

# ST. MARIANNE COPE PARISH

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



**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –  
AUGUST 27, 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!

August 19/20: \$7,411.70  
Assumption: \$1,853.00  
Church in Africa: \$1,410.00  
Mission Appeal/Sivagangai, Tamil  
Nadu, India: \$3,189.00

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Our **Cover Image** is "Christ giving the  
keys to St. Peter", Guido Reni.  
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**Mission Appeal:** This past Sunday, Father (Irudayanathan) Nathan visited the parish to raise funds for his Diocese of Sivagangai, in Tamil Nadu, India. Thank you for your donations of \$3,189!

**St. Marianne Cope Outreach** program will hold their next Food Drive on Saturday, September 2nd, 9-11 am, at the St. Thomas old school building. Current needs include: soup, canned chicken and tuna, pudding, bottled water, cereal, ramen noodles, beans, rice, hand and dish soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, napkins, toilet paper, and paper towels. See the website for the complete list. Monetary donations are welcome to help with the cost of perishable items. They thank the parishioners who recently gave a thorough cleaning to the Outreach Center in anticipation of the upcoming Food Drive.

The parish offers 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. The next Mass is Saturday, September 2nd at 8:30 am.

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meetings have moved from the first Monday to the second Monday of the month. Next meeting will be at 11 am on September 11th in the St. Thomas old school building. New members are welcome.

**Fourth Spiritual Adoption Program:** September 12, 2023-June 4, 2024. Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Rita #264 extends an invitation to all parishioners to participate in their Spiritual Adoption Program. Weekend signups will be August 26/27, September 2/3, and 9/10. The Spiritual Adoption Kickoff Rosary, with prayer for the remembrance of the unborn, will be on September 10th at 11 am.

**Are you being called to be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister?** Workshops will be held in September. To sign up or for more information, email Fr. Doughty at pastor@stmariannecope.com.

If you are in mourning for someone you have lost, you are invited to join a faith-based **Bereavement Outreach** which meets on six Saturday mornings (Sept 9, 23, Oct 14, 28, Nov 25, and Dec 9). This is not a substitute for therapy but an opportunity for sharing conversation. If you are interested in participating, contact Sr. Mary Byrnes at 845.527.2935 or byrnes.srmary77@yahoo.com.

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**Did you register your child for 2023-24 Faith Formation Classes?!** Classes begin in first grade. Teachers and helpers are needed for Family Formation classes which meet once a month. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Tiernan at 845.534.2547, x2 or metiernan@stmariannecope.com.



**Join us for adoration on  
Wednesday, August 30th  
7-8 pm at St. Thomas of  
Canterbury Church**

# THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## THE POPE SPEAKS: “WORDS GREATER THAN HE.”

From Pope Francis' Angelus address given at Saint Peter's Square, Sunday, 27 August 2017

**D**EAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, *Good morning!* This Sunday's Gospel (Mt 16:13-20) takes us back to a key juncture along Jesus' journey with his disciples: the moment in which he wants to assess the extent of their faith in him. First, he wants to know what the people think of him; and the people think that Jesus is a prophet, which is true, but they do not grasp the centrality of his Person; they do not understand the centrality of his mission. Then he asks the disciples the question closest to his heart, that is, he asks them directly: "But who do you say that I am?" (v. 15). And with that 'but' Jesus firmly separates the Apostles from the multitudes, as if to say: but you, who are with me every day and know me personally, what more have you understood? The Master expects from his own a lofty response different from that of public opinion. And indeed, such an answer gushes forth from the heart of Simon, called Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (v. 16). Simon Peter finds on his lips words greater than he, words that do not spring from his natural faculties. Perhaps he did not attend elementary school, and [yet] he is capable of saying these words, stronger than he! But they are inspired by the Heavenly Father (cf. v. 17), who reveals Jesus' true identity to the first of the Twelve: he is the Messiah, the Son sent by God to save mankind. And from this answer, Jesus understands that, thanks to the faith given by the Father, there is a solid foundation upon which he can build his community, his Church. Thus, he says to Simon: You, Simon, "you are Peter" — that is, stone, rock — "and on this rock I will build my Church" (v. 18).

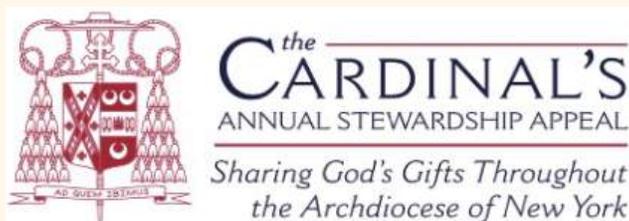
With us too, today, Jesus wants to continue building his Church, this house with solid foundations but where cracks are not lacking, and which is in

constant need of repair. Always. The Church always needs to be reformed, repaired. We certainly do not feel like rocks, but only like small stones. However, no small stone is useless; indeed, in Jesus' hands the smallest stone becomes precious, because he picks it up, gazes at it with great tenderness, fashions it with his Spirit, and positions it in the right place that he had always had in mind and where it can be more useful to the whole structure. Each of us is a small stone, but in Jesus' hands participates in the building of the Church. And all of us, as small as we are, are rendered "living stones" because when Jesus takes his stone in hand, he makes it his own; he infuses it with life, full of life, full of life from the Holy Spirit, full of life from his love. And thus we have a place and a mission in the Church: she is a community of life, made up of very many stones, all different, which form a single edifice as a sign of fraternity and communion.

Moreover, today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus also wanted Peter as a visible centre of communion for his Church — he too, is not a great stone; he is a small stone, but taken up by Jesus, he becomes the centre of communion — in Peter and in those who would succeed him in the same responsibility of primacy, who since the beginning have been identified as the Bishops of Rome, the city where Peter and Paul bore witness in blood.

Let us entrust ourselves to Mary, Queen of the Apostles, Mother of the Church. She was in the Upper Room next to Peter when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and spurred them to go out to proclaim to all that Jesus is Lord. Today may our Mother sustain us and accompany us through her intercession, so that we may fully realize that unity and that communion for which Christ and the Apostles prayed and gave their lives.

# THE 2023 CARDINAL'S APPEAL



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our parishioners who participated in the 2023 Cardinal's Appeal. As of this writing, we are at 78.66% of our goal of \$72,000.

If you would still like to make a contribution, there are forms at the exits of the church or you can give directly on the Appeal's website — [cardinalsappeal.org/donate](http://cardinalsappeal.org/donate) to make your gift today!

**St. Marianne Cope Parish's Goal is: \$72,000.**  
**Amount pledged: \$56,635 / Gifts: 144**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon, Aug 28:** *St Augustine*

8:30 +Kevin McKelvey by a friend

**Tues, Aug 29:** *The Passion of St John the Baptist*

8:30 +Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner

**Wed, Aug 30**

8:30 +Msgr Charles Kelly by family

**Thurs, Aug 31**

8:30 +Senator Bill Larkin by family

**Fri, Sept 1**

8:30 +James Sherry by Sherry family

**Sat, Sept 2:** *BVM*

8:30 +Perpetual Mass Enrollments by the Parish

4:30 +Siner and Mamawal families by Linda Siner;

+Dorothy Brisach by Barbara McGorman

**Sun, Sept 3:** *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 +Edith and Peter Olympia by family

10:00 +John and Michael Hornick by family

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.

### READINGS FOR THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Reading I — Isaiah 22:19-23**

Eliakim is named by Yahweh to replace Shane as master of the palace. As a result, it becomes a hereditary position for his family.

**Reading II — Romans 11:33-36**

This is a hymn to the merciful wisdom of God, as expressed by Paul in gratitude. He writes that God is nobody's debtor.

**The Gospel — Matthew 16:13-20**

This is a pivotal passage and Peter's identification is the correct one for Our Lord. Peter in turn receives a compliment and then a commission to leadership.

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#### HYMNS for this weekend:

**Entrance:**

Shall We Gather at the River (773)

**Presentation:**

There is a Balm in Gilead (654)

**Communion:** This Alone (651)

**Recessional:**

The Church's One Foundation (571)

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