

MAY: MONTH OF OUR LADY

SATURDAY 28 MAY: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Jane Hahn, r.i.p., by Tom & Linda DiSalvo*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *Lynne Hassdenteuffel, r.i.p., by Shirley Hassdenteuffel*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Louise Sawoska, r.i.p., by Henry Sawoska*

SUNDAY 29 MAY: SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Michael Rocco, r.i.p., by K of C Council 7460*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *For the Intentions of Jeanne Halvorsen by Manny, Matilde & Vicky Mendes*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Debra Bozzone, r.i.p., by Julieann Feliciano*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *pro populo*

MONDAY 30 MAY: FERIA

MEMORIAL DAY: THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Jane Hahn, r.i.p., by Bob & Karen Pinder*
*** THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSION OR 6:30PM MASS TODAY AT SAINT JOSEPH**

TUESDAY 31 MAY: FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Special Intention for Mike & Judy Manzo by Mary King*

WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JUSTIN

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Jane Hahn, r.i.p., by Margaret & Ken Schmidt*

THURSDAY 2 JUNE: MEMORIAL OF SAINTS MARCELLINUS & PETER

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Dena Congelli by Jim & Liz Congelli*



FIRST FRIDAY 3 JUNE: SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Jane Hahn, r.i.p., by Mary King*



FIRST SATURDAY 4 JUNE: THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Jane Hahn, r.i.p., by Angelo & Marguerite Sands*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *The Siner Family by Linda Siner*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *pro populo*

NEXT SUNDAY 5 JUNE: TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Jane Hahn, r.i.p., by the Hickey Family*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Edith Cook by Daniel & Barbara Creagan*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Bruno Leombruno, r.i.p., by Angie Leombruno*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Laurence J. Coan by the 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)



ANIMA
CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, wounds, hide me,
sanctify me, Permit me not
Body of Christ, to be separated
save me, from Thee,
Blood of Christ, from the malign-
infect me, nant enemy,
Water from the defend me,
side of Christ, In the hour of my
wash me, death call me,
Passion of Christ, And bid me
strengthen me, come to Thee
O good Jesus, That with thy saints
hear me! I may praise Thee
Within thy sacred, for ever and ever

AMEN

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Saint Thomas: **Saint Joseph:**
Regular: \$6729.00 Regular: \$2441

Father's Day Envelopes may be put in the collection to be placed on the altar for the Father's Day Novena.

PLEASE NOTE!

There will be no Confession or 6:30PM Mass at Saint Joseph Church on Monday, May 30th (Memorial Day).

PARISH WEBSITE

It is "under construction" and content is added weekly. Visit the site at: ststthomasjoseph.com. Mass schedules, upcoming events, parish news, bulletins, etc. can now be found online! Photos of parish life and activities would be appreciated. Please email them to office@stt-stj.com.

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

June's Prize:

Celebrate graduations, birthdays, Father's Day, etc. with "Old Country Roses" cake plate, fluted mug set, and platter. MRSP: \$250. Please stop by the parish office to purchase a raffle ticket!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thanks to all the parishioners who donated so generously to the Diaper Drive for Catholic Charities!

SUMMER PROGRAM

The youth of the parish will be hosting a Vacation Bible School program called "Rainbow Days"



It will be held in the school building during the week of July 18-22. Children (toilet trained) Pre-K through 5th grade. (Children completing 5th grade June 2016) are invited to participate. Program runs from 10- 1 PM and the cost is \$25.00 per students. We will provide lunch on Friday after the prayer service. Registration forms will be available in the vestibule of the church and in our Religious Education office . Already registered families will receive an email with the forms attached. Please register early, space will be limited. Each day of the program we ask the students to wear a specific color. **Monday is BLUE...Tuesday is RED... Wednesday is Green...Thursday is PURPLE...Friday is RAINBOW.**

CARDINAL'S APPEAL GOAL :

\$114,500.00

As of 5/20/16

Pledges: Pledges: \$47,673.00

Donors: 187

PRAYER CHAIN

Please note the new email address with which to contact Carolyn Mundy: stsjprayerchain@gmail.com

FOOD PANTRY

At this time we are **NOT** in need of any pasta or pasta sauce. Bisquick, syrup, mayonaise, & canned ravioli, spaghetti, etc., would be most appreciated! Thank you!



SPIRITUAL CATECHESIS

Fr. Peter Heasley will give a course this summer on Truth, Heresy, and the Development of Catholic Doctrine. The class will run for four weeks in June, on Mondays: June 6, 13, 20, and 27. Each class will be offered twice at Saint John the Evangelist Church, Goshen: Noon & 7:00PM.

DAMIEN: A ONE MAN PLAY

Actor Casey Groves will portray Father (now Saint) Damien, the Catholic priest who brought the light of Christ to the lepers of Moloka'i in the 1800s. **Sunday, June 12 at 2:00 pm in the church.**

Casey teaches acting in New Orleans and has many television credits including *Law & Order* and *Damages*. He is the author of *Seelos*, a play about Blessed John Seelos.



101st ANNIVERSARY COURT RITA #264

June 17, 2016 at 5:30PM

Vinum Café at Brotherhood Winery, Washingtonville, N.Y.

Cash Bar and dinner \$35.00

For tickets or more information, please call Maryjane Reed: [845-458-5543](tel:845-458-5543).

COURT RITA #264 JUNE MEETING!

Parish ladies please join us on Monday, June 6 in the Parish Center, Room 7 at 7:00PM for our final meeting until September. We welcome your input and ideas. Contact Brigid Flynn at 534-2116.



NEW PRIESTS!

On Saturday morning, eight men were ordained to the Priesthood by Cardinal Dolan in St. Patrick Cathedral. Please pray for Christian Ikechukwu Amah, Hartley Stockton Bancroft III, Thomas Michael Colucci, Cruz Alejandro Sanchez Mares, Jean-Pierre Anthony Thomas Seon, James Anthony Martin Sheridan, Jon Norman Francis Tveit. And please pray that the Lord send more workers into the harvest!

**FOR MY FLESH IS REAL FOOD,
AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK**

Today's Feast of Corpus Christi invites us to ponder that which lies at the heart of the Christian mystery: the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the The Lord of the Rings (and translator of the Book of Job in the New Jerusalem Bible, who attended Mass daily, had a deep love for the Eucharist. The following are excerpts from a letter addressed to his son, Michael, on his love for the Eucharist, written on 1 November 1963. (From The Letters of J.R.R. Tolkien, Houghton Mifflin Co., 1981, Boston, pages 336-338)

"You speak of "sagging faith'.... In the last resort faith is an act of will, inspired by love. Our love may be chilled and our will eroded by the spectacle of the shortcomings, folly and even sins of the Church and its ministers, but I don not think that one who has once had faith goes back over the line for these reasons.... 'Scandal' at most is an occasion of temptation – as indecency is to lust, which it does not make but arouses. It is convenient because it tends to turn our eyes away from ourselves and our own faults to find a scape-goat.... [But] the temptation to 'unbelief' (which really means rejection of Our Lord and His claims) is always there with us. The stronger the inner temptation the more readily and severely shall we be 'scandalized' by others. I think I am as sensitive as you (or any other Christian) to the 'scandals', both of clergy and laity. I have suffered grievously in my life from stupid, tired, dimmed, and even bad priests; but I now know enough about myself to be aware that I should not leave the Church (which for me would be leaving the allegiance of Our Lord) for any such reasons: I should leave because I did not believe, and should not believe any more, even if I had never met any one in orders who was not both wise and saintly. I should deny the Blessed Sacrament, that is: call Our Lord a fraud to His face.

If He is a fraud and the Gospels fraudulent – that is: garbled accounts of a demented megalomaniac (which is the only alternative), then of

course the spectacle exhibited by the Church (in the sense of clergy) in history and today is simply evidence of a gigantic fraud. If not, however, then this spectacle (*he means 'scandal'*) is alas! Only what was to be expected: it began before the first Easter, and it does not affect faith at all – except that we may and should be deeply grieved. But we should grieve on our Lord's behalf and for Him, associating ourselves with the scandalizers not with the saints, not crying out that we cannot 'take' Judas Iscariot, or even the absurd and cowardly Simon Peter, or the silly women like James' mother, trying to push her sons....

The only cure for sagging of fainting faith is Communion. Though always itself, perfect and complete and inviolate, the Blessed Sacrament does not operate completely and once for all in any of us. Like the act of Faith it must be continuous and grow by exercise. Frequency is of the highest effect. Seven times a week is more nourishing than seven times at intervals. Also I can recommend this as an exercise (alas! only too easy to find opportunity for): make your communion in circumstances that affront your taste. Choose a snuffling or gabbling priest or a proud and vulgar friar; and a church full of the usual bourgeois crowd, ill-behaved children - from those who yell to those products of Catholic schools who the moment the tabernacle is opened sit back and yawn - open necked and dirty youths, women in trousers and often with hair both unkempt and uncovered. Go to communion *with* them (and pray for them). It will be just the same (or better than that) as a mass said beautifully by a visibly holy man, and shared by a few devout and decorous people. (It could not be worse than the mess of the feeding of the Five Thousand - after which [our] Lord propounded the feeding that was to come.)

Of course, I live in anxiety concerning my children: who in this harder, crueler and more mocking world into which I have survived must suffer more assaults than I have. But I am one who came out of Egypt, and pray God none of my seed shall return thither. I witnessed (half-comprehending) the heroic sufferings and early death of my mother who brought me into the Church; and received the astonishing charity of (Father) Francis Morgan. But I fell in love with the Blessed Sacrament from the beginning – and by the mercy of God never have fallen out again.... Out of wickedness and sloth I [once] almost ceased to practice my religion.... Not for me the Hound of Heaven, but the never-ceasing silent appeal of Tabernacle, and the sense of starving hunger. I pray for you all that the Healer... that none

of you shall ever cease to cry *Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini* (Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.)”

