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Roman Catholic Churches of St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Joseph



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 16, 2023

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Mass Schedule
at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am

Confession
Saturday: 9-9:45 am or by appointment

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Offertory: Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the parish!

April 1/2: \$11,245.60
Capital Projects: \$5,271.00
Holy Land: \$1,908.00
April 8/9: \$7,685.20
Easter: \$22,632.00

In addition to cash/checks, envelopes, or automatic bill payment for your donations,

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Thank you for your generous donations to the Easter offertory! We are grateful for your contributions. If you were away or have not yet sent in your donation, you can mail it to the parish or drop it off in the collection box.

Register your child for **2023-24 Faith Formation Classes** today. Classes begin in first grade. For information, email Faith Formation Director Mary Ellen Tiernan at metiernan@stmariannecope.com.

Inquiry and the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Teens (RCIT)**: Do you know someone who might like to learn more about our faith? Becoming a Catholic is a journey that takes time and guidance but has wonderful rewards! Classes begin in the fall but now is a time for "inquiry". Email Mary Ellen at metiernan@stmariannecope.com with any questions or to sign up. There is no obligation or commitment in asking.

The **St. Marianne Cope Outreach** is so thankful for the outpouring of support from our parishioners! The generosity over this past month has been beyond words. We have been able to supply food, hygiene and baby products as well as many other items to the needy. Organizations we have helped have sent us letters thanking us for our support. The next Food Drive will be in May. Information will follow soon. Want to help? Know someone in need? Reach out to John at outreach@stmariannecope.com.

Bereavement Ministry: If you are in mourning for someone you have lost, you may wish to join our faith-based bereavement outreach, which will meet on six Saturdays beginning April 29th, 9:30-11 am. (This is not a substitute for those who are looking for therapy but an opportunity for sharing conversation.) Dates for the meetings will be April 29, May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24, and July 8. For information or to sign up, contact Sr. Mary Byrnes at 845.527.2935 or byrnes.srmary77@yahoo.com.

Catholic Daughters of America Court Rita #264 News...

~ Congratulations to the 10-Month Winners for April: \$50 (#137) Annabell Liebert; \$75 (#198) Ivette Marini de Aguilar.
~ Applications for the **CDA** annual \$1,000 **Scholarship Award** to a graduating high school senior from St. Marianne Cope Parish are now available at stmariannecope.com/catholic-daughters-of-america and in the church vestibule. Deadline is April 21.

Stay involved by staying informed! Read the bulletin, visit the parish website—stmariannecope.com, sign up for Flocknotes (using an email or cell number), and follow us on Facebook.

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

A PRIEST'S LIFE: FATHER BERNIE HETER



R EVEREND FATHER BERNARD HETER passed away on the morning of April 11th in Newburgh.

He was 77 years old and was until recently the pastor of the Church of St. Joseph, Florida as well as St. Stanislaus, Pine Island. Funeral rites were at the Church of St. Joseph on Saturday, April 15th, with Cardinal Dolan celebrating the Mass and Monsignor William Belford preaching.

Ordained in 1974, Father Heter began the priesthood as a parochial vicar at Our Lady of Mercy in Port Chester from 1974 to 1978 and served after at Sacred Heart in Suffern from 1978 to 1986. In 1986, he came to St. Thomas of Canterbury as parochial vicar from 1986 to 1996, becoming administrator from 1996 to 1998. In 1998, he was appointed pastor and remained in that role until 2014. Father Heter has been remembered by many in this parish as a very kind and gentle man, who was thoughtful in preparing his homilies. He was home grown, living in Orange County most of his life. As he became sick unto death, and hospice care became inevitable, it must have been his choice to be brought home, to Newburgh, for his last days.

Bishop Thomas Tobin, of the Diocese of Providence, once wrote in *Rhode Island Catholic* (March 2, 2010), that priests rarely leave much behind after their deaths. No children or grandchildren, few material possessions, and "not even a large hole in the fabric of the Church.... [for] the mission of the Church continues beyond the life of any one individual; other priests went before him, and others will come after him to carry on the work of the Lord."

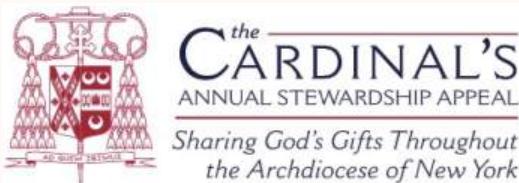
And yet, Bishop Tobin continued, the priest does live forever, "in the faith of the people whose lives he touched in the course of his priestly ministry.... In his sacramental ministry a priest has welcomed individuals into the Church and touched them with the

grace of God in the Sacrament of Baptism. He has celebrated Holy Mass a thousand times, offering thanksgiving to the Lord on behalf of God's People and making God present among them in the Eucharist. He has forgiven the sins of God's people, freeing them from guilt, and giving them the blessed opportunity to make a new beginning. He has prepared couples for Holy Matrimony, witnessing their vows on behalf of the Church and bestowing God's blessings as they begin their journey together. He has accompanied frightened, vulnerable people during times of illness, anointing them with oil, assuring them of the presence and compassion of Christ. He has celebrated many funerals, sending holy souls to eternal life with the prayers of the Church and giving comfort and hope to those who mourn the loss of their loved ones."

There are, of course, many other aspects of how Father Heter lived the priesthood that are not so evident, the mundane realities that are every bit as much an example of sacrifices that husbands and wives and moms and dads make but the priest does it for the people God gives him to care for, who are as much to him as a spouse or a child. His task is formidable: "to shape and form [his] people into the one Body of Christ so that they may offer themselves as a 'living sacrifice for the glory of the Father.'" (*Rekindle the Gift of God: A Handbook for Priestly Life*, Roch Keresztsky, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 2006). He is always aware of personal inadequacy.

Bishop Tobin concludes: When a priest dies, he may not leave behind much of earthly value, but what he does leave behind is far more valuable than the passing things of this world. He leaves behind the witness of a good life that was informed and directed by the love of God. He leaves behind an example of generous sacrifice and commitment that made a positive difference for others. And he leaves behind a legacy of faith, hope and love in the people he served, planting in them the very seeds of eternal life. Requiescat in pace.

2023 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: Charitable and Pastoral Outreach



This a direct appeal from the Archbishop of New York to parishioners and friends of the archdiocese to raise \$21⁺ million in funds to support the budgetary needs of its ministries, charitable works, schools, parishes, seminary, priest retirement residences, and administrative offices.

The *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* funds works of charity and many archdiocesan apostolates who are hard at work serving the faithful through ministries such as Youth Faith Formation and Catechesis, Young Adult Outreach, Family Life, Respect Life, Adult Faith Formation, and the Cultural Diversity Apostolate. Help us support this growth of the Church through a gift to the *Appeal*. Visit cardinalsappeal.org/donate to make your gift today!

St. Marianne Cope Parish's Goal is: \$70,500.00.



READINGS FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Reading I — Acts 2:42-47

St. Luke presents an idealized picture of the early Church. The Holy Spirit wants us to have a goal worth our striving as we live as members of the present Church.

Reading II — 1 Peter 1:3-9

Our salvation derives from an initiative of God the Father, through the life of His Son Jesus, and revealed to us by the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel — John 20:19-31

Jesus' appears to His disciples in His glorified body and hears Mary Magdalene's question to the "gardener": "Where have they put Him?" The joy of Jesus' response to her intensifies with the Thomas story. Thomas proclaims the central message of the entire gospel: Jesus is Lord and God.



Scan the QR code to visit the **Worship Aid** page for the readings, antiphons, and music for the Sunday Mass at stmariannecope.com.

To watch a live streamed Mass from St. Patrick Cathedral via the Catholic Faith Network, visit catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses.

Sign up for **flocknotes** at stmariannecope.com with a cell number or email and stay involved by staying informed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Apr 17

8:30 +Elizabeth Zebroski by Fran and Chris Clifford

Tues, Apr 18

8:30 +Benjamin C. Santoro by Santoro family

Wed, Apr 19

8:30 +Jim and Sheila McKenna by Liz Adams

Thurs, Apr 20

8:30 Mass of Thanksgiving by Crispo family

Fri, Apr 21: St. Anselm

8:30 +Balik and Palaza families by Linda Siner

Sat, Apr 22

8:30 +Giovanni and Rosaria Cappa by Christina Cappa

4:30 +David Hershberger by Barbara Gosda;

+John Carnright by Missy Irwin

Sun, Apr 23: Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 +Donald Terry by Pat and Lorraine McGuinness

10:00 +Tomasa Fonseca by Josephine Thomas

12:00 The People of the Parish

Two intentions will be accepted at the Saturday, 4:30 Vigil Mass. The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass—\$15. Contact the parish office.

The parish will offer Mass every first Saturday of the month at 8:30 am for the deceased who will be remembered in our Perpetual Mass Enrollment. These Holy Souls will be included in the prayers of the liturgy for a period of one year. The offering is \$30 and includes a leatherette memorial Mass folder.



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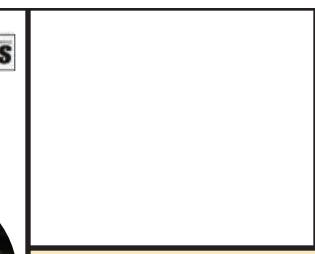
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