

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

ADVENT IV
DECEMBER 24, 2017



SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
December 25, 2017

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

Deacons

Leonard Farmer

Anthony Ferraiuolo

Joseph Lieby

John Pelella

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DECEMBER: MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY

SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER:

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT JOHN of KENTY

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Charles Joly, r.i.p.*, by Jean Ries

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

Edward & Lynne Hassdenteufel, r.i.p., by Shirley Hassdenteufel

5:30PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Thomas): *Mario & Anna Cercone,*
by the family

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER: ADVENT IV

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Special Intention*

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Sonia Bolz, r.i.p.*, by the family

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Boyle, pro sal.*, by a friend

*** NO 12:30PM MASS AT SAINT JOSEPH**

24 DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00PM (Vigil: Saint Thomas): *Flower Donor Intentions*

6:00PM (Vigil: Saint Joseph): *Celebrant's Intentions*

8:00PM (Vigil: Saint Thomas): *Celebrant's Intentions*

25 DECEMBER: SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Celebrant's Intentions*

10:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Celebrant's Intentions*

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

TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER: FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN

The Parish Office Is Closed

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Downey, Martin, & Dennehy Families*
by Julia Downey

WEDNESDAY 27 DECEMBER: FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Sloan Clair McKenna*

by Bill & Mary McKenna

THURSDAY 28 DECEMBER: FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Ciriaco & Fausta Latonero*

by Dr. Latonero & family

FRIDAY 29 DECEMBER:

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT THOMAS BECKET

Parish Patronal Feast Day

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Kenny & Serraino Families*
by the Kenny Family

SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Tim Foley, r.i.p.*

by the Kenny Family

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

Edward & Lynne Hassdenteufel, r.i.p., by Shirley Hassdenteufel

5:30PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Thomas): *Francisca Leyesa*

by Linda Malabanan

SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER: SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Ed Flynn, r.i.p.*,

by Jerry & Kathy Sarubbe

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Michael Foley, r.i.p.* by George Gaillard

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Lundgren & Zimmer Families*

by Eric Lundgren

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Brendan Leen* by the Russo 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 OFFERINGS

Regular Collection: \$10,109.38

Pantry: \$76.24

Bingo: \$563.00

Christmas Flowers: \$3,150.00

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2018

NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR

There will be one Mass at 8:30AM at Saint Thomas – there will **NOT** be a 6:30PM Mass at Saint Joseph on January 1st.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PROGRAM

Information Session

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018

(Snow date: Wednesday, January 24, 2018)

Time: 12:00noon – 3:00pm

(Includes a light lunch of soup & sandwiches)

Cost: \$20pp

Place: The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive Middletown, NY

Presenters: JoAnn Atlas & Fran Fay
Certified Spiritual Directors

RSVP: Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at 845-343-1879 to register or for info.

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE BEGINS

Fill out a new raffle entry for a new year of prizes. Drop your completed raffle ticket and \$20 (cash or check) at the parish office or in the collection plate. All entries are good for the entire year! Enter as many times as you like!

December's Winner:

Pamela Phillips

January's Prize:

Brighten up your home with a pair of Lismore Candlesticks by Waterford (MSRP \$180). Just in time for Candlemas!



**In the beginning was
the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race,
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

John 1:1-5

EMMAUS MINISTRY

If you have lost a child - no matter the age - and still suffer terrible grief, the Emmaus Ministry can help you. A day-long retreat will focus on the grieving process. All are welcome.

Next retreats are:

January 13: Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, Garrison, New York from 9:30 am to 7:30 pm.

February 24: Church of the Magdalen, Sleepy Hollow from 9:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Cost: \$25/person; \$40/couple

(includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)

To register, go to www.emfgp.org/2018-archny or contact Sue DiSisto

at susan.disisto@archny.org or 646-794-3191.

(Or see Deacon Joe and Regina Lieby if you are interested.)



SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY FOR SOLDIERS!

The Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas would like to send cards/letters to soldiers who are away from their homes and families. Our objective is to send them a care package of cards/letters but, with the delay of delivery time, the cards will arrive around Valentine's Day. In order to reach our goal we would like to include the parish in our project. There will be boxes in the vestibules of both churches from now to **January 20, 2018**. Please sign your first name only, but there is no limit to how many you may write. Be your own light and send a letter! Thank you for your support.



Father Bob Phelps, OFM Cap. composed this poem for us. His superior and order have finally sent the documentation recommending the restoration of his faculties to the Archdiocese so that he can return to celebrate Mass and Confession at St. Thomas - St. Joseph. Their review board will meet in January. Please continue to pray for Fr. Bob!

Christmas 2017

In a barrio of Bethlehem a boy is born
bereft of all, except his wailing in the night.
From the Apogee of All Beautiful and Bright,
an infinite collapse and fall into the forlorn

stable of our failed world, all brownd
with the wither of our waiting for the aid
we so sorely need, listening to the sound
of our alibis, and dreams that are jaded

now as we fixate on our intelligent phones;
and heads down, fail to see that bright star,
God's Marquee lighting up the dark sky, shone
to tell that us God's not content in heaven far,

but, we would say against better judgment,
has, eyes opened, jumped into our scarred
and
desperate world.



With our best wishes for a wonderful
Christmas and New Year's, and as always, the
promise of our prayers!

Father Doughty
Father John
Father Ben

Deacon John
Deacon Tony
Deacon Len
Deacon Joe

STAR YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

HOLY HOUR

The STAR Youth Group and the JCDA will be sponsoring a special Holy Hour on January 5, 2018 at Saint Thomas Church. Social time and refreshments in gym afterwards! 7:00 - 9:00PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!



For questions and to RSVP, please contact Noelle Molloy at 845-988-1165 or nojo1201@hvc.rr.com

"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](tel:845-988-1165) or nojo1201@hvc.rr.com.

We would also like to thank all of our parishioners for all of your support throughout the year and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

MARCH FOR LIFE - NEWBURGH BUS

We begin with a 4:00AM Mass at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Route 52, Orange Lake, and after a breakfast stop will arrive in Washington, D.C. in time for the Rally and the March. The bus returns to Orange Lake at about 10:30PM. Bus riders pay \$50/seat or \$35 for youth (sponsorships available for those who need help paying). Make checks payable to "St. Patrick/St. Mary's Church". For questions, donations, or reservations, please contact Howard or Beth Spear at howard.jp.spear@gmail.com or 845-564-5257, or St. Patrick/St. Mary's rectory at 845-561-0885.



Do not be afraid;
for behold, I proclaim to you
good news of great joy that will
be for all people. For today in
the city of David a Savior has
been born for you who is Christ
the Lord.

