

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
SAINT THOMAS of CANTERBURY – SAINT JOSEPH**

**AUGUST 27, 2017  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**“You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.”**

## Matthew 16

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### **SAINT THOMAS' CHURCH**

340 Hudson Street  
Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

##### ***Sunday Masses***

Saturday Evening (Sunday Vigil): 5:30PM  
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM

##### ***Weekday***

Monday – Saturday: 8:30AM

##### ***Holy Days of Obligation***

As announced

##### ***Confession***

Saturday: 4:00PM – 5:15PM (or by appointment)

##### ***Miraculous Medal Novena***

Monday after the 8:30AM Mass

##### ***Rosary***

Monday – Saturday after the 8:30AM Mass

### **SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

4 Saint Joseph's Place  
New Windsor, NY 12553

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

##### ***Sunday Masses***

Saturday Evening (Sunday Vigil): 4:00PM  
Sunday: 12:30PM  
Monday: 6:30PM Mass;  
Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction 5:30PM

##### ***Holy Days of Obligation***

As announced

##### ***Confession***

Monday: 6:00PM

##### ***Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction***

Monday: 5:30PM

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Rees Doughty

#### **Parochial Vicar**

Rev. Simon Gyan Obeng

#### **Weekend Assistants**

Rev. Robert Phelps

#### **Deacons**

Leonard Farmer

Anthony Ferraiuolo

Joseph Lieby

John Pelella

### **RECTORY OFFICE**

Monday - Friday, 9AM to 4PM  
Administrative Assistants:  
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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

#### **C.R.E.:**

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### **AUGUST: MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

#### **SATURDAY 26 AUGUST: FERIA**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Catherine LeBleu*  
by Ben Perro  
4:00PM Sunday Vigil (Saint Joseph): *Pat Seymour*  
by Maureen Seymour  
5:30PM Sunday Vigil (Saint Thomas): *pro populo*

#### **SUNDAY 27 AUGUST: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Bridget Regan, r.i.p.*  
by Jerry & Kathy Sarubbe  
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *James P. Gorman*  
by the Rizzi Family  
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *William Faller, r.i.p.*  
by Sandra Brown  
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Robert E. Costello*  
by Catherine Costello

#### **MONDAY 28 AUGUST: MEMORIAL OF SAINT AUGUSTINE**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Dr. Filomena Colcol*  
by the Colcol Family  
6:30PM Vigil Mass (Saint Joseph): *The Tahrouh Family*  
by the Ireifej Family

#### **TUESDAY 29 AUGUST: MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN the BAPTIST**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Margaret Marsalise*  
by Ben Perro

#### **WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST: FERIA**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Vincent Roccisano*

#### **THURSDAY 31 AUGUST: FERIA**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Frank Trivigno, r.i.p.,*  
by the Staudle Girls

#### **FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER: FERIA**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Margaret McLoughlin, r.i.p.*  
by Kathleen Milich

#### **SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER: FERIA**

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *James Ward*  
by Mary Ward & Family  
4:00PM Sunday Vigil (Saint Joseph): *pro populo*  
5:30PM Sunday Vigil (Saint Thomas): *James A. Ward, r.i.p.,*  
by the Neil Family

#### **SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Marco & Anna Cercone, r.i.p.*  
by the Family  
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *James Ward (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), r.i.p.*  
by Mary Ward  
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Dorothy Brisach, r.i.p.,*  
by Tony & Shirley Ferraiuolo  
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Joseph Callahan, r.i.p.,*  
by John Hamernik

*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)

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:**  
Regular Collection: \$9545.00  
Online Giving: \$870.00  
Assumption: \$2845.00  
Pantry: \$59.00  
BINGO: \$

### **SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

Now accepting enrollment for Pre-K - 8th grade for the 2017-2018 school year. Please call **845-561-1433** for appointments or stop by for a tour at 148 Windsor Hwy., New Windsor.  
You can apply directly at [applycatholicsschoolsny.org](http://applycatholicsschoolsny.org)  
Please visit our website <https://shsnewburgh.org>  
We are looking forward to our upcoming school year and would love you to be a part of it!

### **FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS**

**Saint Thomas:** Needed – jarred pasta sauce, laundry detergent, tuna, coffee, cereal.  
**PLEASE!**  
**Check expiration dates before donating food.**



## **BINGO NOTICE!**

There will be **No Bingo** on:  
**August 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**September 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING**

**August's Winner:** Betty Carlino



### **PARISH PRAYER MINISTRIES**

#### **PRAYER CHAIN**

To place someone on the prayer chain please call Carolyn Mundy at 845-534-9277 or email [stsprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stsprayerchain@gmail.com)

#### **MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP**

The group meets each Thursday at 7:30PM in the

Saint Thomas school building.  
All mothers are welcome to join us as we pray for our children and grandchildren.  
For more information contact:  
Marian Kane: 845-534-4551



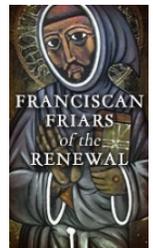
**Coming September 30<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Stay tuned for more information!**

### **SEPARATED & DIVORCED ROMAN**

**CATHOLICS** Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays every month.  
Saint John Church, Goshen  
77 Murray Ave.  
Rectory Meeting Room  
Please call Helen for information: 845-563-0604

### **MONTHLY SERVICE & EVANGELIZATION OPPORTUNITY WITH THE CFR FRIARS**

Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> \* 9:30AM - 3:30PM  
Saint Mary of the Assumption Friary  
180 South Street, Newburgh, NY  
Join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in cleaning up the friary as well as walking the streets of Newburgh picking up garbage and bringing Jesus to the neighborhood.



### **THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

"The task set before the Baptist as he lay in prison was to become blessed by this unquestioning acceptance of God's obscure will; to reach the point of asking no further for external, visible, unequivocal clarity, but, instead, of discovering God precisely in the darkness of this world and of his own life, and thus becoming profoundly blessed. John even in his prison cell had to respond once again and anew to his call for metanoia or a change of mentality, in order that he might recognize his God in the night in which all earthly things exist. Only when we act in this manner does another – and doubtless the greatest – saying of the Baptist reveal in its full significance: 'He must increase; I must decrease' (John 3:30). We will now God to the extent that we are set free from ourselves."

**THE 2018 MASS BOOK**  
will be opened for intentions in September  
after Labor Day.

**“THE WORLD SEEMED A PALTRY PLACE”**

By Father Doughty

*Today is the Feast of St. Monica (which gives way in our liturgical celebration to Sunday); tomorrow, the Church celebrates the life of her son, Saint Augustine. In the passage below from his **Confessions**, St. Augustine writes of his mother, to whose prayers he credits his conversion. Following is a prayer to St. Monica, patron of all Christian mothers, especially those with difficult husbands and wayward children!*

Not long before the day on which she was to leave this life – you knew which day it was to be, O Lord, thought we did not – my mother and I were alone, leaning from a window which overlooked the garden in the courtyard of the house where we were staying at Ostia. We were waiting there after our long and tiring journey, away from the crowd, to refresh ourselves before our sea-voyage. I believe that what I am going to tell happened through the secret working of your providence. For we were talking alone together and our conversation was serene and joyful. ‘We had forgotten what we had left behind and were intent on what lay before us.’ In the presence of Truth, which is yourself, we were wondering what the eternal life of saints would be like, that which ‘no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart conceived.’ But we laid the lips of our hearts to the heavenly stream that flows from your fountain, ‘the source of all life which in you’, so that as far as it was in our power to do so we might be sprinkled with its waters and in some sense reach an understanding of this great mystery.

Our conversation led us to the conclusion that no bodily pleasure, however it great it might be and whatever earthly light might shed luster upon it, was worthy of comparison, or even of mention, beside the happiness of the life of the saints. As the flame of love burned stronger in us and raised us higher towards the eternal God, our thoughts ranged over the whole compass of material things in their various degrees, up to the heavens themselves, from which the sun and the moon and the stars shine down upon the earth. Higher still we climbed, thinking and speaking all the while in wonder at all

that you have made. At length we came to our souls and passed beyond them to that place of everlasting plenty, where you feed Israel forever with the food of truth. There life is that Wisdom by which all these things that we know are made, all things that ever have been and all that are yet to be.... And while we spoke of the eternal Wisdom, longing for it and straining for it with all the strength of our hearts, for one fleeting instant we reached out and touched it. Then with a sigh, leaving ‘our spiritual harvest’ bound to it, we returned to the sound of our own speech, in which each word has a beginning and an ending – far, far different from your Word, our Lord, who abides in things forever, yet never grows old and gives new life to things....

You know, O Lord, that as we talked that day, the world, for all its pleasures, seemed a paltry place compared with the life that we spoke of. And then my mother said, ‘My son, for my part I find no further pleasure in this life. What I am still to do or why I am here in the world, I do not know, for I have no more to hope for on this earth. There was one reason, and one alone, why I wished to remain a little longer in this life, and that was to see you a Catholic Christian before I died. God has granted me my wish and more besides, for I know see you as his servant, spurning such happiness as the world can give. What is left for me to do in this world?’ [From Book IX, para. 10, *The Confessions*, St. Augustine, translated by R. S. Pine-Coffin (Penguin Books, London, England, 1961, pages 196-199).

**Prayer of Petition to St. Monica**

Dear St. Monica, once the sorrowing mother of a wayward son, be pleased to present our petitions to the Lord God of heaven and earth. Look down upon our anxieties and needs, and intercede for us as you did so fervently for Augustine, your firstborn.

We have confidence that your prayers will gain a favorable hearing in heaven. Mother of a sinner-turned-saint, obtain for us patience, perseverance, and a total trust in God’s perfect timing. In His appointed hour, in His merciful way, may He respond to your prayers and ours which we offer through you. Amen.

**Parents Prayer to St. Monica**

St. Monica, patron of Christian mothers, we entrust to your protection the children whose names you can read in our hearts. Pray for them that they may

be granted strength to combat weakness, victory over temptation, guidance to resolve their doubts, and success in all their undertakings. May they enjoy good health of mind and body, see beauty and worth in all created things, and serve the Lord with firm faith, joyful hope, and enduring love. Amen.

