

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY / ST. JOSEPH PARISH
Roman Catholic Church



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 30, 2018

Family: Become What You Are!

(Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. The following excerpts from *Familiaris Consortio*, an Apostolic Exhortation of Saint John Paul II on the role of the Christian Family in the modern world are provided.)

The family in the modern world, as much as and perhaps more than any other institution, has been beset by the many profound and rapid changes that have affected society and culture. Many families are living this situation in fidelity to those values that constitute the foundation of the institution of the family. Others have become uncertain and bewildered over their role or even doubtful and almost unaware of the ultimate meaning and truth of conjugal and family life. Finally, there are others who are hindered by various situations of injustice in the realization of their fundamental rights....

The family finds in the plan of God the Creator and Redeemer not only its identity, what it is, but also its mission, what it can and should do. The role that God calls the family to perform in history derives from what the family is; its role represents the dynamic and existential development of what it is. Each family finds within itself a summons that cannot be ignored, and that specifies both its dignity and its responsibility: family, become what you are....

Willed by God in the very act of creation, marriage and the family are interiorly ordained to fulfillment in Christ and have need of His graces in order to be healed from the wounds of sin and restored to their "beginning," that is, to full understanding and the full realization of God's plan....

The future of humanity passes by way of the family. It is therefore indispensable and urgent that every person of good will should endeavor to save and foster the values and requirements of the family....

Thus the little domestic Church, like the greater Church, needs to be constantly and intensely

evangelized: hence its duty regarding permanent education in the faith...the family, like the Church, ought to be a place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which the Gospel radiates...the future of evangelization depends in great part on the Church of the home"

Through God's mysterious design, it was in that family that the Son of God spent long years of a hidden life. It is therefore the prototype and example for all Christian families. It was unique in the world. Its life was passed in anonymity and silence in a little town in Palestine. It underwent trials of poverty, persecution and exile. It glorified God in an incomparably exalted and pure way. And it will not fail to help Christian families-indeed, all the families in the world-to be faithful to their day-to-day duties, to bear the cares and tribulations of life, to be open and generous to the needs of others, and to fulfill with joy the plan of God in their regard....

St. Joseph was "a just man," a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

May the Virgin Mary, who is the Mother of the Church, also be the Mother of "the Church of the home." Thanks to her motherly aid, may each Christian family really become a "little Church" in which the mystery of the Church of Christ is mirrored and given new life. May she, the Handmaid of the Lord, be an example of humble and generous acceptance of the will of God. May she, the Sorrowful Mother at the foot of the Cross, comfort the sufferings and dry the tears of those in distress because of the difficulties of their families.

May Christ the Lord, the Universal King, the King of Families, be present in every Christian home as He was at Cana, bestowing light, joy, serenity and strength.

THE HOLY FAMILY

Our Bulletin Cover Image is *The Holy Family* by Gaetano Gandolfi.

Prayer for Families

We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son, to become part of a family, so that, as he lived its life, He would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory.

We ask this though Christ our Lord. Amen. (Source: USCCB)

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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

**Masses for the
Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**



December 31

5 pm Vigil at St Thomas

January 1

8:30 am at St. Thomas

12 noon at St. Thomas

This is a holyday of
obligation.

OFFERTORY

Dec. 15/16: \$8,917.91

Online Giving (Dec 10-16): \$992.90

Christmas Flowers: \$1,279.75

Shrines: \$424.93; **Poor Box:** \$148.95

Dec. 22/23 & 24/25: Amounts not available
due to early transmittal of bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity and continued
support of the parish! Please consider Online
Giving for your donations. It is safe and secure
and you decide when your gift is made, for how
much, and for which collection. Visit the "News/
Events" tab at ststthomasjoseph.com, and click on
"My Own Church" for more information.

The Parish Office will close

at 12 noon on Monday,
December 31 and will be closed
on Tuesday, January 1.



Join Us for a Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday,
January 6, after the 9 am Mass at St. Thomas.
Come have a donut and coffee and meet your
fellow parishioners!

New Altar Servers Training. If your child is 10
years old, in 4th grade or older, and wants to
serve on the altar, join us in January! Training
will be Tuesday evenings starting January 22,
7-8:30. If interested, email Gene Fenton at
genefenton44@gmail.com. All children must be
accompanied by a parent to the practices.

Got Ink Cartridges?! The Catholic Daughters of
the Americas Court Rita #264 Ink Cartridge
Recycling Program takes place January 6-
February 10, 2019. Recycling boxes will be
available on Saturdays and Sundays, Faith
Formation classes, and Fellowship Breakfasts.

Stay Involved By Staying Informed! Visit
ststthomasjoseph.com, the Parish website, for
information about joining: STAR Youth Group;
Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas;
Knights of Columbus, Council 7460; Catholic
Daughters of Americas, Court Rita #264; and our
Mothers' Prayer Group. Another great way to stay
informed is to sign up for **Flocknotes** using your
cell number or email at ststthomasjoseph.com.

Calendars for our 2018/19

Faith Formation Classes are on
the parish website under the
"Ministries" tab. Upcoming
Classes: **January 2:** Confirmation
Preparation Classes (6th-7th
grade), 6:30-8 pm; **January 12:**
Reconciliation Parent/Student Workshop 12-2
pm (for students receiving First Holy Communion
in April/May); **January 13:** Family Faith
Formation, 10-11 am. For more information,
contact Annmarie at reled@stt-stj.com; or
contact Mary Ellen at: metiernan@stt-stj.com.



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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Feast Day: January 4
Patron Saint of Catholic School and Loss of Parents

*The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God;
secondly to do it in the manner He wills it;
and thirdly to do it because it is His will.*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was a daughter, a wife, a widow, a convert, an educator par excellence, and the first American-born Catholic saint. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us!

We are currently taking **Mass Intentions for 2019**. The Offering for an Announced Intention is \$15; \$10 for an unannounced intention. All intentions are scheduled through the Parish Office and are subject to the Pastor's approval. Up to two separate intentions will be accepted at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm and at the Sunday 9 am Mass. The Sunday 11 am Mass intention will only be designated "Pro Populo".

The Catholic Faith. On Demand! Visit the website, formed.org, and enter our parish code: FHHFCV to gain FREE access to thousands of movies, video programs, audios, and ebooks.



Our **Food Pantry** is in need of paper goods, toilet tissue, laundry detergent, jarred sauce, peanut butter, jam/jelly, coffee, cereal, syrup, hot cereal. Thank you for your continued support!



Reminder: Faith Formation Classes for children begin in First Grade. Registration for 2019/20 classes will begin in April 2019. For more information, contact Annmarie O'Connor, Coordinator, or Mary Ellen Tiernan, Coordinator at 845.534.9393 or RelEdoffice@stt-stj.com. Information about classes (including a video on Family Formation) is also available on the parish website (ststthomasjoseph.com).

There are several National Catholic Daughters of the Americas **Scholarships available**: \$1,000 to an 8th grade student entering a Catholic High School in 9th grade in Fall 2019; \$1,000 to a JCDA member entering college in Fall 2019; \$2,000 to a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Campus Court; \$2,500 Fr. Leonard Bachmann Graduate School Scholarship. For more information, call Rose at 845.534.9245.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Dec 31

8:30 am +Eddie Woods by Greco family

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Tues, Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

8:30 am Pro Populo

12:00 noon Pro Populo

Wed, Jan 2: Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 am +Kathleen Dunning

6:30 pm +Antoinette Mansour by Ireifej family

Thurs, Jan 3: Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 am +Edward and Teresa Norey by Michael and Theresa Early

Fri, Jan 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 am Liv./Dec. Mbrs. of Catholic Daughters of the Americas by CDA Court Rita #264; and

Ints. of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Mary Maddalena

Sat, Jan 5: St. John Neumann

8:30 am Ints. of Denise Kirk by Peter and Josephine Rogers

4:30 pm +Janet and Colin Rice; and for the health of Anthony Iscalco by LaGrutta family

Sun, Jan 6: The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am +Ann Moracco by Carol and Neil Drislane

9:00 am +David, John, and Eleanor Hennessey by family of Margaret Hennessey

11:00 am Pro Populo

12:30 pm +Elizabeth Rich Provenza by Kathy Kissel

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.

Pro Populo (For the Intentions of the People of the Parish)

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