

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

ADVENT I
DECEMBER 3, 2017



THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
December 8

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 Vicars

Rev. Benjamin Benneh

Rev. John Kwaku Sah

Weekend Assistant

Rev. Robert Phelps

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DECEMBER: MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY

FIRST SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Lydia Gaban* by George Whittaker

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

5:30PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Thomas): *Michael Rovello, r.i.p.,*
by Dominick Nisi & Family

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER: ADVENT I

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Greta McLaughlin, r.i.p.,*

by Barbara Newman Mannix & Jim Kline

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Kevin Michael Hennessey*

by Michael & Ellen Kelly

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Norma Jean Darrigo* by the family

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Peter McManus* by *Dorothy McManus*

MONDAY 4 DECEMBER:

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Dorothy Gagliano, r.i.p.*

by James & Tiffany Gagliano

6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *The Mamawal Family* by Linda Siner

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Lillian Pelella, r.i.p.,*

by Michael & Ellen Kelly

WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER:

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT NICHOLAS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Nicholas Michael Nosenchuck, a.i.d.,*

by Melissa Nosenchuck

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER:

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT AMBROSE

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Thomas Campbell* by Crispo Family

5:30PM (Holy Day Vigil: Saint Thomas)

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Celebrant's Intention*

12:00 Noon (Saint Thomas): *Celebrant's Intention*

7:30PM (Saint Thomas): *Celebrant's Intention*

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER:

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *William Staudle, r.i.p.,*

by the Staudle Girls

4:00PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Joseph): *Olivia Ferrara, r.i.p.,*

by Frank Ferraro

5:30PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Thomas): *pro populo*

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER: ADVENT II

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Joan Sullivan, r.i.p.,* by Peter Costella

9:00AM (Saint Thomas):

Conroy & Gray Families by Catherine Conroy

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Louise Milliken, r.i.p.,*

by Judy & John Carnright

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Jessica Morales* by the DeMaio 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)

OFFERINGS:

11/19/17

Regular Collection: \$9731.11

Catholic Charities: \$2937.25

Pantry: \$95.00

11/26/17

Regular Collection: \$9767.57

Retired Religious: \$2799.67

Pantry: \$159.00

STAR YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Poinsettia Sale

After all Masses during the weekend of December 16th and 17th. Come on by and pick up a beautiful plant and support our group. All proceeds will assist the youth in attending retreats and Camp Veritas.

Parish Babysitting Event

December 16th from 3:00 – 8:00PM
at Saint Thomas school.

Plan a fun night out or a quiet evening in!
All ages – but must be potty trained!

“STAR” YOUTH GROUP

(St. Thomas-St. Joseph Active Religious)

For more information or if you are interested in joining our group, please contact Noelle Molloy at 845-988-1165 or noj1201@hvc.rr.com.

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

November's Winners:

Holiday Magic/Father Christmas figurine.

Royal Doulton: MSRP: \$160

Alana Staudle

Peter & Patricia Anzovino

We will begin a new year of prizes this month. Please pick up a raffle entry form from the rack in the rear of the churches, complete it, place it in an envelope along with your \$20, return it to the office, or drop it in the collection plate.

December's Prize:

Waterford Elegance Collection Champagne Set – 6 flutes. MSRP: \$175

(along with a New Year's surprise!)

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Please take one (or more!) ornaments and return the unwrapped item(s) to the parish office **no later than Sunday, December 10th**. Gifts will be picked up on Monday, December 11th. Thank you for your generosity! *(Unused wrapping paper and ribbon would also be appreciated.)*



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass Schedule

December 7th:

5:30PM Vigil Mass (Saint Joseph)

December 8th:

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

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

- * A big thank you to all the people who helped our local families again this Thanksgiving. A special thanks to the Cornwall PBA for donating the turkeys, the High School Key Club for their timely food drive, our shelving volunteers who sort, separate and keep the place stocked and lastly our dedicated delivery people who make time on a monthly basis to help those in need.
- * And to the Knights of Columbus for proving yet another wonderful Thanksgiving meal to our local seniors – an annual event to which so many look forward!



FORMED.ORG

“Opening the Word”: Year B

A program offering prayer and insights for the Sunday Readings.

Advent through Christmas—December 3 - 31, 2017

Go to formed.org, click on “Register”, and enter our Parish Code: FHHFCV and your email.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Thank you to all involved in making this annual event (held at Saint Thomas this year) a success. A total of \$1237.00 was collected for the Newburgh Ministries as well as a carload of nonperishable foods!

CDA COURT RITA #264: “UNITY & CHARITY”

LADIES, COME IN FROM THE COLD!

CDA December 4th meeting

7PM in Room 7 of the Saint Thomas school

Have a warm cup of coffee or tea, some homemade refreshments, and meet our members.

For further information contact Brigid Flynn: 845-534-2116.

NEXT WEEKEND: CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE!

In the old school building after all weekend Masses at Saint Thomas

on **December 9th & 10th**. Stop by for delicious baked goods and raffle tickets from the CDA Jr.'s. Proceeds benefit charities supported by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas!



"LET US LEARN FROM THE WOMAN OF ADVENT"

by Father Doughty

This Friday marks the Solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a reminder that God in an act of love frees us from evil before we do anything to deserve it.. Through her "yes" spoken at the Annunciation, all our waiting is transformed from fear to joy-filled expectation. In words reprised below from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, we are invited this Advent to imitate Mary's example a new spirit of waiting that helps us get in touch with our most heartfelt desires.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

[With the first] Sunday of Advent, the Church begins a new liturgical year, a new journey of faith that, on one hand, remembers the event of Jesus Christ and, on the other, opens onto its ultimate fulfillment. It is precisely in this double perspective that the season of Advent is situated, both looking to the first coming of the Son of God, when he was born of the Virgin Mary, and to his glorious return, when he will come "to judge the living and the dead," as we say in the "Credo." I would now like to reflect briefly on this suggestive theme of "waiting" because it involves a profoundly human reality in which the faith becomes, so to say, completely one with our flesh and our heart.

Our whole personal, familial and social existence passes through this dimension of waiting. Waiting is something that is present in a thousand situations, from the smallest and most banal to the most important, which draw us in completely and in the deepest way. Among these, we think of a husband and wife waiting for a child; of waiting for a relative or friend who is coming from far away to visit us; we think of a young person waiting to know his grade on a major exam or the outcome of a job interview; in romantic relationships, of waiting to meet the beloved person, of waiting for a letter, or of receiving forgiveness... One could say that man is alive so long as he waits, so long as hope is alive in his heart. And man is able to recognize that what he waits for and what he hopes for discloses something about his moral and spiritual "stature."

Everyone of us, therefore, especially in this season in which we prepare for Christmas, can ask himself: What am I waiting for? For what, in this moment of my life, does my heart long? And this same question can be posed at the level of the family, of the community, of the nation. What are we waiting for, together? What unifies our aspirations, what do they have in common? In the time before Jesus' birth the expectation of the Messiah – that is, of an Anointed one, a descendent of King David, who would have finally liberated the people from every moral and political slavery and have founded the Kingdom of God – was very strong in Israel. But no one could have imagined that the Messiah would be born from a humble girl like Mary, the betrothed of the just man Joseph. Not even she could have thought of it, and yet in her heart the longing for the Savior was so great, her faith and hope were so ardent, that he was able to

find in her a worthy mother. After all, God himself had prepared her before all time. There is a mysterious correspondence between the waiting for God and the waiting for Mary, the creature "full of grace," totally transparent to the plan of love of the Most High. Let us learn from her, the woman of Advent, to live with a new spirit in our daily gestures, with the sentiment of a profound expectation that only the coming of God can fulfill.

A WORD OF EXPLANATION ABOUT THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

It's only occasionally that Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday as it does this year. This December 24th, we will be celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent in the morning and Christmas Eve in the evening, when most people attend their Christmas Mass. Taking into account the anticipated crowds (Christmas Eve Masses are always filled to overflowing, while Christmas Day Masses are quite well attended), the practical necessity of using our larger worship space (St. Thomas), and the celebration of thirteen Masses by three priests in forty-eight hours (one of our priests will also be helping a neighboring parish), our Christmas weekend schedule is as follows:

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT SCHEDULE: 11/24

7:30AM (St. Thomas)

9:00AM (St. Thomas)

11:00AM (St. Thomas)

*** There will be NO 12:30PM Mass at St. Joseph**

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE: 11/24

4:00PM (St. Thomas)

6:00PM (St. Joseph)

8:00PM (St. Thomas)

CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE: 11/25

8:00AM (St. Thomas)

10:00AM (St. Thomas)

12:00PM (St. Thomas)

***Please note changes to the Sunday Mass schedule on 11/24 (Advent IV).**

COAT DRIVE

Knights of Columbus Council 7460 would like to thank everyone for their generous donations in support of our Annual Coats for Kids Service Program. With your assistance, we were able to provide over 60 new winter coats to children in our local community and to Catholic Charities. We made 3 bulk deliveries to the local elementary schools and high school who provided us with size requirements of those in need. With your help we were able to make several children warmer this winter season and we thank you!



