

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY / ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Roman Catholic Church



September 2, 2018

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOPE

Last week, I returned from a conference on preaching sponsored by Word on Fire and led by Bishop Robert Barron. I have been following Barron since he was a “Father” and produced with Word on Fire the remarkable video series “Catholicism”. Word on Fire is an organization dedicated to the New Evangelization as described by Popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis. (Many of its resources are available through the website wordonfire.org.) Over three hundred priests from around the country and Canada, young and old, religious and secular, English and non-English speakers gathered, and one supposes that following on the heels of the report from the grand jury in Pennsylvania about clerical abuses in that state over the last seventy years and the efforts by bishops to conceal them, this would be a concern foremost in the thoughts of everyone there.

It was. Indeed, Barron addressed right off the bat the questions the scandal posed in his opening talk. Neither he nor anyone else discounted as irrelevant the news that for the last dozen and more years has shaken the trust of many Catholics in their leadership. There were no attempts at apologetics, no direct blame assigned to anyone in particular, and no wrenching efforts to understand how such things could happen in our midst. In meeting the reality of sin and its meaning as the rejection of the

love of God and of his offer of friendship, we meet a reality bewildering and horrible and quite beyond our comprehension. Even Jesus doesn't try to explain this mystery in the parable of the wheat and the tares (Matthew 13:34-30). Terribly disturbed and fearful for the people entrusted to our pastoral care, we wanted to know what to say.

Nevertheless everyone knew, as Bishop Barron explained, that the only answer to these questions that tempt us to unbelief is the good news that Jesus Christ, through his Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, conquered death and therefore sin and the evil of the world and the devil. Sharing this news is the imperative Our Lord gave to his “clergy” - whether bishop, priest or deacon: “Go into the whole world,” he said after His Resurrection, “and proclaim the gospel to every living creature!” (Mark 16:15)

Which is why the room we sat in over three days seemed full of hope. It was an encouragement to priests of the power of the Gospel to transform lives and parishes, nations and the world. The Gospel which would be proclaimed that coming Sunday (last Sunday, the 20th in Ordinary Time) gave us all the words that made Faith possible. When many of his disciples returned to their former way of life, no longer to accompany Jesus, Peter confessed: “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

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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

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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Just a reminder...



- * **Sunday Mass at St. Joseph Church:** 12:30 pm.
- * **Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church:** 4:30 pm.

Mass intentions previously scheduled at St. Thomas and St. Joseph for the Saturday 4 pm and 5:30 pm Masses are combined at the 4:30 pm Mass.

- * **Adoration** (5:30 pm), **Confession** (6-6:30 pm), and **Mass** (6:30 pm) on Mondays **at St. Joseph are now on Wednesdays**, same times.

The **Parish Office will be closed** on Labor Day, Monday, September 3. As of September 4, the Office will be open Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm.

Congratulations Tina Raia & Beau Martens!

At this Sunday's Fellowship Breakfast, these two Family Faith Formation students will be awarded the Knights of Columbus' Father Richard Caplice Scholarship Award!

The **Schedule of Faith Formation Classes for 2018/19** is now available on the parish website. Click on the "Ministries" tab and then "Faith Formation". If you have not yet registered your child for classes or for questions about the program, contact Annmarie O'Connor at 845.534.2547, ext. 3. Faith Formation classes begin in First Grade as the Archdiocese of New York requires two years of instruction prior to the reception of First Communion in 2nd Grade.

RCIA/T Inquiry: If you would like to learn more about the process of becoming a full member of the Catholic Church, contact Mary Ellen at metiernan@comcast.net.

OFFERTORY

Aug 25/26: \$8,629.94

Shrines: \$193.94

Poor Box: \$109.29

Online Giving (August 20-26): \$1,390.90

We thank you for your generosity and continued support of the parish!

Please Consider 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. So, if you forgot your envelope last week, or if you missed a second collection, you can go online and make a gift to the special collection fund or the regular offertory. Visit ststthomasjoseph.com and under the "News/Events" tab, click on "My Own Church" for more information on donating.

STAR Youth Group is back in session! They will be hosting a Holy Hour at St. Thomas on Friday, September 7, 7-8 pm with refreshments to follow in the school gym. All are welcome to spend an hour with the Lord. To join Youth Group, contact Noelle: 845.988.1165, nojo1201@hvc.rr.com.

Sign Ups For The CYO Basketball Program (2018-19) will be next Sunday, Sept 9, 11 am-3 pm in the St. Thomas of Canterbury school gym. This year's program will be open to 4th through the 8th-grade level, Boys and Girls. For more information about sign ups or the program, contact Gio Flores, CYO Program Coordinator: STSJCYOBASKETBALL@gmail.com.



Save the Date! The Parish Picnic will be Saturday, September 22, 11:30 am-4 pm. (Rain date September 23). Plan on joining us for lots of great food and fellowship!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Sept 3: St. Gregory the Great

8:30 am +Hogan Family by family

Tues, Sept 4

8:30 am +John and Michael Hornick by family

Wed, Sept 5: St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:30 am Intentions of Sharon Bywater

Thurs, Sept 6

8:30 am +Maureen Terwilliger by Carolyn Mundy

Fri, Sept 7

8:30 am Liv./Dec. Mbrs. of Catholic Daughters Assoc.

Sat, Sept 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am +Peter J. Fardellone by Hickey family

4:30 pm +Mario Puricelli by Maureen Seymour;
+Clarence Zimmer by Eric & Jasmin Lundgren

Sun, Sept 9: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am +Ed Barley & Patricia Conlon by Hickey family

9:00 am +Timothy Harding by Dawn and Walt

11:00 am +Peter J. Fardellone by Susan Fardellone

12:30 pm +Angela Amoretti by Mr. and Mrs. Sal Gallo

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.

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St. Gregory the Great Feast Day: September 3

Our **Bulletin Cover Image**
is "The Mass of St. Gregory the Great".
Painter: Adriaen Isenbrandt. Source: wga.hu.

The Mass of St. Gregory is a subject in Roman Catholic art which first appears in the late Middle Ages and was still found in the Counter-Reformation. Pope Gregory is shown saying Mass just as a vision of Christ as the Man of Sorrows has appeared on the altar in front of him, in response to the Pope's prayers for a sign to convince a doubter of the doctrine of transubstantiation.



Parish Trip to Switzerland, Bavaria, and Austria, March 21-30, 2019. Highlights include: Bern, Chateau de Chillon, Montreux, GoldenPass Panoramic Train, Gstaad, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Austrian Alps, Salzburg, Mirabell Gardens, St. Peter's Restaurant, Tyrolean Folklore Show, Bavaria, and Oberammergau. For info: email/call maryellentiernan@icloud.com or 845.661.8586.

12 Months of Christmas Raffle:
Musts for your Wine & Cheese party!
6 crystal Robert Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon wine glasses by Waterford, MSRP: \$99; and a Gordon Ramsey Bread Street cheese board with a ceramic plate, MSRP \$134.00.

Our **Food Pantry** is in need of tissues, paper towels, shampoo, dishwasher detergent, coffee, canned vegetables/potatoes, and cereal. Thank you for your support!

Stay Involved By Staying Informed! Sign up for Flocknotes using your cell number or email at ststhomasjoseph.com. And, while you're on the website... check out information on upcoming events, faith formation, and parish ministries.

USCCB Call to Prayer: Each Friday, August 3-September 28, answer the U.S. bishops' call to education, fasting, and prayer for the legal protection of human life. Visit usccb.org/pray!



St. Teresa of Calcutta
1910-1997
Feast Day: September 5



Source: Wikimedia commons

**Do not think that love,
in order to be genuine,
has to be extraordinary.
What we need
is to love
without getting tired.**