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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 17, 2024

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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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Prayer Chain

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Lent is a time for deeper reflection, and surrender to God through greater prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7 pm at St. Thomas Church.

Join us for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Mondays, 7-8 pm, during the Eucharistic Revival, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Exposition and Benediction.

Reconciliation Monday: March 25. All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 25, 2-4 pm and 6-9 pm.

Fast and Abstinence during Lent: Catholics are urged to reflect a spirit of penance in their lives especially through daily acts of fast and abstinence. Persons aged 18 to 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; only one full meal may be taken on those days, two smaller meals (not equaling the full meal) may be taken as well. Catholics aged 14 and older must abstain from meat on those days, as well as on Fridays in Lent.

Bible Study of the Letter to the Hebrews: Deacon Joe will be leading a new Bible study on the Letter to the Hebrews beginning on April 2. We will meet for six Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm, in the old school building. Hebrews is considered one of the more difficult books of the New Testament, but it is rich with messages to deepen our understanding and living of our Christian life. To join the study, email Deacon Joe at jlieby522@gmail.com.

Bus to Pete McGovern's ordination: We are anticipating Peter McGovern's ordination to the diaconate in St. Patrick Cathedral on Saturday, June 15 at 9 am. The parish has reserved a bus for parishioners. It will depart from the parish for the Cathedral at 6 am. The bus will leave the Cathedral for the parish at noon (arriving 2:30 pm). Cost per person is \$35.00. Make your checks payable to "St. Marianne Cope Parish" to reserve your seat!

Welcome Fr. Andrew! Father Andrew Nketiah has joined us for two months during his vacation. He comes from the Diocese of Sunyani in Ghana where he is the pastor of Our Lady of Fatima in Sempa. In addition to his parish, he has three stations to visit. Father Andrew is one of ten children; his mother is 98 years old!

Registration for 2024-25 Faith Formation classes for children has begun. Classes begin in First Grade. Register now before classes fill up. For information, email Faith Formation Director Mary Ellen Tiernan at metiernan@stmariannecope.com.

The Knights of Columbus 7460's **Lenten Fish Dinner** is available every Friday, 5-7 pm, during Lent in the St. Thomas school gym.

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CALISTA REBECCA BOND

was baptized on
March 10, 2024.

CATECHESIS ON THE HOLY MASS:

The Liturgy of the Word: Listen to Him!

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Good morning! Today we continue the catechesis on the Holy Mass... Let us now consider the Liturgy of the Word, which is an integral part because we gather precisely to listen to what God has done and still intends to do for us. It is an experience which occurs "live" and not through hearsay because "when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his own word, proclaims the Gospel" (GIRM, 29; cf. Const. Sacrosanctum Concilium, 7, 33).

How many times, as the Word of God is being read, are comments made: "Look at him... look at her; look at the hat she is wearing: it's ridiculous..." . Should comments be made while the Word of God is being read? No, because if you are chatting with others, you are not listening to the Word of God. When the Word of God is being read from the Bible — the First Reading, the Second Reading, the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel — we must listen, open our heart because it is God himself who is speaking to us, and we must not think about other things or talk about other things.

Do you understand? I will explain to you what takes place in this Liturgy of the Word. The pages of the Bible cease to be writings and become living words, spoken by God. It is God, who through the reader, speaks to us and questions us, who listen with faith. The Spirit "who has spoken through the prophets" (Creed) and has inspired the sacred authors makes the Word of God that "we hear outwardly have its effect inwardly". But in order to listen to the Word of God, we also need our heart to be open to receive the Word in our heart. God speaks and we listen to him, in order to then put into practice what we have heard. It is very important to listen. At times perhaps we do not fully understand because there are a few somewhat difficult Readings. Yet God speaks to us in another way; [we must] listen to the Word of God. Do not forget this...

We need to listen to him! It is in fact, a question of life, as we are reminded by the profound expression that "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Mt 4:4), Life which gives us the Word of God. In this sense, we are speaking of the Liturgy of the Word as a "meal" that the Lord prepares in order to nourish our spiritual life. The meal of the Liturgy is a lavish one which draws largely from the treasures of the Bible, both the Old and the New Testaments, because in them, the Church proclaims the one and the same mystery of Christ. Let us think about the [great] richness of the Bible readings

offered by the three Sunday cycles, which in the light of the Synoptic Gospels, accompany us throughout the Liturgical Year... Here I wish to also recall the importance of the Responsorial Psalm whose function is to foster meditation on what was heard in the reading that precedes it...

The Liturgical proclamation of the very same readings with the songs derived from Sacred Scripture expresses and fosters ecclesial communion by accompanying the journey of each and every one. It is thus understandable that... the omission of readings or their substitution with non-biblical texts are forbidden. I have heard that when there is a news story, some people read the newspaper because it is the news of the day. No! The Word of God is the Word of God! We can read the newspaper later. But there, we are reading the Word of God. It is the Lord who is speaking to us. Substituting that Word with other things impoverishes and compromises the dialogue between God and his people in prayer. [Indeed] the dignity of the pulpit and the Lectionary requires good readers and psalmists... (not those who distort the words so) nothing is understood.... Good readers... must [prepare] and rehearse before the Mass in order to read well. [This will] create a climate of receptive silence.

...The Word of the Lord is an indispensable help to keep us from getting lost, [as] the Psalmist, in speaking to the Lord, confesses: "Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps 119[118]:105). How can we face our earthly pilgrimage with its difficulties and its trials without being regularly nourished and enlightened by the Word of God which resounds in the Liturgy?

Of course it is not enough to listen with our ears without welcoming into our heart the seed of the Divine Word [and] allowing it to bear fruit. Let us remember the Parable of the Sower and of the [fruits] achieved by the different types of soil (cf. Mk 4:14-20). The action of the Holy Spirit... needs hearts that allow themselves to be fashioned and cultivated in such a way that what is heard at Mass passes into daily life. [As the] Apostle James admonishes: "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (Jas 1:22). The Word of God makes a pathway within us. We listen to it with our ears and it passes to our hearts; it does not remain in our ears; it must go to the heart. And from the heart, it passes to the hands, to good deeds. This is the path which the Word of God follows: from our ears to our heart and hands. Let us learn these things. Thank you!

(From Pope Francis' General Audience on 31 January 2018)

MASS INTENTIONS

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph.

Mon, Mar 18: *St Cyril of Jerusalem*

8:30 +Persecuted Christians by a parishioner

Tues, Mar 19: *St Joseph*

8:30 +Angelo family by Conti family

Wed, Mar 20

8:30 +Walter Siner III by Linda Siner

Thurs, Mar 21

8:30 +Theresa Crispo by family

Fri, Mar 22

8:30 +Wallace Bywater by Sharon Bywater

Sat, Mar 23: *St Turibius of Mogrovejo*

8:30 +Maureen Flanigan by Grabe family

4:30 +Michael, Rose, and Steve Walits by family;
+Ernest Trotta by Kathy Kissel

Sun, Mar 24: *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

8:00 +Ann Carpenter by Fr. Rees Doughty

10:00 +Hennessey and O'Sullivan families 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 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading I — Jeremiah 31:31-34

This short oracle has been called “one of the most profound and moving passages in the entire Bible.” Note the use of the words “new Covenant.” It is the only time they are used in the entire Old Testament.

Reading II — Hebrews 5:7-9

The author considers Jesus’ ability to sympathize with sinners arises from the fact that He knew temptation. His obedience led to His priestly consecration.

The Gospel — John 12:20-33

Some Greeks come to see Jesus. He tells Andrew and Philip that “when a grain of wheat dies it produces much fruit.” This is a direct reference to His upcoming passion and death.

Word on Fire's Reflections for Lent are available on the parish website, stmariannecope.com. Visit it every day for Bishop Robert Barron’s daily inspirations.

The **Amen Catholic Prayer App** is a free catholic prayer, meditation, and scripture app that can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE

March 25 — Reconciliation Monday

Confessions will be heard at
St Thomas of Canterbury Church
2-4 pm and 6-9 pm

March 28 — Holy Thursday

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm
in the St Thomas old school building.

March 29 — Good Friday

noon Family Stations of the Cross
3 pm Liturgy of the Word
7 pm Stations of the Cross

March 30 — Holy Saturday

8 pm Easter Vigil Mass

March 31 — Easter Sunday

8 am, 10 am, and noon Mass



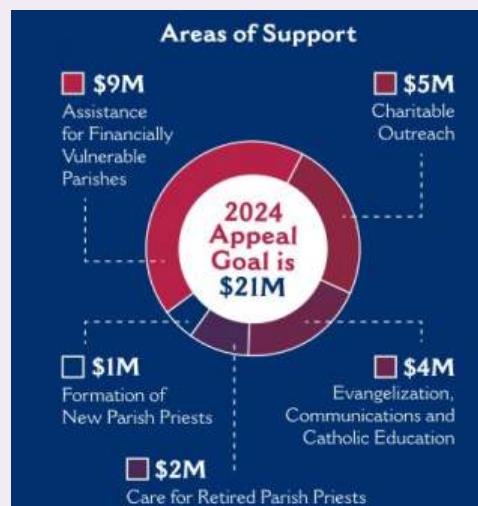
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