12:30PM (Saint Joseph):

Joseph Flagello by Joan Barth

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: \$10,314.35

Home/Latin America Missions: \$1,539.62

Propagation of the Faith: \$1,985.00

Pantry: \$173.00

who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. Reservations are required. For information please call Phyllis: 914-261-5812 or Mary Anne: 914-260-5087

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

Low-gluten hosts are available for parishioners suffering from Celiac Disease. Please speak to the priest or deacon 10 minutes before the Mass begins.

BIBLE STUDY

A new 8 week adult Bible Study on Wisdom begins on Tuesday 9/19 from 7:00-9:00 in the old St. Thomas School building. Find the registration link and order your workbook on the parish website OR contact Theresa Trella (text/call 845-667-1772 or email hummingbird828@gmail.com). "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him." (James 1:5)

SEPTEMBER 30TH

11:30AM – 4:00PM on Saint Thomas' grounds
Outdoor Mass at 4:00PM

(4:00PM Mass at Saint Joseph's canceled –
5:30PM at Saint Thomas' still scheduled.)

Food * Music * Games

Signup sheets available in church entrances!

PLEASE NOTE! IMPORTANT FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Even if you have already registered, please contact Annmarie O'Connor (the new Faith Formation coordinator) in the Parish Office (845-534-2547) as soon as possible to verify/secure your child's placement in the program.
Class schedules and times have changed.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: PLEASE!

Instant potatoes, soups, Bisquick, syrup, cereals, peanut butter, jelly, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent.



HEALING WEEKEND

Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is offering a healing weekend October 6-8, 2017 at the Saint Lawrence Friary in Beacon, NY. This invitation is open to women and men of all ages

WHAT IS THE RCIA

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process through which men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. Participants in the RCIA are known as catechumens. They undergo a process of conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The RCIA process follows the ancient practice of the Church and was restored by the Second Vatican Council as the normal way adults prepare for the sacraments of initiation. In 1974 the Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults was formally approved for use in the United States. To join or learn more about RCIA (RCIT for Teens), contact Mary Ellen Tiernan at metiernan@comcast.net or call the rectory.

INQUIRY -

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Do you attend Mass with your family, but you can't celebrate the sacraments fully with them? Are you interested or wondering about what it takes to become a Catholic? Do you know someone you might like to invite to learn more about our faith?

We are here to help! Becoming a Catholic is a journey that takes time and guidance but has enormous rewards! Formal classes begin in the fall, but this is a time for "inquiry". If you or someone you know would like more information about joining the Catholic Church, please contact Mary Ellen Tiernan at metiernan@comcast.net or call the rectory. A phone call does not commit you to a program, but we hope we can answer some of your questions!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) and TEENS (RCIT)

Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?

Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to help you in your journey! Or, if you know anyone who this might apply to, perhaps you could extend an invitation to them. Contact Mary Ellen Tiernan at metiernan@comcast.net or call the rectory for more information.

BEING RELIGIOUS

by Father Doughty

Some years ago I read an newspaper article about a gathering on the first Sundays of the month for those who might like to “express their spirituality” in a “different, non-religious format.” One attendee characterized herself as “not religious.” It was not the first time that I’ve heard people describe themselves as “spiritual” but “not religious.” If Christian Smith, the Notre Dame sociologist, is correct in his survey of the regard that many young adults have for traditional religious expressions in our country (only 15% adhere to any one religion), it won’t be the last time we’ll hear it.

In truth, we are all innately religious. Our Christian anthropology (an understanding of the human person from the perspective of what God revealed to the Jews and through Jesus) reminds us that in the very beginning, the Creator made us in His image, after His likeness (*Genesis*, chapter 1: 26). It was this “fact” and a growing sense of God’s presence to Him throughout his life, which led St. Augustine to write, “You made me for Yourself!” (*Confessions*, Book 1). He bemoaned his late discovery of the One without Whom his heart would be restless: “Late have I loved, beauty so ancient and so new, late have I loved you!” (*Confessions*, Book X, 27) and understood how rooted the human soul was in God: “When at last I cling to You with my whole being, there will be no more anguish or labor for me, and my life will be alive indeed because it is filled with You.” (*Confessions*, Book X, 28)

Saint Augustine’s words about his relationship to God help us come to a definition of what it means to be religious. The Catholic Church’s Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes*) speaks of “an intimate and vital bond of man to God” which “can be forgotten, overlooked, or even explicitly rejected by man.... [Yet, God] never ceases to call every man to seek him, so as to find life and happiness.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, article 30, 31). Given this, every religious expression of the human person throughout history is said to be the groaning of the human person for a rootedness in the Him who made us that is

definitively revealed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. St. Paul said as much when he spoke in the marketplace in Athens, referring to their altar dedicated to “an unknown God”: “What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth.... He made all nations to inhabit the earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’” (*Acts of the Apostles*, chapter 17).

To deny we are religious is to disregard the reality that makes us “spiritual” beings. Not to become religious is to become incomplete. Each and every Sunday we celebrate the relationship between God and humankind. Though without sin, God’s Son entered into our world of sin by taking on our humanity that we might share in His Divinity. This marvelous exchange is what makes us whole and entire as human beings; it’s what makes us religious.

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS

DRAWING

September's Prize:

Royal Doultan Colored Glass Shallow Bowl.

MSRP: \$143



HURRICANE HARVEY **COLLECTION**

This weekend, we will be taking up an extra collection to help with the recovery from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Owing to a visit by Msgr. Matthew, at the bequest of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and a second collection from the nation’s bishops, , we had to postpone our effort to help the people of Texas and the Southeast U.S. Monies will be forwarded to the Archdiocese which will then distribute them to Catholic Charities and local dioceses.

COUNSELING AVAILABLE

We are pleased to introduce a confidential service available at a minimal fee to our parishioners. This program, the **Parish Counseling Network (PCN)**, entitles parishioners to 6 sessions with a Professional Clinician who can help with a variety of individual and inter-personal issues. Please contact your parish

priest or parish administrative staff for more information to access services.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA
CDA 10 MONTH RAFFLE CLUB Court Rita

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Tickets will be sold at:

Saint Joseph's on September 16th & 17th.

Saint Thomas' on September 23rd 24th
and September 30th & October 1st.