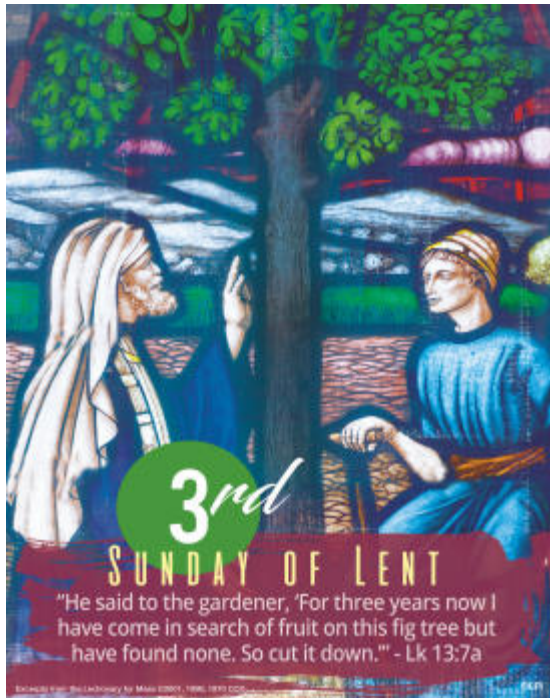


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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday..... 8:00 a.m.

Sunday..... 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Friday Communion Service... 8:00 a.m.

1st Friday Mass.....8:00 a.m.

Holydays of Obligation - as listed in Bulletin

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:

One half hour before Masses.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 3:00 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Contact Father Jonathan Reardon or Deacon Rod Patten to discuss preparation.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements should be made at least eight months in advance by calling Father Jonathan Reardon to discuss preparation.

HOUSE CALLS:

Please notify the parish office if you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

New parishioners are warmly welcomed to the parish community and invited to register at the parish office. Current parishioners are asked to contact the parish office when moving or getting married so that records can be updated.

BULLETIN:

Entries for the Bulletin should be submitted by 3:00 p.m. Friday of the week preceding publication for approval.

March 23, 2019

<p>Saturday, March 23 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop +Dorothy Leahy From: Debbie & Ed Giles</p>
<p>Sunday, March 24 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Third Sunday of Lent +Virginia Devine From: The Family +William Swinington From: Yvonne</p>
<p>Monday, March 25 8:00 a.m.</p>	<p>The Annunciation of the Lord +Ruth M. Hartnett From: The Brown Family</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 26 8:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday +Nancy Kelson From: Frank, Sara & Avery</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 27 8:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday For the Intentions of Bill Benoni From: His Wife</p>
<p>Thursday, March 28 8:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday +John F. Cycz From: John L. Cycz Family</p>
<p>Friday, March 29 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Soup & Bread Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Saturday, March 30 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday +Anna Kulig From: Family</p>
<p>Sunday, March 31 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Fourth Sunday of Lent +Caroline Connelly, 2nd Anniversary From: Connelly Family +Elaine Olszewski, 3rd Anniversary From: Loving Family</p>

POPE'S MARCH INTENTIONS FOR 2019:

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities.

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

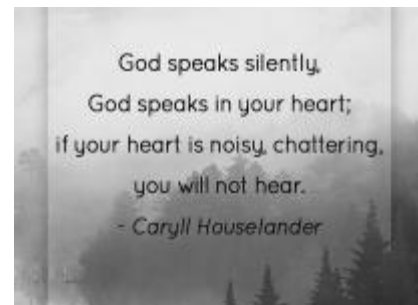


<i>Rita, Jessie</i>	<i>John Swazlowski</i>
<i>Luke Gorey</i>	<i>Virginia Wolejko</i>
<i>Sandra Samuel</i>	<i>John Batrano</i>
<i>Bill Benoni</i>	<i>Evelyn Kaweckj</i>
<i>Arnold Miller</i>	<i>Frank Szelewickj</i>
<i>Donald Thorpe</i>	<i>Jean McEnaney</i>
<i>Fran Stokarski</i>	<i>Deacon Rod Patten</i>
<i>Mickey & Patty Zippo</i>	

Names will be published in our bulletin for one month. If you would like to renew your Prayer Request after one month or add a request, please call Sue in the Parish office at 665-3254

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Due to Deacon Rod's temporary illness, Friday Communion Services are canceled until further notice. There will still be Mass on the First Friday of the month.



Pray Week of Mar 24 for Priests & Deacons Franklin County Deanery
Mar 24- Fr. Bermudez; Mar 25-Fr. Lisowski; Mar 26- Deacon Leary; Mar 27- Deacon Rabbitt; Mar 28 -Vocations; Mar 29- Deacon Ratte; Mar 30 -Our Seminarians

Readings for the week of March 24, 2019

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

MARCH 24, 2019

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also it may bear fruit in the future.'" How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.

FOOD COLLECTION

Our Confirmation class is collecting non-perishable food items for the Franklin County Community Meal Brown Bag lunch program. Suggested items: breakfast bars, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, canned fruit, pop top cans of soup, pop top cans of tuna, ramen cup of soup, single serving crackers, easy mac & cheese, spaghetti, single serve cereal...use your imagination. DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO SAT., MARCH 30TH.

Crisis of Abuse in the Catholic Church
Listening & Dialogue Sessions

Bishop Rozanski invites the Catholic community to participate in a session addressing the sex abuse crisis in the Catholic Church. The session will allow the faithful to make their concerns known, offer observations, and ask questions of the bishop and diocesan officials. A session is scheduled for Sunday, March 24th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Northampton from 6 to 7:30pm.

Prayer Services

On Sunday, April 7th at 2:00pm, there will be two diocesan Prayer Services for Healing. In response to the sex abuse Crisis in the Catholic Church. The prayer services will be held simultaneously at St. Michael's Cathedral, 254 State St. in Springfield and at St. Joseph Church, 414 North St. in Pittsfield. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Financial Report for March 16 & 17, 2019

TOTAL	\$3,963.00
RENOVATION:	\$ 202.00
CAPITAL DRIVE:	\$ 165.00

AUTOMATIC BANK TRANSFER

This summer the parish discontinued our online giving option on the website. We set up a new system with Greenfield Savings Bank that allows you to have your donations withdrawn automatically every week or month and deposited in the parish checking account. The cost of this is FREE to both the parish and you! Using the automatic bank transfer means that you do not have to worry about writing a check each week or month and ensures that the parish still receives your donation in the event of illness or when you are away on vacation. It is simple set up and we can do it for you. Please call the office if you have any questions or come by with your banking info to set it up.

Hello! My name is Lillian Alvino, I am an active member of the UMass Newman Center. You may remember me from cantoring at the confirmation Masses with Emily Stone last year! This summer 2019 I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve on a FOCUS Mission Trip. I will be traveling to the Philippines for 3 weeks in July. We will be serving with a religious community, Missionaries of the Poor, and a non-profit community, HeCares. We will be in Manila helping abandoned children, women, and men with mental and physical disabilities and aiding children in the slums. My Missions Director told me that one of the ways we are able to connect with the children is to sing with them! I look forward to using the gifts that the Lord has given me to encounter the people of the Philippines. In order to participate, I need to raise \$1,700.00 by April 5th and 3,200.00 by June 2019. I ask you to prayerfully consider joining my mission support team as I go to do corporeal and spiritual works of mercy if it aligns with your goals for giving. Please pray for me and my fellow mission team members!

Here is my personal fundraising page: please check it out and send a gift if you are able! <http://www.focusonline.org/goto/lillianalvino>

New to the region, Thomas Aquinas College will hold an Open House at its campus in Northfield, Massachusetts, on Sunday, April 7. The event will begin with Mass at 1:30 p.m., after which the Admissions department will offer a tour of the grounds to prospective students, parents, teachers, pastors, youth directors, and anyone else who may be interested. Following the tour President Michael F. McLean will speak briefly about the College and its plans in New England, and there will be a panel discussion featuring alumni, parents, and Dr. Stephen Shivone, an incoming member of the New England faculty. Light food and refreshments will be served immediately afterward, around 4:15 p.m. Please see thomasaquinas.edu/OpenHouseNE for further details and to RSVP. Questions? Contact Admissions Director Jon Daly at jdaly@thomasaquinas.edu or 805-421-8304.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



There are **MANY** dates available for **Masses, Altar Candles, Altar Breads, Altar Wine and the Sanctuary Light** in memory of loved ones or for a special intention. Please contact the parish office for available dates.

ALTAR CANDLES-MARCH

+Stella Rogaleski

From: Daughter, Elizabeth



Masses Available

There are **many** Mass Intentions available for the months of **April, May & June**. Have you ever thought of having a Mass said for someone's intention? How about a deceased loved one? Come to the office to book a Mass during office hours.



From today's Gospel, Luke 15: "Sir, leave it for this year also and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it, it may bear fruit in the future..."

Be the patient gardener, weed out violence and indifference and cultivate the respect and worth of life.



Moses heard God's call from a burning bush. What is your passion, your burning bush? Take time to know what God is sending you to do and be. (Exodus: 3:18, 13-15) If you think God is calling you, please contact Fr. Matthew Alcombright or Fr. Michael Wood at (413)452-0811 or email: vocations@diospringfield.org

Website: www.myvocation.com

Prayer of Intercession: That our Church may be "on fire" with a passion for peace and justice, we pray to the Lord...



We are in need of more volunteer altar servers. If you are able to help, please contact Fr. Jon. Adults are welcome.

Eucharistic Ministers

March 30 & 31

4:00 p.m.	Sylvia P.- J	Mitch W.- M	Simonne C. - C
8:00 a.m.	Maria D.- J	Erich B. - M	Jayne T. - C
10:30 a.m.	Terrie K. -J	John Cycz. - M	Jessica S. - C

April 6 & 7

4:00 p.m.	Connie C. - J	Evelyn K. - M	Kathy W. -C
8:00 a.m.	Rich S. - J	Deacon Rod - M	Nancy B.-C
10:30 a.m.	Betheny F. - J	Frank K- M	Gina O.-C

April 13 & 14

4:00 p.m.	Don S.- J	Mitch W.- M	Jane S. - C
8:00 a.m.	Chrissy G.- J	Michelle B - M	Rick R. - C
10:30 a.m.	Paul P. -J	John Cycz - M	Patty P. - C

Lectors

March 30 & 31

4:00pm	John Coderre
8:00am	Rich Sojka
10:30am	Marie Diemand

April 6 & 7

4:00pm	Simonne Coderre
8:00am	Nancy Zabka
10:30am	Ed Bajgier

April 13 & 14

4:00pm	Simonne Coderre & Carol Moro
8:00am	Beatrice Brynda & Jackie Swist
10:30am	Shawn Desmond & Diane Grybko

Altar Servers

March 30 & 31

4:00 p.m.	Linda Patten	Peggy Doyle
8:00 a.m.	Isabelle Brown	Erich Brown
10:30 a.m.	Kit Fleuriel	A.J. & Ben Desmond

April 6 & 7

4:00 p.m.	Oliver Sacrey	Ben Sacrey
8:00 a.m.	Amelia Sobieski	Summer Sobieski
10:30 a.m.	Kit Fleuriel	Samantha Baker

April 13 & 14

4:00 p.m.	John Coderre	Mike Currie
8:00 a.m.	Dan Diemand	Beatrice Brynda
10:30 a.m.	No Servers Available	

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Dear Friends,

I want to continue our discussion on the meaning of gestures. Two weeks ago I spoke about the Sign of the Cross, genuflecting and bowing. What about the gestures of standing, sitting, kneeling?

Stand: At certain times during Mass we stand - at the entrance, for the Gospel, for the Creed and Petitions, the Eucharistic Prayer, the Our Father, and at the end of Mass. Standing is a noble position that characterizes mankind, created in God's image. It is also a sign of reverence, respect and attention that we bear toward that which is sacred - for example the Gospel reading.

Kneeling: in contrast kneeling is a sign of supplication. We kneel at times during the Mass for more intense prayer. It is a gesture of humility and a sign of a more intimate prayer. For example, during the consecration we kneel and when we return to our pews after having received Holy Communion most folks kneel in prayer.

Sitting: At various times during Mass we also sit back in our pews. The sitting position, while more relaxed, represents an attitude that listens. There is something about an openness and peacefulness of sitting. It is appropriate to sit during the readings and homily - while still giving ones full attention to that which is being said.

We could say that the Catholic liturgy is like a symphony. It captures the whole entire person - body, mind, heart and soul. The liturgy requires that we invest our whole entire self. Thus our external gestures, postures - our body language - can either close us off to God's grace or help us to foster an attitude where God can communicate and reveal Himself. It might not seem like much, but it matters and our ability to connect with God depends on how we invest ourselves in this sacred place.
God Bless You! Fr. Reardon

Tuesdays during Lent- Fr. Jon's Class

A Father Who Keeps His Promises:
A look into God's plan and the bond He forms with His people in Sacred Scripture. This course will highlight the different covenants God forges with His people from Adam to Jesus. We will explore their meaning so as to discover more deeply how much God truly loves us!
Join Fr. Jon on Tuesday evenings during Lent at 7pm in the parish hall.



Eucharistic Adoration will continue each Wednesday during Lent, beginning March 13th
Sign up sheets at the doors of church.

ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

Dues of \$1.00 for 2019 are due before May 1st. Please put in an envelope marked with your name and Rosary Confraternity and place in the weekend collection basket. Anyone who is unable to say their decade of the Rosary daily, please call Virginia Wolejko-665-2966 so a replacement can be found.



SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS- Come all!

Our Lenten tradition of having our Homemade Soup together before Stations of the Cross continues this Friday, March 22nd at 6pm. We meet in the parish hall for soup and after we all go to the church together to pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm.

UNCONDITIONALLY 2019 Parish Mission

Sunday, April 7, 2019 ~ 4:00 PM

Monday, April 8, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM

Holy Family Parish
Open to ALL Parishioners

"There is a love that connects us all. Now is the time to come together for our Homes, our Parish and the World. ALL parishioners are invited and encouraged to join Catholic, Inspirational Speaker and Author Greg Wasinski, for a three night parish mission Unconditionally on Sunday, April 7 through Tuesday, April 9. Sunday evening will begin at 4:00 pm, Monday and Tuesday will begin at 6:00 pm.



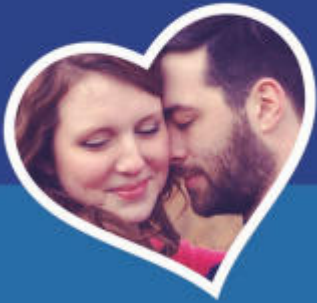
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