

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY / ST. JOSEPH PARISH
Roman Catholic Church



October 14, 2018 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What Good Must I Do To Have Eternal Life?

Today's Gospel from the tenth chapter of Mark (also found in Matthew 19) was one of Saint John Paul II's favorite passages to cite. The young man in the account raises questions about morality and its relation to eternal life. Implicit in his concerns is the rejection of a world that understands the self as the only value worth living for. The decisive moment for the young man is Jesus's invitation to be perfect. Herewith, an important reminder that only holiness (the good) can overcome the evils of the world. From Chapter 1, paragraph 8, of his encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* (*The Splendor of the Truth*).

The question which the rich young man puts to Jesus of Nazareth is one which rises from the depths of his heart. It is *an essential and unavoidable question for the life of every man*, for it is about the moral good which must be done, and about eternal life. The young man senses that there is a connection between moral good and the fulfilment of his own destiny. He is a devout Israelite, raised as it were in the shadow of the Law of the Lord. If he asks Jesus this question, we can presume that it is not because he is ignorant of the answer contained in the Law. It is more likely that the attractiveness of the person of Jesus had prompted within him new questions about moral good. He feels the need to draw near to the One who had begun his preaching with this new and decisive proclamation: "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel" (*Mk 1:15*).

People today need to turn to Christ once again in order to receive from him the answer to their questions about what is good and what is evil. Christ is the Teacher, the Risen One who has life in himself and who is always present in his Church and in the world. It is he who opens up to the faithful the book of the Scriptures and, by fully revealing the Father's will, teaches the truth about moral action. At the source and summit of the economy of salvation, as the Alpha and the Omega of human history (cf. *Rev 1:8; 21:6; 22:13*), Christ sheds light on man's condition and his integral vocation. Consequently, "the man who wishes to understand himself thoroughly — and not just in accordance with immediate, partial, often superficial, and even illusory standards and measures of his being — must with his unrest, uncertainty and even his weakness and sinfulness, with his life and death, draw near to Christ. He must, so to speak, enter him with all his own self; he must 'appropriate' and assimilate the whole of the reality of the Incarnation and Redemption in order to find himself. If this profound process takes place within him, he then bears fruit not only of adoration of God but also of deeper wonder at himself".¹⁶

If we therefore wish to go to the heart of the Gospel's moral teaching and grasp its profound and unchanging content, we must carefully inquire into the meaning of the question asked by the rich young man in the Gospel and, even more, the meaning of Jesus' reply, allowing ourselves to be guided by him. Jesus, as a patient and sensitive teacher, answers the young man by taking him, as it were, by the hand, and leading him step by step to the full truth.

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Sunday Masses

Saturday 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 Mass

Sunday: 12:30 pm

Weekday: Wednesday, 6:30 pm Mass

Confession: Wednesday, 6-6:30 pm

Adoration: Wednesday, 5:30 pm

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Join Us for a Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday, October 14th, 10-11 am, in the St. Thomas gym. Come have a donut and coffee and meet your fellow parishioners!

A Women's Retreat - Celebrating the Joyful Mysteries of Our Lives:



Saturday, October 20, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, St. Thomas School Gym. Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Rita #264 invites you to join them in celebrating the great things the Lord has done for us! We all have busy lives, filled with responsibilities to our family, work, appointments, and meetings. But, in our busyness, are we actively trying to help build the kingdom of God? Reflecting on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, we will see how Our Blessed Mother can help us to guide and nourish our faith. Through scripture, prayer, reflection, and discussion, we will ponder how God has shaped our lives and how we can develop a deeper relationship with the Lord. Cost is \$20 and includes morning refreshments and lunch. For information and to RSVP, contact Frances Clifford at 75clifford@gmail.com or 718.938.5189.



Costume Drive

Junior Catholic Daughters are holding a **Costume Drive** for the children of the Newburgh Ministry! Please donate old costumes so they can be enjoyed again this Halloween. Collection bins are at St. Thomas and St. Joseph churches and in the school building. Or, to arrange pickup, email Maggie at maggiakelly1109@gmail.com. Costumes will be collected through Wednesday, October 17.

OFFERTORY

Oct. 6/7: \$8,601.00

Parish Project Fund: \$2,594.18

Shrines: \$181.74

Online Giving (Oct. 1-7): \$1,590.00

We thank you for your generosity and continued support of the parish! **Have You Considered Donating To The Parish Through Online Giving?** Online Giving is safe and secure, and you set up when your gift is made, for how much, and for which collection. Visit the parish website, ststthomasjoseph.com, and under the "News/Events" tab, click on "My Own Church" for information on giving.



The Schedules for Faith Formation Classes for 2018/19

are available on the parish website, click on the "Ministries" tab and then "Faith Formation". Register for

Flocknotes (text STC to 84576). Flocknotes is the primary communication source for notices. For information about registering for Faith Formation Programs for children, contact Annmarie O'Connor at 845.534.2547, ext. 3.

Upcoming Classes

- * October 17: Faith Formation Wednesday and Confirmation Preparation Classes (grades 6-8), 6:30-8 pm;
- * October 19: Confirmation Rehearsal (gym) at 7 pm for those making their Confirmation on October 21 at 2:30 pm;
- * October 26: Confirmation Rehearsal (gym) at 7 pm for those making their Confirmation on October 28 at 2:30 pm.

To learn more about the **RCIA/T Process**, email Mary Ellen Tiernan at metiernan@stt-stj.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Oct 15: St. Teresa of Jesus

8:30 am +John Joseph DeMatteo by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Bruni

Tues, Oct 16: St. Hedwig

8:30 am +Maureen Terwilliger by Billy Jurgens

Wed, Oct 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:30 am +Joseph McCormick by Dr. & Mrs. Nicholas Bambino

6:30 pm +Mamawal family by Linda Siner

Thurs, Oct 18: St. Luke

8:30 am +John McGovern by Carole McGovern

Fri, Oct 19: Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Joes

8:30 am Special Intentions of Margaret Hennessey

Sat, Oct 20: St. Paul of the Cross

8:30 am +Nery De La Cruz by Ruben & Leila Gonzalez

4:30 pm +Lynne Hassdenteufel by Family; and

+Maurice Gleason by Rose and Kathleen

Sun, Oct 21: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am For the Parish of St. Thomas/St. Joseph

9:00 am +Mary Gray by Catherine Conroy

11:00 am +Anna Thomas by Josephine Thomas

12:30 pm +Margaret Intartaglia by Kathy Kissel

ALL Masses are celebrated at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church except for the Sunday, 12:30 pm Mass and the Wednesday, 6:30 pm Mass which are celebrated at St. Joseph Church.

St. Luke the Evangelist *Feast Day: October 18*

Our Cover Image is: St. Luke Displaying a Painting of the Virgin.
Artist: Guercino. Source: wikiart.org.



St. Luke was a native of Antioch, the capital of Syria. He was by profession a physician; and some ancient writers say, that he was very skillful in painting. He was converted by St. Paul and became his disciple and companion in his travels, and fellow-labourer in the ministry of the Gospel. He wrote in Greek, about twenty-four years after our Lord's Ascension. Source: ewtn.com

Coats for Kids:

Knights of Columbus Council 7460 will be selling raffle tickets for only \$10 through



Friday, November 30 to supply Coats for Kids. Please help support this worthy cause and take a chance to win money too! Tickets will be available after selected Masses in October and November.

12 Months of Christmas Raffle—Our October Prize is a Desert Rose 6-piece serving set by Franciscan (the largest selling pattern in the history of American dinnerware and chosen by Jacqueline Kennedy for the White House) complemented by Grafton Street 3-piece flatware serving set by Waterford. (Value \$200)

Parish Trip to Switzerland, Bavaria, and Austria: March 21-30, 2019. Highlights include: Bern, Chateau de Chillon, Montreux, GoldenPass Panoramic Train, Gstaad, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Austrian Alps, Salzburg, Mirabell Gardens, St. Peter's Restaurant, Tyrolean Folklore Show, Bavaria, and Oberammergau. For information, contact Mary Ellen at 845.661.8586 or maryellentianan@icloud.com.



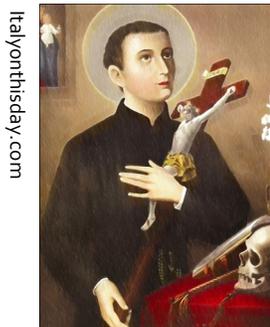
Save the Date! **Catholic Daughters Association, Court Rita #264 is hosting a Tricky Tray** on Saturday, November 3rd at 5:30 pm in the St. Thomas School Gym. Join us for an evening of family fun with fantastic baskets, door prizes, and raffles! Our Knights of Columbus Cafe will have a full dinner menu. Admission is \$5. Children 10 and under free. Proceeds benefit charities and projects supported by the CDA.



Blood Drive in November: The STAR Youth Group will hold their annual Blood Drive on Sunday, November 18, 8 am-2 pm in the St Thomas School Gym. No appointment necessary!

Our Food Pantry is in need of tuna fish, jars of pasta sauce, paper products, jelly, soup, and pasta. Thank you for your support!

Dominican College's Fall Open House is on Saturday, October 20, beginning at 10 a.m. Reserve your space at dc.edu/register.



*Consider the shortness of time, the length of eternity,
and reflect how everything here below comes to an end and passes by.
Of what use is it to lean upon that which cannot give support?*

St. Gerard Majella (1726-1755)
Patron of Expectant Mothers, Feast Day October 16