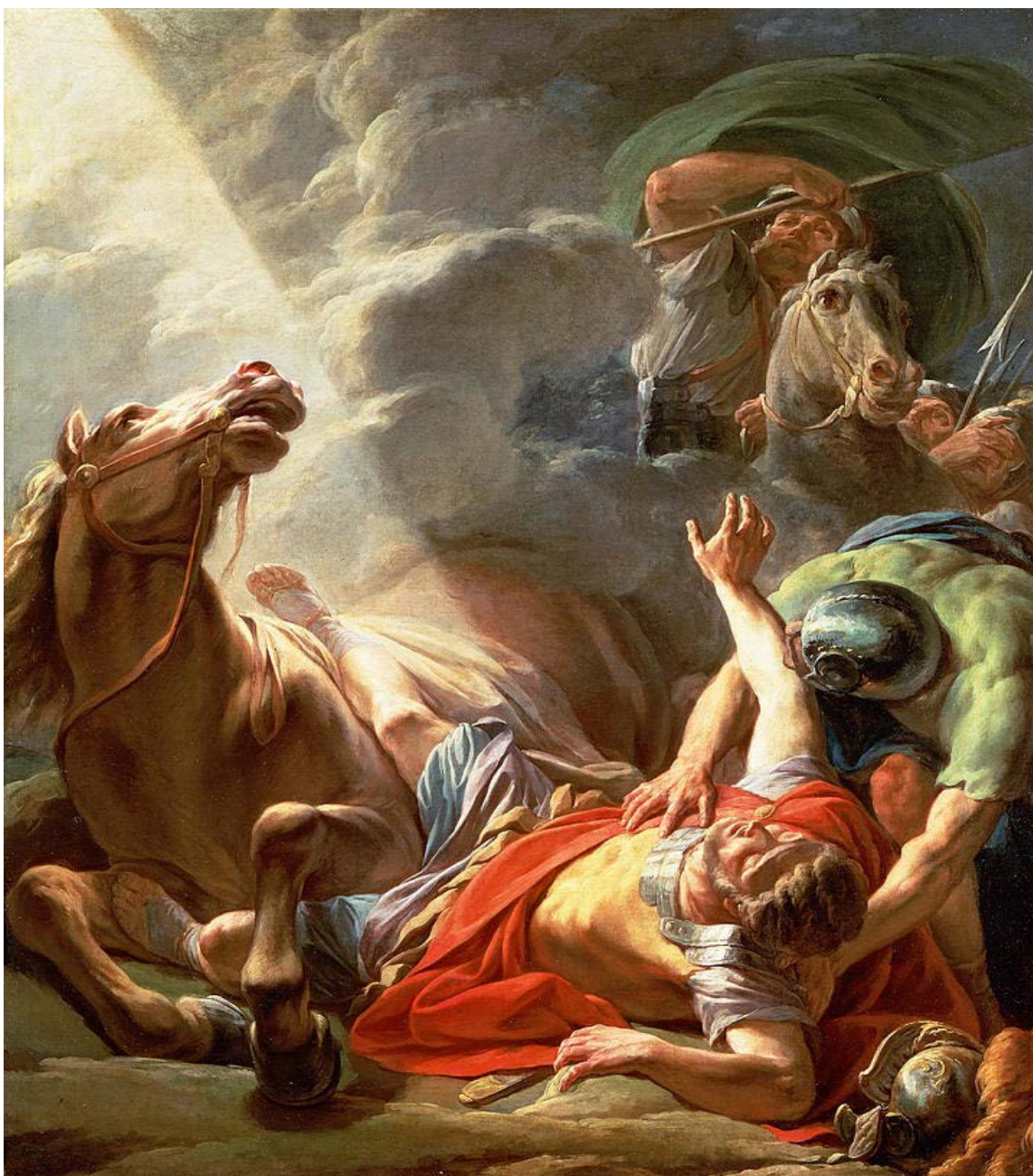


**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
SAINT THOMAS of CANTERBURY – SAINT JOSEPH**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 21, 2018**



*Nicolas Bernard Lepicie*

**FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL**

**January 25**

## **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

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Rev. Benjamin Benneh

Rev. John Kwaku Sah

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Anthony Ferraiuolo

Joseph Lieby

John Pelella

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## **JANUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME**

### **SATURDAY 20 JANUARY:**

#### **MEMORIALS OF SAINT FABIAN; SAINT SEBASTIAN**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas):

*Robert Nazzaro* by Margaret Nazzaro

4:00PM (Sunday Vigil: Saint Joseph): *Siner Family* by Linda Siner

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

*Sofie Zimmer* by Eric & Jasmine Lundgren

### **SUNDAY 21 JANUARY: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Liz Jone, r.i.p.* by the Schwarzler Family

9:00AM (Saint Thomas):

*Marie Passarella, r.i.p.*, by the Zingaro & Ruvalo Families

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

12:30PM (Saint Joseph):

*Heidi Fahl* by Bill & Simone & the Kingwood Garden Board

### **MONDAY 22 JANUARY: DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas):

*Timothy Harding, r.i.p.*, by AnneMcGuire

6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Cam Morello* by E. Patten

### **TUESDAY 23 JANUARY: MEMORIALS OF SAINT MARIANNE COPE; SAINT VINCENT**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Keldar, r.i.p.*, by Betty Jurgens

### **WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY:**

#### **MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS de SALES**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Ruth Coppalla, r.i.p.*, by Betty Jurgens

### **THURSDAY 25 JANUARY:**

#### **FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Ernie Marvin, r.i.p.*, by Betty Jurgens

### **FRIDAY 26 JANUARY: MEMORIAL OF SAINTS TIMOTHY & TITUS**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas):

*Edward Gibbons, r.i.p.* Nick & Peg Visconti

### **SATURDAY 27 JANUARY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANGELA MERICI**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas):

*Edward McGovern, r.i.p.*, by Joan McMahon

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

*Doris Rich* by the Rich Family

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

*John G. LaGrutta, r.i.p.*, by David LaGrutta & Family

### **SUNDAY 28 JANUARY: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30AM (Saint Thomas):

*Dr. & Mrs. D. Edward Fitzgerald* by the family

9:00AM (Saint Thomas):

*Stanley & Jeanette Gregorek* by the Larry Gregorek Family

11:00AM (Saint Thomas):

*Kenny & Serraino Families* by the Kenny Family

12:30PM (Saint Joseph):

*Heidi Fahl* by Bill Simoni & the Kingwood Garden Club

*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)

## **SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER**

*By Father Rees*

"Ballistic missile threat inbound to Hawaii," read the alert from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, "Seek immediate shelter." Cell phones and highway signs lit up with the warning all over the islands. Residents and tourists alike scrambled to.... do what? It is not hard to imagine the helplessness and confusion attending such news. Where to hide? Do I have time to pick up the kids at school? Is this it? With twelve minutes estimated as the time it takes for a rocket launched from North Korea to reach its target in Hawaii, one guesses there is not much you can do.

I wondered how I might react to similar news. Most of us have experienced at one time or another an amber alert on our cell phones or while driving (for missing or kidnapped children) or a silver alert (for a senior citizen with dementia or Alzheimer's who may be in distress). Blue alerts - I've yet to see one of these - tell us that law enforcement is looking for violent criminals. Google tells me there are others as well, but none - while keeping an eye out for that car of a certain color, make and model with a certain license plate number just in case - has ever impacted me directly. This, though Hawaii is far away, made me stop and think.

What would I do? I am my Jewish grandmother's grandson, so I have a certain inclination toward grasping reality and resigning my self to it. ("Oy vay!") I have often reminded myself just before my plane takes off as a I leave for vacation that should the plane go down, I must give absolution from sin to my fellow travelers. Then, I would pray - probably lots of Hail Mary's said rapidly. That's what I would do, I hope, if a ballistic missile were making its way to New York. I would probably (this is my grandmother channelling through me) be right at ground zero by fate or serendipity or in actuality, by God's permissive (and always good) will.

At least for now, and for the future we hope, the question is speculative. On the other hand, the warning to "Seek immediate shelter" is a good idea in any time. A far greater threat than a ballistic missile or Kim Jong-un is the danger of losing our souls and the sanctifying grace which prepares us, makes possible our eternal happiness with God. This gift from God, which inheres in our souls, can be lost too easily by grave sin (often characterized as mortal because it kills the divine life of the soul) or weakened by "lesser" sins (described by theology as venial). The latter is bad; the former very bad. In endangering the life of the soul, one forfeits their likeness to God, a dignity that raises us up above even the stars, but also their awareness of being a child of God, who loves and cherishes us as our Father. In such circumstances, God is like the parent who helplessly watches a child destroy themselves through addiction or dangerous behavior. He can only invite us (cf. Isaiah Ch. 65).

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We must do everything in our power to protect the sanctifying grace within us, as if our very life depended on it. "Blessed is he who knows the price of sanctifying grace, whereby he was raised to be a child of God; and who so esteems this, the highest nobility, that on no account, he shows himself ever a child worthy of such a Father," one commentator wrote. How then? Having left the comfy refuge of my Christmas reveries and entered once again upon Ordinary Time, I realized that the only way I can defend this precious gift is through devotion to Sunday Mass and the Eucharist, prayer, and seeing Jesus in our neighbors (and therefore our parish). In other words, through a life lived in faith. "Seek immediate shelter!" when spoken of life in Christ is urgent spiritual advice.

## **LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS**

*Regular: \$8050.24*

*Communications/Catholic University: \$1632.12*

*Pantry: \$35.25*

*Bingo: \$849.00*

## **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.



**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](http://www.emfgp.org/2018-archny) or contact Sue DiSisto: [susan.disisto@archny.org](mailto:susan.disisto@archny.org) or 646-794-3191. (Or see Deacon Joe and Regina Lieby if you are interested.)

## **JANUARY FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR**

1/22 5:00PM Faith Formation classes

1/23 5:00PM Faith Formation classes

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

1/29 5:00PM Faith Formation classes

1/30 5:00PM Faith Formation classes

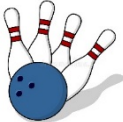
## **HOLY HOUR AT MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH**

Join the Presentation Sisters for a little time away from your daily routine to reflect and be with the Lord in a quiet place. Friday, February 2nd from 3:45 to 4:45 there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Sisters' Chapel at 64 Presentation Way, New Windsor. Come for an hour or for any part of the hour. All are welcome. Questions? Call 845-401-8531.

## **FAREWELL, AND THANK YOU, FATHER BEN!**

Father Benjamin Benneth will be returning to the Diocese of Techiman in Ghana on January 24 to resume his apostolate as a hospital chaplain. Father Doughty and the clergy and people of St. Thomas-St. Joseph are grateful for his time with us, and assure him of our prayers and best wishes. Father Ben will be helping at St. Patrick in Highland Mills this weekend, but will be here at our rectory until his departure.

## **K of C FUNDRAISER**

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Bowling Fundraiser on Saturday February 17th at 1:00PM at Tarsio's Bowling Time Lanes in New Windsor.  \$15.00 per person includes 2 hours of bowling and shoe rental. There will be great raffle baskets and food/beverages available for purchase. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and towards sending a local child in need of healing to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in France. Pre-registration is available but not required: kofc7460@gmail.com


**JANUARY 22, 2018**

## **DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

*Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, no. 100\**

## **CAMP VERITAS 2018**

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades. It will be held at four USA locations in 2018: **June 10-14** at Lake Placid Camp in Lake Placid, FL (new site); **July 22-28** at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY; **July 29-August 4** at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD; and **August 12-18** at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opens 1/1/18. Regular rate for 7-day NY and MD programs is \$450 per camper per week. Early bird rate (if paid in full by April 1, 2018) is \$400. Regular rate for 4-day FL program is \$350, and the early bird rate (if paid in full by April 1, 2018) is \$300. Volunteers (must be over 18) are needed and attend for FREE! More details can be found at [www.campveritas.org](http://www.campveritas.org). 

## **JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ACTIVITIES**

### **PARISH TEEN MOVIE NIGHT**

Enjoy a fun night of entertainment and refreshments sponsored by the JCDA on Sunday, **January 28th, 5:30 - 8:30PM**. The movie, **God's Not Dead 2** (Rated PG) will be shown in room 7 of the St. Thomas School. Donations for Hurricane Relief/American Red Cross will be accepted and much appreciated. Everyone in grades 6 - 12 is invited!

### **12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE BEGINS**

You can enter any time!

#### ***January's Prize:***

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

Just in time for Candlemas! 

### **NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY MINISTERS: 1/28**

#### **Saint Thomas**

**5:30PM:** (L) V. Bosco

(E.M.'s) L. Cross, R. Hufford, V. Hufford, B. Rose

**7:30AM:** (L) J. Kline

(E.M.'s) S. Dudman, C. Mundy, S. Rice, H. Torres

**9:00AM:** (L) S. Ryan

(E.M.'s) A. McGovern & P. McGovern, J. Maxson, J. Sicoli

**11:00AM:** P. Query

(E.M.'s) A. Gilman, J. Kline, J. Thomas, K. Ward

#### **Saint Joseph**

**4:00PM:** (L) R. Lieby, (E.M.'s) L. Siner & G. Kingsley

**12:30PM:** (L) A. Molloy, (E.M.'s) I. Fringuello, R. Morello

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

To place someone on the prayer chain please call Carolyn Mundy at 845-534-9277 or email [stsprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stsprayerchain@gmail.com)

### **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

*In Saint Thomas church at 6:30PM*

February 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

March 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

Please contact Gene Fenton with questions: [genefenton44@gmail.com](mailto:genefenton44@gmail.com) 

### **MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP**

The group meets each Thursday at 7:30PM in the Saint Thomas school building. All mothers are welcome to join us as we pray for our children and grandchildren.

For more information contact:

Marian Kane: 845-534-4551

