

JANUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME

SATURDAY 21 JANUARY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGNES

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Michael Joseph Clayton, r.i.p., by Dennis Murphy*

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

5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Vigil): *William Moore by Dr. & Mrs. Schneider*

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Anna Cercone, r.i.p., by Hector & Nancy Torres*

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Anna M. Nelson by the Fitzpatrick Family*

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Sister Antonina Giuseppe Vole, r.i.p., by John & Paula O'Connell*

MONDAY 23 JANUARY: MEMORIALS OF SAINT VINCENT: SAINT MARIANNE COPE

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Peggy O'Boyle, r.i.p., by Margaret Arnoldo*

6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Antoinette Mansour by the Ireifej Family*

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS de SALES

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Gerry Chrinian, r.i.p., by Margaret Arnoldo & Heidi Fahl*

WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY: FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Margaret & William O'Dea by the O'Dea & Arnoldo Families*

THURSDAY 26 JANUARY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT TIMOTHY & TITUS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *For the Souls in Purgatory by the O'Dea & Arnoldo Families*

FRIDAY 27 JANUARY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANGELA MERICI

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Arturo & Ester Arnoldo by the Arnoldo Family*

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Margaret Joan Janatsch, r.i.p., de caritate*

4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *Cateina, Gino, & Guiseppe Basini, r.i.p., by the family*

5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Dewy Denis by the family*

NEXT SUNDAY 29 JANUARY: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Rosalie Iasso, r.i.p., by the Habura Family*

Saint Paul

9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Kathleen Pareti, r.i.p., by Stephen & Christina Ring*

11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Joseph Ward, r.i.p., by George & Jeanne Halvorsen*

12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *pro populo*



Conversion of

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)

Monday at 6:30AM - St. Joseph
with Holy Hour before

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN: MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND

Vigil Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction
Sunday at 3:00PM - St. Thomas Church

Mass for Giving Thanks to God
for the Gift of Human Life
Monday at 8:30AM - St. Thomas Church

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LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:

Sunday Regular: \$12,210.00

Catholic University: \$221.00

Pantry: \$165.15

2016 OFFERING REPORTS

Tax statements for 2016 will not be mailed automatically. If you would like a copy of your parish donations, please call Kathy in the parish office: 534-2548

AN INVITATION

The Sisters of the Presentation invite you to take part in an afternoon vigil for national healing and unity. This gathering is not political or partisan. It is an attempt to bring together all people of good will, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, or political affiliation to be in solidarity around our common humanity and the goals we all have for our loved ones and communities. There will be time for prayer, song, conversation and light refreshments. ALL are welcome. For information, call 845-401-8531.

When: Sunday, January 29 at 3 pm

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Church (corner of Benkard Ave. and Avoca St. in Newburgh). Go to O'Connor Hall off the main parking lot.

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

January's "Ring in the New Year" prize:

"Wish Believe" Champagne Flutes with a New Year's Surprise by Waterford (MSRP: \$130)



YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

February 10-12, 2017

Marianist Family Retreat Center
Cape May Point, NJ

Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single. Spend some time examining your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family, and yourself.

\$130/person double occupancy

To register: www.capemaymarianists.org or 609-884-3829

"BRITISH LANDSCAPES" PARISH TRIP WITH FATHER DOUGHTY

Come to know the best of England, Scotland and Wales on this 10-day tour (October 19th - 28th). Enjoy the

beauty of the Lake District, York, Stratford-upon-Avon, Edinburgh, the Borders Region and so much



more. Extend your tour 3 more nights by taking the Eurostar Chunnel to Paris. Brochures with more information are located in the vestibule of the church. Contact Mary Ellen at metiernan@comcast.net with questions. See the parish website for registration information: ststthomasjoseph.com

CAMP VERITAS 2017

June 26th-July 1st

Maynooth, Ireland

July 16th-22nd

Mount Saint Mary College - Newburgh, NY

July 23rd - 29th

Summit Lake Camp - Emmitsburg, MD

August 13th-19th

Camp Lakota - Wurtsboro, NY

Help lay the foundation for the future of the young adult community by volunteering at Camp Veritas and spending time with 7th-12th graders! Camp Veritas has grown from 1 camp and 52 students to 4 camps with over 1500 students and is always in need of volunteers. For more info: www.campveritas.org



WELCOME FATHER ERNEST!

Father Ernest Frimpon will be with residing at the parish, helping us while Father Simon is in Ghana renewing his visa and visiting family. Father Ernest is also from Sunyani in Ghana and has been ordained for nine years. He is presently studying at St. Joseph Seminary for a Master's Degree in Theology and is stationed during the year at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Pelham Manor.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REMINDER

Children should use their Mass attendance cards when attending Sunday Mass. *These should be handed to the priest or deacon after Mass.* Please do not put them in the collection plate or leave them in the basket in the church entrance. If you have forgotten your Mass attendance card, please use the index cards in the basket in the parking lot church entrance. Thank you.



THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

"Being converted is simply meeting yourself for the purpose of going to the very end of your being. Conversion means a willingness to see the truth of things and conform one's conduct to it" (A. Sertillanges). In the voice and light that Saul encounters on the road, he sees the truth of things and willingly conforms himself to Jesus Christ. "That dear preacher Paul...was a wolf, but he became a lamb, a gracious vessel of love - and the fire with

which Christ filled his vessel he carried through the whole world" (Saint Catherine of Siena). It is clear that Paul wholly fled from himself and cast out all his own will, and that his will was active only in relation to Christ. Since with Christ there was nothing undesirable or repugnant to his will, it follows that his was a wondrous pleasure which was always present and with which he always lived" (N. Cabasilas).

THE RESURRECTION. CONTRADICTED?

Monday this week has been designated by the Bishops of the United States as a day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children and an invitation to all the faithful to undertake acts of penance to obtain forgiveness for our nation and for all who bear some responsibility for these sins against the sanctity of life. We pray for mothers who have been victimized by our "culture of death," for fathers who did not support mothers of their children by guarding the new lives of their unborn child, for doctors and nurses who have allowed themselves to become desensitized to the inherent goodness of life, to elected officials who through lack of courage have failed in their duty to promote the true common good.

This Sunday afternoon, at 3:00 pm we will have a special holy hour with exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Thomas Church and prayers that our nation will become a land of true peace for all, respecting the unalienable right to life endowed by our Creator. Our Masses on Monday, the 8:30 am at St. Thomas and the 6:30 pm at St. Joseph will celebrate the Liturgy for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. We will have our usual holy hour for adoration at St. Joseph Church on Monday at 5:30 pm for prayer.

Below, some reflections from our bishops:

- Some Catholic elected officials have adopted the argument that, while they personally oppose evils like abortion, they cannot force their religious views onto the wider society. This is seriously mistaken on several key counts. First, regarding abortion, the point when human life begins is not a religious belief but a scientific fact – a fact on which there is clear agreement even among leading abortion advocates. Second, the sanctity of human life is not merely Catholic doctrine but part of humanity's global ethical heritage, and our nation's founding principle. Finally, democracy is not served by silence. Most Americans would recognize the contradiction in the statement, "While I am personally opposed to slavery or racism or sexism I cannot force my personal view on the rest of society." *Real pluralism depends on people of conviction*

*struggling vigorously to advance their beliefs by every ethical and legal means at their disposal" (US Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life*, 1998, n. 24).*

- American Catholics have long sought to assimilate into U.S. cultural life. But in assimilating, we have too often been digested. We have been changed by our culture too much, and we have changed it not enough. If we are to leave, we must bring to our culture the whole Gospel, which is a Gospel of life and joy. That is our vocation as believers. And there is no better place to start than promoting the beauty and sanctity of human life" (US Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life*, 1998, n. 25).
- The Catholic community is large and diverse. We are Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. We are members of every race, come from every ethnic background, and live in urban, rural, and suburban communities in all fifty states. We are CEOs and migrant farm workers, senators and persons on public assistance, business owners and union members. But all Catholics are called to a common commitment to protect human life and stand with those who are poor and vulnerable. We are all called to provide a moral leaven for our democracy, to be the salt of the earth."
- The Catholic community's participation in public affairs does not undermine, but enriches the political process and affirms genuine pluralism. Leaders of the Church have the right and duty to share Catholic teaching and to educate Catholics on the moral dimensions of public life, so that they may form their consciences in light of their faith." (Administrative Committee, US Bishops, *Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility*, 2003.)
- "We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power. We must exercise that power in ways that defend human life, especially those of God's children who are unborn, disabled or otherwise vulnerable" (US Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life*, 1998, n. 34).

TRAVELING MARY

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, Court Rita #264. Please contact Pat Evans (845-496-4826) if you are interested in hosting the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home for a



week. Use this opportunity to pray the rosary for peace.

PRAYER CHAIN

To place someone on the prayer chain please call Carolyn Mundy at 845-534-9277 email stsjprayerchain@gmail.com