

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



SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 7, 2018

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 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:

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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

MONDAY 8 JANUARY: FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Jack Edsall* by Betty O'Mara

TUESDAY 9 JANUARY: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Ed Flynn, r.i.p.,* by Kathleen Kelly

WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas):

John B. Edsall, Jr., r.i.p., by Ken & Margaret Schmidt

THURSDAY 11 JANUARY: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas):

Robert W. Geiser, r.i.p., by Neil & Carol Drislane

FRIDAY 12 JANUARY: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Greta McLaughlin, r.i.p.*

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER: MEMORIAL OF SAINT HILARY

8:30AM (Saint Thomas):

Gerard Jurgens, r.i.p., by the Schwarzler Family

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

Fr. Robert Hilfiker & Mr. Robert Hilfiker, r.i.p., by Kathy Kissel

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

Margaret Rogan, r.i.p., by John & Margaret Pelella

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas):

Nicholas Valentine, r.i.p., by the Schwarzler Family

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Marjorie Delbaugh, r.i.p.* by Alice Fratz

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Chris Phair, r.i.p.,* by the Rizzi Family

12:30PM (Saint Joseph):

Jennifer Finnegan Jones by the McMahon 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)



THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

By Father Doughty

So many years ago, when I was living and working in the Holy Land, I had the opportunity to travel on the Feast of the Epiphany with the Greek Orthodox Church to the Jordan River in the Judean Desert. The Camp David accords were not even a dream for the Christians who would travel once a year to this remote spot in what was then "no man's land" (Jordan and Israel were still technically at war) to commemorate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. The Patriarch of Greek Orthodoxy would say a prayer of blessing over the waters, toss a crucifix tied to a string into the river, along with a bouquet of hyssop, and then after reeling it in, bless the assembly with the once-again blessed waters. What appeared to be something of a distraction from the business of celebrating the three kings was really part of the Church's ancient culture, to bring attention to the intimate connection between the earthly nativity of the Second Person of the Trinity and our "heavenly birth." Jesus's baptism reveals the baptism by which we would enter into the life of Christ.

Yet, the Feast of Epiphany also evokes the memory of that first sign of Jesus's divinity recorded in the Gospel of John when Our Lord changed water into wine at the wedding celebration at Cana, marking the union of Christ the Bridegroom with his Bride, the Church. The antiphon for the Benedictus prayer in Lauds conveys the threefold meaning in our celebration: "Today the Church has been joined to her heavenly bridegroom, since Christ has purified her of her sins in the river Jordan: the Magi hasten to the royal wedding and offer gifts: the wedding guest rejoice since Christ has changed water into wines, alleluia."

So wrote St. Peter Chrysologus (380?-450AD): *Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body.... Today Christ enters the Jordan to wash away the sin of the world. Today a servant lays his hand on the Lord, a man lays his hand on God, John lays his hand on Christ, not to forgive but to receive forgiveness.... Today Christ works the first of his signs from heaven by turning water into wine... that water may be changed into the sacrament of his blood, so that Christ may offer spiritual drink from the chalice of his body.*

Epiphany tells us that Jesus *is* God's message to us. God says it all, in Jesus! Not surprising, the revealing of Jesus to the world also happens to be the way God reveals the truth to us about ourselves.

Our parish life, its community is an outcome of this mystery and revelation. Our unity in this common sacramental life of the parish's prayer and works is a sign of the presence of Christ in our neighborhood. The Church, and therefore, our parish, is said to be kind of *sacrament* herself! All her members become in the world what St. Paul called "the body of Christ," and are

consequently the way Christ reaches out and continues to reveal his Father's love in time and place. "Now Christ's body is yourselves," wrote the apostle, "each of you with a part to play in the whole." (1 Corinthians 12)

This thought invites us to ponder the great power is given to us to share with others: the victory of life over death. It suggests great responsibility is handed over to us: to announce the freedom of the Sons and Daughters of God who no longer live in the "the shadow of death", "this vale of tears".

In light of these epiphanies, our resolutions for a better year should include promises to ourselves for our spiritual health and eternal life, our relationship with God, and with the Church (and therefore our parish). What does it profit us to gain the world but lose our lives by neglecting our souls? First things, after all, should be first.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

4th Sunday in Advent Collection: \$9,824.62

Christmas Collection Total: \$31,164.79

Christmas Flower Total: \$3,490.00

December 31st: \$8,285.56

Solemnity of Mary (1/1/18): \$1,359.00

Pantry: \$753.20

Bingo: \$

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Capital Projects

NEXT WEEK'S COLLECTION

Communications/Catholic University

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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



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!

JANUARY FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

** Please note time corrections*

1/8 5:00PM Faith Formation classes
1/9 5:00PM Faith Formation classes
1/10 6:30PM 7th & 8th Grade classes

1/14 10:00AM **Family** Faith Formation program
1/17 5:00PM **Family** Faith Formation makeup class

1/22 5:00PM Faith Formation classes
1/23 5:00PM Faith Formation classes

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

1/29 5:00PM Faith Formation classes
1/30 5:00PM Faith Formation classes

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.



"STAR" YOUTH GROUP

(St. Thomas-St. Joseph Active Religious)

For more information, please contact Noelle Molloy at [845-988-1165](tel:845-988-1165) or nojo1201@hvc.rr.com.

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.



ATTENTION: CATHOLIC TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Annual Retreat Day
Saturday, February 3, 2018 * 9:00AM -1:30PM
Conference * Holy Hour * Liturgy
Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers
55 Ryder Rd., Ossining, NY 10562
\$25.00 Donation (refreshments and lunch included)
Register before January 20th.
(914) 965-0490
zelide.ceccagno@archny.org or
artisanmusician80@msn.com

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.)



PRAYER VIGIL

The Archdiocese of New York is hosting a prayer vigil at Saint Patrick's Cathedral for all parishes of the Archdiocese to come together on January 21, 2018 (the eve of the 45th anniversary of Roe v. Wade). The vigil will begin with Mass at 5:30PM, followed by Adoration with music provided by the Sisters of Life. This event offers a local pilgrimage for those unable to attend the March For Life in Washington and sets in motion a transformation toward a culture of life.

"Prayer is the most powerful force in human history."
Saint John Paul II

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE BEGINS

January's Prize:

Brighten up your home with a pair of Lismore Candlesticks by Waterford (MSRP \$180).

Just in time for Candlemas!



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). Please call Brigid Flynn for more information: 845-534-2116.

