

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY / ST. JOSEPH

Roman Catholic Parish



JULY 15, 2018 – 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE DEACON'S CORNER by Joseph Lieby

Recently, I came across a book entitled *Great Catholic Parishes*. It was written by William E. Simon and included a foreword by our own Cardinal Timothy Dolan. In his foreword, Cardinal Dolan holds out the goal that a parish be our spiritual family rather than simply a place where we encounter a group of near strangers once a week at Mass.

The subtitle of the book was "How Four Essential Practices Make Them Thrive". The book described the conclusions drawn from a study of parishes that was conducted to gain an understanding of the characteristics which make a parish successful at nourishing the faith of its members. According to the study, the quality of leadership and Sunday worship in the parish, as well as the emphasis on evangelization and the fostering of spiritual maturity all played a role in the success of a parish.

We would probably all agree that we would like to belong to a "Great Parish" such as are identified in the study by William Simon. We may also agree that the qualities described in the study are important. However, I would suggest that there is an ingredient of a "Great Parish" that was not included among the four mentioned and it is equally important. The pastor and staff can make herculean efforts, but without people who are willing to become actively involved in the parish, it will never become a "Great Parish". I would suggest that the type of parishioner needed should do the following:

ATTEND: First and most obvious we need to be here at St. Thomas-St. Joseph Parish for weekend Mass. Of course, there will be times when we are on vacation or visiting someone and will need to go to Mass elsewhere. But as involved parishioners, this is where we should come to take part in the sacrifice of the Mass.

CELEBRATE: This should also be where we gather for the major events in our family's life. Rather than destination weddings that are chosen because we love beaches or apple orchards, our destination should be our parish where in the presence of God and our spiritual parish family we celebrate the sacrament of matrimony. Rather than a service in the funeral parlor, we should gather in our parish to pray for the deceased member of our family.

PARTICIPATE: Join in the life of the parish. Volunteer when the parish needs ministers, singers, or workers. When there is a picnic, bring your family and join our parish family. When there is a social after the 9 am Mass on the first Sunday, stop in for awhile and say hello. You may not know everyone by name, but there will be fewer strangers.

CONTRIBUTE: Our parish deserves your support. Unless members of our parish family contribute, we won't be able to pay the bills that are due and provide the services that are needed to make our parish one of those "Great Parishes".

Your Parish Office Is Open:

Mon-Thurs: 9 am-4 pm; Fri: 9 am-2 pm
www.ststthomasjoseph.com

Pastor: Rev. Rees Doughty
rdoughty@stt-stj.com

Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Kwaku Sah

Weekend Assistant: Rev. Robert Phelps

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John Hanley, Joseph Lieby, John Pelella

Parish Office

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Faith Formation Coordinators:

Annmarie O'Connor and Mary Ellen Tiernan

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RCIA

845.661.8586 · metiernan@comcast.net

Coordinator: Mary Ellen Tiernan

Music

914.522.0066 · music@stt-stj.com

Director: Vincent Mateo

St. Thomas Church

340 Hudson St., Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520

Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening (Sunday Vigil): 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Weekday: Monday-Saturday: 8:30 am

Confession

Saturday: 9-9:45 am (or by appointment)

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after 8:30 am Mass

Rosary: Monday-Saturday after 8:30 am Mass

St. Joseph Church

4 Saint Joseph's Pl., New Windsor, NY 12553

Sunday Masses

Sunday: 12:30 pm

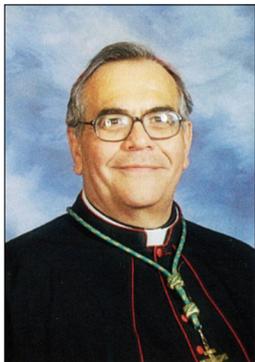
Monday: 5:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration &
Benediction; 6:30 pm Mass

Confession: Monday, 6-6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Monday at 5:30 pm

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Bishop Dominick Retires!

Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Dominick Lagonegro, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York and Episcopal Vicar for the Orange County Deanery. Bishop Dominick turned 75 this past year, which requires the resignation for retirement of priests and bishops alike.

Bishop Dominick assured us that he is available for pastoral work having been relieved of administrative responsibilities (every pastor's dream!). Congratulations, Bishop Dominick!

STAR Youth Group presents "Family Movie Under the Stars" on Saturday, July 21st. Arrive at 7 pm. The movie will begin at dusk behind the St. Thomas School Building. Bring a picnic blanket. Popcorn and water will be available. Join us for a fun evening!



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes for children begin in First Grade as the Archdiocese of New York requires two years of instruction prior to the reception of First Communion in 2nd Grade. To register your child for classes or for information about any of our programs, contact Annmarie O'Connor at 845.534.9393, ext. 3. Calendars of Classes are posted at ststthomasjoseph.com.

OFFERTORY

July 7/8: \$7,824.25

Online Giving (July 2-8): \$959.70

Church in Africa: \$2,152.35

Food Pantry: \$105.00

We thank you for your generosity and continued support of the parish!

Have you signed up for Online Giving?

It's an easy, convenient, and safe way to contribute to your parish. ConnectNow Giving allows you to make contributions to the parish and you won't need to remember your envelopes or write any checks. Automatic contributions can be set up, and at any time, the timing or amount of your gift can be changed. Enroll at the link: giving.parishsoft.com/ststthomasjoseph.

What is RCIA/T? RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Teens.

- * Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?
- * Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?
- * Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?



If any of the above questions apply to you, we are available to help you in your journey! If you know anyone who this might apply to, perhaps you could extend an invitation to them. Contact Mary Ellen at metiernan@comcast.net for information and to join the study.

Going on vacation? Visit masstimes.org for the location/Mass times of a nearby parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jul 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:30 am +Henry Malanowski by Jerry & Kathy Serubbe

6:30 pm(SJ) Ints. of Tahtoreh family by Ireifeg family

Tues, Jul 17

8:30 am +Michael Congelli by Elizabeth Congelli

Wed, Jul 18: St. Camillus de Lellis

8:30 am +Anne C. Greehy by Bill and Kathy Fogarty

Thurs, Jul 19

8:30 am +Henry Malanowski by Hector & Nancy Torres

Fri, Jul 20: St. Apollinaris

8:30 am +Josephine Mauriello by Joe and Regina Lieby

Sat, Jul 21: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:30 am +Henry Malanowski by Ray and Sherri Bosse

4:30 pm +Fr. Hilfiker by Kathy Kissel, and

+John DiStefano by Ellen DiStefano

Sun, Jul 22: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Ints. of Molly Art by Kathy Kissel

9:00 am For St. Thomas/St. Joseph Parish

11:00 am +Maevae Cannon by O'Sullivan family

12:30 pm(SJ) Ints. of Mary Casey by Jean Ries

All Masses are celebrated at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church except for the Monday, 6:30 pm Mass and the Sunday, 12:30 pm Mass, as noted by "SJ" (St. Joseph Church).

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Our **Bulletin Cover Image** is by Nicolas Mignard and depicts Our Lady giving the Brown Scapular to St. Simon Stock.
Source: commons.wikimedia.org.

The Church celebrates the feast of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** — and the scapular — each July 16th. On this date in 1251, Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock in Aylesford, England.

“Take this scapular: It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace. Whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire”, our Blessed Mother promised the holy prior general of the Carmelite order.

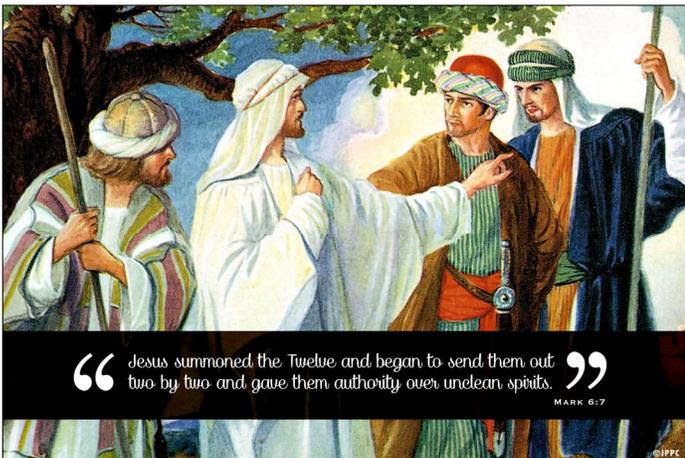
Our Lady gave the scapular to the whole world, so that all her children can wear this “habit” as an outward sign of her love for them.
Source: nationalcatholicregister.com.



Stay involved by staying informed! Visit ststthomasjoseph.com today! Your Parish website has lots of great information on upcoming events, faith formation, and parish ministries including information about Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, the Bereavement Ministry, the Choir/Music Ministry, and so much more.

St. Thomas/St. Joseph Parish Census: Visit ststthomasjoseph.com/myownchurch to register as a new parishioner or to create an account for existing members. You can update family and member information, set privacy preferences, see envelope and online giving history, download annual giving statements for tax purposes, and more. Your registration benefits the parish by merging existing records from St. Thomas parish and St. Joseph parish into a single database.

12 Months of Christmas Raffle
July's Prize: A Royal Doulton Decanter and Double Old Fashion Spirits Set. Total MSRP: \$214.50. Contact the Parish Office for information on purchasing raffle tickets for drawings.



“ Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.”

MARK 9:7

Our **Bereavement Ministry** meets at St. Thomas on Saturdays, 9:30-11 am. This faith-based program focuses on sharing, compassion, understanding, and acceptance. To join or for more information, contact Helen Piltman at h.piltman@gmail.com, 845.563.0604.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

- The **Rosary** is said Monday-Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas of Canterbury.
- The **Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet** are said after Monday 6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph.
- For the **Prayer Chain**, contact Carolyn Mundy at 845.534.9277, stsjprayerchain@gmail.com.
- **Mothers' Prayer Group** meets on Thursdays at 7:30 pm at St. Thomas School. Call Marian Kane at 845.534.4551 for information.
- To host the statue of **Our Lady of Fatima** in your home, contact Pat Evans at 845.496.4826.

ONLINE STUDIES

Join our Ascension Press online study, **The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation**. To sign up, visit ascensionpress.com/studies/28054/registrations/new. Participants will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

Visit **formed.org** for the best catholic content all in one place delivered to you by the Augustine Institute! Catechism and personal Faith Formation can be at the fingertips of every parishioner! The Parish Code is: FHHFCV.

The **Food Pantry** is in need of paper towels, toilet tissue, cereal, jelly, detergent, and spaghetti. Thank you for your support!