

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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
DECEMBER 31, 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

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Rev. John Kwaku Sah

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JANUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME

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

MONDAY 1 JANUARY: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Parish Office Is Closed

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

*** NO 6:30PM MASS AT SAINT JOSEPH**

TUESDAY 2 JANUARY: MEMORIAL OF

SAINT BASIL the GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Donald Nowak* by Philip & Marie Smith

WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY:

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Special Intention* by the Bywater Family

THURSDAY 4 JANUARY: MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Gerard Jurgens, r.i.p.*, by Anne McGuire

FRIDAY 5 JANUARY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Living & Deceased Members of the CDA*

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *David, John, & Eleanor Hennessey*

by Margaret Hennessey

4:00PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Joseph): *John Soricelli* by the Family

5:30PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Thomas): *John Edsall, r.i.p.*,

by the Schwarzler Family

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER:

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Cornelia Domenico*

by David LaGrutta & Family

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Thomas McMahon* by the Family

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Lawrence Schall, r.i.p.*,

by the Miller Family

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Michael Conmy, r.i.p.*,

by the Rizzi 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: TBD
Christmas Collection: TBD
Pantry: TBD
Bingo: TBD

NEXT WEEK'S COLLECTION

Capital Projects

STAR YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

HOLY HOUR FOR TEENS

Orange County PTAF Youth Groups 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
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 or nojo1201@hvc.rr.com.

10TH EDITION OF NEW YORK ENCOUNTER WITH CARDINAL DOLAN AND MANY OTHERS

The 2018 New York Encounter, themed An "Impossible" Unity, will take place January 12-14 at the Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 18th Street in Manhattan. The Encounter is a three-day, FREE, cultural event organized by members of **Communion and Liberation**, consisting of panel discussions, artistic performances and unique exhibits. This year's Encounter will open with a witness by the son of the late NYPD hero, **Steven McDonald**. **Timothy Cardinal Dolan** will present an exhibit on **Dorothy Day**, and world-renowned sculptor, **Etsuro Sotoo** will present his work on the largest unfinished Roman Catholic church in world, the Sagrada Familia. A discussion on fatherhood will be led by psychologist **Paul Vitz**, and the long-awaited biography of the Servant of God, **Msgr. Luigi Giussani**, founder of Communion and Liberation will be presented.

These events and many others can be found at <http://www.newyorkencounter.org>.
All are invited!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Cereal, pasta, jarred sauce, jelly/jam, laundry detergent, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels.



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.

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!

January's Prize:

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



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.



A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord Jesus, you are the fulfillment of all time, the center of all history.
We praise you for the wonder of your love.
We thank you for your mercy and redemption.
We bless you for your unfailing goodness.
May we love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
We pray that you keep us awake and watchful.
May we recognize your real presence in every moment of our lives.
Transform our hearts from stone-blocked tombs into life giving temples where we may find you, with the blessed Virgin Mary, and live in your grace so that one day we may be with you forever in paradise. Amen.
(Magnificat, December 2017)

RESOLUTIONS

By Father Doughty

Besides the expected revelries, New Year's Day is famously about resolutions. While I would find it gratifying if the day - the Octave (eighth day) of Christmas - were more about honoring Mary, the Mother of God (though this year it is not a holy day of obligation), the almost ritual observance in making some kind of pledge each year to bring new purpose to our lives is hopeful nevertheless. We can hardly shrug off any eagerness to improve our health or our relationships with family and friends, or even our enemies. Sadly, resolutions are often quickly and almost as ritualistically forsaken.

I never make resolutions for myself on New Year's Day, and never have, perhaps because of a tendency from my adolescence to sloth when it comes to self-improvement. Yet since becoming a priest, I have found it necessary to make a resolution every day toward greater holiness. I would be miserable otherwise. Once a year resolutions don't seem enough. And while my success is spotty, I never give up trying!

There is a difference between the two kinds of resolutions and this may explain why the former (New Year's resolutions) are so quickly abandoned. Our human nature (both personal and universal) is so injured by Original Sin (though forgiven in baptism) and individual sin that its weakness obscures the mind's grasp of what is possible and what is not. Everything we do is overshadowed by the "the veil that veils all people, the web that is woven over all the nations" (Isaiah 25) which is simply, *death* and its reality. Death suggests itself a certain futility to our endeavors and therefore, a futility in making resolutions. "Why stop smoking," we might hear an inner voice ask, "when I'm going to die anyway?" "What will minding Jesus's notion of who my neighbor is get me?" Death fundamentally limits our horizons, keeping us from seeing the eternal value present in us and in our world that was revealed by the Resurrection of Our Lord.

On the other hand, holiness is that striving for the kind of improvement or change in our lives that is eternal. Because holiness orients us toward the life of the saints in heaven, eternal happiness is its goal, and the goal makes the resolution worth keeping.

Of course, keeping that resolution will be as difficult as carrying out any other resolution. After all, resolutions are about sacrifice. (Jesus reminds us, "the spirit is willing, but the flesh is

weak.") Encouraged by Faith, however, we are assured the goal is real and possible and so find ourselves armed with a reason to keep fighting the good fight.

What kind of concrete resolutions, then, will lead me to holiness and the real happiness it promises?

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 9:30AM to 7:30PM.

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

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

(includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)

To register go to www.emfgp.org/2018-archny or contact Sue DiSisto: susan.disisto@archny.org or 646-794-3191. (Or see Deacon Joe and Regina Lieby if you are interested.)



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

All ladies of the parish are invited to begin the New Year with the CDA at a meeting on January 8th in the new school building (Room 7). Refreshments, conversation, and to learn why our motto is "Unity and Charity". Please call Brigid Flynn for more information: 845-534-2116.

JANUARY FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

1/8 5:30PM Faith Formation classes

1/9 5:30PM Faith Formation classes

1/10 6:30PM 7th & 8th Grade classes

1/14 10:00AM **Family** Faith Formation program

1/17 5:30PM **Family** Faith Formation makeup class

1/22 5:30PM Faith Formation classes

1/23 5:30PM Faith Formation classes

1/27 10:00AM Student/Parent **2nd Grade**
Reconciliation Workshop

1/29 5:30PM Faith Formation classes

1/30 5:30PM Faith Formation classes

