

# **ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY / ST. JOSEPH**

Roman Catholic Parish



**August 26, 2018**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## A Tale of Two Letters

In today's second reading(s)... yes plural... long versus short form... lies a wonderful catechesis on the Sacrament of Marriage. This part of St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians is occasionally the choice of a bride and groom for their New Testament reading in the Wedding Liturgy. The longer form of that reading, chapter 5, verses 21-32 is typically NOT the option that is made for the Liturgy of the Word because of St. Paul's instruction that "wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord". The more "politically correct" short form that is more often selected (chapter 5:2a, 25-32) omits the reference to being subordinate.

But St. Paul is preaching to the Church at Ephesus on how the Sacrament of Marriage should be modeled. He teaches, as does Holy Mother Church, that marriage should mirror, that married love should imitate Christ's love for the Church.

This does not suggest Christ's love for the Church merely as an institution or structure; our understanding much necessarily take into account that you and I are the Church... the Body of Christ. And what does the love of Christ

for his Church, you and me, look like but nothing less than giving up His life for us so that death and sin could be vanquished. Christ's love, which knows no bounds, is Jesus, in obedience to the Father, taking on our human nature so that he can die so that we might live forever.

That, my friends, is love incarnate... which is what married couples are called to embrace and celebrate and live out as they minister their marriage vows to each other every day of their married life.

Yes! Love your spouse as Christ loved us.

Yes! Sanctify each other!

Yes! Sacrifice for each other.

That is what a sacramental marriage is meant to be. That is why the Church rejoices when a couple wants to enter in to a marriage and have it blessed by the Church. A tall order? Perhaps, but the Sacrament confers the graces necessary to accomplish just that!

Oh and if that were not enough, Jesus offers Himself to us at every Mass we celebrate to nourish and sustain us in our lives, in our marriages... in our vocations.

It REALLY doesn't get any better!

**Your Parish Office Is Open:**  
**Mon-Thurs: 9 am-4 pm; Fri: 9 am-2 pm**  
**[www.ststthomasjoseph.com](http://www.ststthomasjoseph.com)**

**Pastor:** Rev. Rees Doughty  
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**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. John Kwaku Sah

**Weekend Assistant:** Rev. Robert Phelps

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John Hanley, Joseph Lieby, John Pelella

### Parish Office

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Faith Formation Coordinators:

Annmarie O'Connor and Mary Ellen Tiernan

### RCIA/T

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### St. Thomas Church

340 Hudson St., Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520

#### 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:** Monday, 6:30 pm Mass

**Confession:** Monday, 6-6:30 pm

**Adoration:** Monday, 5:30 pm

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## MASS SCHEDULE IN SEPTEMBER

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.

**In September:** Adoration (5:30 pm), Confession (6-6:30 pm), and Mass (6:30 pm) on Mondays at St. Joseph will move to Wednesdays, same times.

**RCIA/T Inquiry:** Have you been wondering about being a Catholic? Did you only receive Baptism but no other sacraments of initiation? 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 or stop by Sunday, August 26, 12 noon-2 pm to ask your questions and find out what is entailed in the RCIA process. Come to the parish rectory located at 340 Hudson Street and enter through the parking lot side door. There are no obligations with this inquiry!

Join us Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm in the Rectory Conference Room to "get a taste" and learn more about a **Parish Trip to Switzerland, Bavaria, and Austria**, March 21-30, 2019. There is no obligation to attend but if you sign up that night, there is a \$50 bonus off the cost. RSVP to: maryellentiernan@icloud.com or 845.661.8586.

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.

## OFFERTORY

**Aug 18/19:** \$9,174.98

**Shrines:** \$534.14

**Assumption of the BVM:** \$2,739.00

**Online Giving** (August 13-19): \$895.00

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](http://ststthomasjoseph.com) and under the "News/Events" tab, click on "My Own Church" for more information on donating.

## Sign Ups For The CYO

### Basketball Program (2018-19)

will be 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. Teams will fill up fast so **CYO Basketball** don't miss your opportunity to join our program.

For more information about sign ups or the program, contact Gio Flores, CYO Program Coordinator: [STSJCYOBASKETBALL@gmail.com](mailto:STSJCYOBASKETBALL@gmail.com).



## Congratulations Alana Staudle!

Alana is the winner of the August 12 Months of Christmas Raffle Prize—a new set of Marquis by Waterford glasses: set of 4, Brookside Double Old Fashion; set of 4, Omega Wine; set of 4, Vintage Pilsner; and a Newberry Pitcher.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Mon, Aug 27: St. Monica

**8:30 am** +Brigid Regan and Ralph Valentino by Jerry & Kathy Sarubbe

**6:30 pm** +Antoinette Mansour by Ireifej Family

### Tues, Aug 28: St. Augustine

**8:30 am** +Mimi Trotta by Schellhase family

### Wed, Aug 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

**8:30 am** +George Dias by Maryann and Jerry Macri

### Thurs, Aug 30

**8:30 am** +Maureen Terwilliger by William Ferretti

### Fri, Aug 31

**8:30** +Frank Trivigno by Staudle girls

### Sat, Sept 1: BVM

**8:30 am** +Anthony J. Cavallo by Josephine Gambardella

**4:30 pm** Ints. of Siner Family by Linda Siner; +James Ward by Mary Ward

### Sun, Sept 2: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**7:30 am** +Molly Art by Jessica Peck & Eddy Alvarez

**9:00 am** For the Parish of St. Thomas/St. Joseph

**11:00 am** +James Ward by Mary and family

**12:30 pm** +Patricia Cooke by Hilda Bennett

ALL Masses are celebrated at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church

except for the

\*Monday, 6:30 pm Mass and the Sunday, 12:30 pm Mass

which are celebrated at St. Joseph Church.

\*Beginning September 5th, Monday Adoration/Confession/Mass moves to Wednesdays.

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**Feast Day of St. Monica: August 27**  
**Feast Day of St. Augustine: August 28**

Our **Bulletin Cover Image** is "St. Augustine and St. Monica".  
Painter: Gioacchino Assereto. Source: Wikimedia Commons.

On August 27, one day before the feast of her son St. Augustine, the Catholic Church honors St. Monica, whose holy example and fervent intercession led to one of the most dramatic conversions in Church history. Source: ewtn.com.

After reading Romans 13:13-14 (NAB), St. Augustine had the strength to set aside his sinful ways and "put on the Lord Jesus Christ". He became one of the most influential theologians and spiritual writers in the history of the Church. His life shows us the transforming power of God's grace.  
Source: *Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation*.

A **Fellowship Breakfast** will be held next Sunday, September 2, at St. Thomas of Canterbury after the 9 am Mass. Join us for a donut and coffee and meet your fellow parishioners.

For the **Prayer Chain**, contact Carolyn Mundy at 845.534.9277, stsjprayerchain@gmail.com.

**Mothers' Prayer Group** meets on Thursdays at 7:30 pm at St. Thomas School. Call Marian Kane at 845.534.4551 for information.

## **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

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 845.534.9393, 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.

To host the statue of **Our Lady of Fatima** in your home, contact Pat Evans at 845.496.4826.

## **ONLINE STUDIES**

***The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation:***  
Visit [ascensionpress.com/studies/28054/registrations/new](http://ascensionpress.com/studies/28054/registrations/new) to sign up. Learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and how they come together to form the story of our faith.



Donations of tissues, paper towels, dishwasher/laundry detergent, toothpaste, coffee, tea, canned vegetables/potatoes/fruit, cereal, and jarred tomato sauce are needed at the **Food Pantry**. Thank you for your support!

Catechism and personal Faith Formation can be at the fingertips of every parishioner! Visit **formed.org** and when prompted enter the Parish Code: FHHFCV.

**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](http://usccb.org/pray)!

## *Prayer to St Monica*

**Exemplary Mother of the great Augustine,  
you perseveringly pursued your wayward son  
not with wild threats but with powerful cries to heaven.**

**Intercede for all mothers in our day  
so that they may learn to draw their children to God.**

**Teach them how to remain close to their children,  
even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray. Amen.**

