

## APRIL: MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### SATURDAY 8 APRIL: LENTEN FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Danilo P. Morada* by Linda Malbanan  
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *The Mawawal Family* by Linda Siner  
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Pat, Bucky, Tim, & Connor Riley* by Chick & Betty Jurgens

### PALM SUNDAY 9 APRIL: THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Andrew Maroney* by Jean Maroney  
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*  
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Ralph Dragonetti* by Dr. & Mrs. E. Schreiner  
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Joseph & Anthony Paganico*

### MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK 10 APRIL

#### **RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Jean Amodio*  
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Antoinette Mansour* by the Ireifej Family

### TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 11 APRIL

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

### WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 12 APRIL

8:30AM (Mass, Saint Thomas): *Martha Waye* by the Waye Family

### MAUNDY THURSDAY 13 APRIL

9:00AM (Saint Joseph) Tenebrae  
7:30PM (Saint Thomas) Mass of the Lord's Supper

### GOOD FRIDAY 14 APRIL

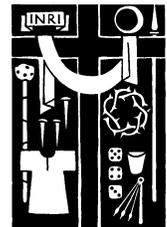
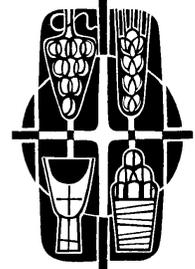
9:00AM (Saint Joseph) Tenebrae  
3:00PM (Saint Thomas) Liturgy

### HOLY SATURDAY 15 APRIL

9:00AM (Saint Joseph) Tenebrae  
8:00PM (Saint Thomas: Easter Vigil): *Celebrant's Intentions*

### NEXT SUNDAY 16 APRIL: SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Celebrant's Intentions*  
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *For the Intentions of the Flower Donors*  
9:30AM (Saint Joseph): *Celebrant's Intentions*  
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Celebrant's Intentions*  
12:30PM (Saint Thomas): *Celebrant's Intentions*



*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)

### RECONCILIATION MONDAY

April 10, 2017

3:00PM - 9:00PM

Cardinal Dolan designated tomorrow, April 10, 2017 as Reconciliation Monday for Lent. All parishes in the archdiocese will have priests available to hear confessions from 3:00PM-9:00 PM. *Confessions will be at Saint Thomas.*



Donors: 144

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:

*Sunday Regular:* \$10,909.65

*Capital Projects Fund:* \$3063.00

*Easter Flower Collection to Date:* \$3,837.44

*Pantry:* \$87.00

**2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: As of**  
**3/10**

Parish Goal: \$116,500.00  
Pledged to Date: \$40,630.00

### 12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

*April's Prize: For your April Flowers!*  
Waterford 10" olive green vase  
MSRP: \$325.00



## THE TRIDUUM

### HOLY THURSDAY 13 APRIL

9:30AM (Saint Joseph) Tenebrae

7:30PM (Saint Thomas) Mass of the Lord's Supper

### GOOD FRIDAY 14 APRIL

#### **Day of Fast & Abstinence**

9:30AM (Saint Joseph) Tenebrae

12:00 Noon (Saint Thomas)

Stations of the Cross for Families

3:00PM (Saint Thomas) Good Friday Liturgy

7:30PM (Saint Joseph) Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY 15 APRIL

9:30AM (Saint Joseph) Tenebrae

8:00PM (Saint Thomas) Easter Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY 16 APRIL:

#### **SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

7:30AM (Saint Thomas)

9:00AM (Saint Thomas):

*For the Intentions of the Flower Donors*

9:30AM (Saint Joseph)

11:00AM (Saint Thomas)

12:30PM (Saint Thomas)\* **NOTE CHANGE OF CHURCH**

Saint Thomas of Canterbury Church

April 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00PM-9:00PM

Holy Hour in the church followed by refreshments in the school gym.

### **A NOTE FROM FATHER DOUGHTY ABOUT OUR EASTER SCHEDULE:**

Trying to get the right prescription for the health of a newly merged parish is not simple (ask Deacon John, who can tell us a few things about pharmacology). Often, it's a matter of trying something out for a while and then assessing it later on.

I am aware that some feel St. Joseph Church has been slighted because there is only one Mass on Easter Sunday. Last year, we had a 10:00 am (which I celebrated) and a 12:30 pm. (As everyone knows, there is only one Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday!) This year, because St. Joseph has been well attended by parishioners from both of the former church communities, I was worried that on Easter Sunday especially, our little church would be overwhelmed at the 12:30 pm both inside and outside in the parking lot. Hence, I made the decision to move the 12:30 pm only for Easter Sunday to St. Thomas which can hold four times the number of people St. Joseph can and has more parking. Also, I had no other time than at 9:30 am to schedule a morning Mass at St. Joseph so that Joyce Hoffman, our music director, could play in both churches at the 9:30am, 11am and 12:30pm Masses.

The regular Mass schedule will be restored the following weekend. I beg your forbearance, and your acceptance that this is not a matter of preference or fairness, but of practicality and safety.

### **FR. DENNIS DINAN'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Mass on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 3PM

St Joseph's Church, New Windsor

Celebration to follow at St Joseph's School, Route 32 New Windsor. To RSVP please fill out a flyer found in the church entrance.



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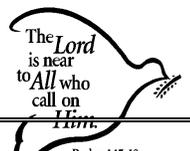
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### **PRAYER CHAIN**



Deacon 145-18

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

#### **Registration for 2017-2018**

Now in progress.

Forms are available in the Religious Education office.

You can also email us and we will be happy to email you a copy. [REP@stt-stj.com](mailto:REP@stt-stj.com) or

[st.thomas.faith.formation@gmail.com](mailto:st.thomas.faith.formation@gmail.com)

If you are re-registering, all forms are **due into the office no later than May 31, 2017** to get your choice of day and time. Re-registration forms that come in after that date will be assigned where there is space available. **Please do not wait to register.**

#### **Raffle**

One-week vacation in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina! \$5/ticket or \$20/5. Proceeds to benefit the Youth Group's Camp Veritas Scholarship Fund. Tickets available in the Religious Education office.

**Orange County Youth Groups Holy Hour**

To place someone on the prayer chain please contact Carolyn Mundy at 845-534-9277.

## **WALKING THE WALK**

By Father Doughty

*And as the eleventh hour approaches, the passage from the Gospel is read, and the bishop immediately rises, and all the people with him, and they all go on foot from the top of the Mount of Olives, all the people going before him with hymns and antiphons, answering one to another: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.... And all the children in the neighborhood, even those who are too young to walk, are carried by their parents on their shoulders, all of them bearing branches, some of palms and some of olives... (from The Travels of Egeria)*

In the late 4<sup>th</sup> century AD, only fifty years after the reign of Constantine, a woman of Gaul named Egeria traveled to the Holy Land on pilgrimage. In a journal, of which significant fragments remain, she recounted her visit to the holy places everywhere around the Near East, from Egypt to Jordan and Syria. Her most fascinating entries about her journey to Jerusalem and the places where Jesus walked and was crucified, record scenes that should be familiar to us: the same practices that are part of our liturgical life today. In particular she gives details of the days leading up to Easter, what she called “the Great Week.” Beginning with a visit to the “Lazarium” in Bethany (Beit Hania) where Lazarus was raised, and the day after, with the procession of palms on what we call Palm Sunday, and continuing with the events described in the Gospels, including and especially the Lord’s Supper, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, Egeria notes how all the pilgrims reenact in prayer and thought the path Jesus took to Golgotha where he was crucified.

There is good reason why she and her fellow sojourners wanted to walk the walk Jesus did. They were fascinated with the truth of an incarnational faith which told them that God walked where they were walking now. (There are, just below the site that was once Caiaphas’s house and now a church, marble steps that were placed there by the Romans more than 2,000 years ago that lead up from the Garden of Gethsemane. It seems likely that Jesus’s feet trod those very steps after his arrest.) Yet, their own steps were not taken with a nostalgia about something which happened in the past, because there was the acknowledgement that He who suffered and died on the cross lives forever pleading for us at the right hand of God the Father, and

abiding with us as he promised when he ascended into Heaven.

Today’s celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord and all the events of Holy Week reenact through ancient liturgies this same experience and can be a door that opens our hearts to the same experience of amazement and awe that Egeria and her fellow sojourners knew. For underlying our remembrance of Our Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, or his Passion and Death on Good Friday, or his wondrous Resurrection on Easter Sunday, is the truth that we actually walk with the Risen One, who still bears on his body the marks of his love for us, and is Really Present to us today.

## **HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR FLOCKNOTE YET?**

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## **“BRITISH LANDSCAPES” PARISH TRIP WITH FATHER DOUGHTY**

Come to know the best of England, Scotland and Wales on this 10-day tour (October 19<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>). 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](mailto:metiernan@comcast.net) with questions. See the parish website for registration information: [ststomasjoseph.com](http://ststomasjoseph.com)

## **OUTREACH: WORKS OF MERCY**

Please consider your neighbors. Who might you know that is homebound due to illness, infirmity, or old age who would like to have someone visit and bring Holy Communion on a weekly basis? Pick up a Homebound Ministry form from the tract rack in the back of the church and bring it to the parish office or bring it to the sacristy after any Sunday Mass. Currently, a senior parishioner on Willow Street in Cornwall is in need of a ride to the 11:00AM Sunday



**Mass. If you can offer assistance, please call  
Sister Pat Reills: (508) 331-6044.**

**CDA 10 MONTH RAFFLE**

**April Winners**

**#083 - Steve Accilli: \$50**

**#098 - John & Nina Ross: \$75**

