

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



**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
**November 25, 2018**

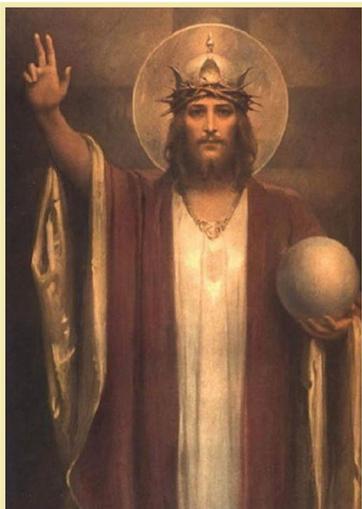
## Jesus is Lord

In the 1993 film “Searching for Bobby Fischer,” Josh, a chess prodigy finds himself having to choose between the advice of two teachers of the game as he becomes a sensation in the competitive world of chess: one an accomplished grandmaster; the other, a speed player in Washington Square Park. Against every convention and the advice of the grandmaster, Bruce, who counsels that throughout the game defense of the king is paramount, is the experience of Vinnie, who frequently makes his king vulnerable in order to win. Ultimately, Josh finds that while the disciplined and oftentimes harsh methods of Bruce’s exemplar, Bobby Fischer, are helpful or necessary, the more creative and liberating vision of Vinnie’s game enables Josh to win the big match.

Today’s Solemn Feast of Christ the King which ends the liturgical period of Ordinary Time just before the advent of Advent asks us to ponder the unconventionality of the Church’s declaration in her Roman Missal that Jesus is king of the universe. He is, after Vinnie’s and Josh’s vision, a different kind of king who made himself vulnerable in order to gain an inconceivable victory over sin and death. His death on the cross and his

resurrection is the authentic sign of his kingship. The cross is his throne, presented to us each time we gather for the sacred rites of the Church, the mystical reality of his presence given to us in the form of sacramental signs. This is the sign which speaks to us of the greater love that no one has. Indeed, the greatest love. It is this fact which makes the claim that he is King of kings and Lord of lords true and believable.

These facts should be sensible to us, and desirable. Isn’t this what we really want, a king who will deliver us from the danger of all dangers, the evil of all evils, from sin and death? Don’t our souls cry out for a god who loves us and proves it? “Then, you are a king,” Pilate asked in today’s Gospel, still not grasping the unconventionality in Jesus’s words that his kingdom was not of this world. Perhaps we’re still not quite at the point when we bend the knee and confess with our tongues that He is Lord even though every heartbeat, every breath proclaims the life he has gained for us. Maybe that’s why Advent and Christmas follow so closely upon the Feast of Christ the King? For the vulnerability that is the mark of a real king was very real when he was born in Bethlehem to become a “sign of contradiction for many.”



Source: traditionalcatholicpriest.com

### The Solemnity of Christ the King November 25, 2018

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas Primas* (“In the first”) to respond to growing nationalism and secularism. He recognized that these related societal ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. His encyclical reminds the faithful that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. Source: usccb.org.

**Your Parish Office Is Open:  
Monday-Friday: 9 am-3 pm  
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**St. Thomas Church**

340 Hudson St., Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520

**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



Masses for the holy day,  
**The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,**  
will be at St. Thomas Church on  
Friday, December 7 at 7 pm,  
and on Saturday, December 8  
at 8:30 am and 12 noon.

**OFFERTORY**

**November 17/18:** not available due to early transmission of bulletin for Thanksgiving holiday. 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.

**"Protecting God's Children":** The mission of the Archdiocese of New York's Safe Environment program is to prevent and respond to incidents of child sexual abuse. **A Virtus class will be held at St. Thomas/St. Joseph Parish in the St. Thomas School Gym on Wednesday, November 28, 6-9 pm.** Parish staff and adult volunteers will be taking a Virtus class. All adult parishioners are also invited to join us and learn how to create safer spaces for our children. To register, go to virtusonline.org or come to the class on November 28 if you would like to observe and know more.

**Operation Archangel:** The Parish Safety Committee is looking for parishioners to help with our new usher ministry as well as active duty and retired law enforcement officers, first responders, and military parishioners for our Safety Team. We will soon be introducing a new parish safety plan called Archangel. This plan will cover medical, fire, and public safety emergencies. Volunteers will have the flexibility of attending any Mass of their choosing while helping our parish community. If interested, contact Pete McGovern at Peter.mcgovern@aol.com or leave a message with the Parish Office.



**Christmas Giving Tree:** St Thomas/St. Joseph Parish in conjunction with Catholic Charities of Orange County will once again have "ornament" wishes for needy local children and adults available on trees at St. Thomas and in a basket at St. Joseph. Return purchased items by Sunday, December 9 for delivery on Monday, December 10. Donations of wrapping paper is appreciated.

**A Fellowship Breakfast** will be held Sunday, December 2 at St. Thomas of Canterbury gym after the 9 am Mass. Join us for a donut and coffee and meet your fellow parishioners.

The STAR Youth Group **Annual Poinsettia Sale** will take place after all Masses on the weekend of December 8/9. Cost is \$10/plant.

The STAR Youth Group wants to help you with your **Christmas shopping** by **babysitting** your children on Saturday, December 15, 2-8 pm, St. Thomas gym.

# ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY / ST. JOSEPH PARISH

*"Our true worth does not consist in what human beings think of us.  
What we really are consists in what God knows us to be."*

- St. John Berchman (1599-1621)  
Patron Saint of Altar Servers  
Feast Day: November 26

John Berchman was not noted for extraordinary feats of holiness or austerity, nor did he found orders or churches or work flashy miracles. He made kindness, courtesy, and constant fidelity an important part of his holiness.

The path to holiness *can* lie in the ordinary rather than the extraordinary.  
Source: catholicsaintsinfo.com



Source: gancards.com

## 12 Months of Christmas Raffle:

Congratulations to Diane Ward who won the November prize of a Gordon Ramsey by Royal Doulton Tea Set with a box of Simpson and Vail holiday teas!



Our **Food Pantry is in need of** sugar-free foods, toothpaste, toilet paper, dish detergent (for sink), laundry detergent, coffee, and canned fruit.

**Coats for Kids:** The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for \$10 only until Friday, November 30. To make a contribution to the "Coats for Kids" Campaign, mail a check made payable to "K of C Coats for Kids" to 340 Hudson Street, Cornwall-On-Hudson, NY 12520.

## The Catholic Faith.

**On Demand!** Visit the website, [formed.org](http://formed.org), and enter our parish code:

FHHFCV to gain FREE access to thousands of movies, video programs, audios, and ebooks.

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## Mass Intentions For 2019

\* Beginning November 1st, parishioners may submit up to four intentions for SUNDAY Masses and six intentions for WEEKDAY Masses for a total of ten Masses. As of December 1st, there are no restrictions on the number of Mass requests.

\* Up to two separate intentions will be accepted at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm and at the Sunday 9 am Mass. The Sunday 11 am Mass intention will only be designated "Pro Populo" (for the intentions of the people of the parish).

\* The Offering for an announced intention is \$15; \$10 for an unannounced intention. All intentions are scheduled through the Parish Office and are subject to the Pastor's approval.

**New Vestments Needed!** With the addition of another deacon and damage to some of the vestments we use now, we will be purchasing a new chasuble (worn by priests) and two new dalmatics (worn by deacons) for the celebration in Ordinary Time of Mass on Sundays. If you would like to memorialize a vestment with an embroidered label, contact Father Doughty or Deacon John Pelella.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Mon, Nov 26

8:30 am +Henry Malanowski by Vickie Malanowski

### Tues, Nov 27

8:30 am +Dorothy Lynch by Carol Decker

### Wed, Nov 28

8:30 am +Anne Sacco by Susan Zenan

6:30 pm +Robert Costello by his wife, Catherine

### Thurs, Nov 29

8:30 am +Thomas and Anne Campbell by family

### Fri, Nov 30: St. Andrew

8:30 am +Catherine Lundgren by Eric & Jasmin Lundgren

### Sat, Dec 1

8:30 am +Catherine Repp by Bart & Mary Ann Rohan

4:30 pm +Katie Cuomo by Kathy Kissel; and  
+Maureen Terwilliger by Ursula Slattery

### Sun, Dec 2: First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am +Martin and Loretta Foley by Bill & Pat Grabe

9:00 am +Dorothy Gagliano by Mr. & Mrs. James Gagliano

11:00 am +Lillian Pelella by John & Margaret Pelella

12:30 pm Pro Populo (For the Intentions of the People of the Parish)

### 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.