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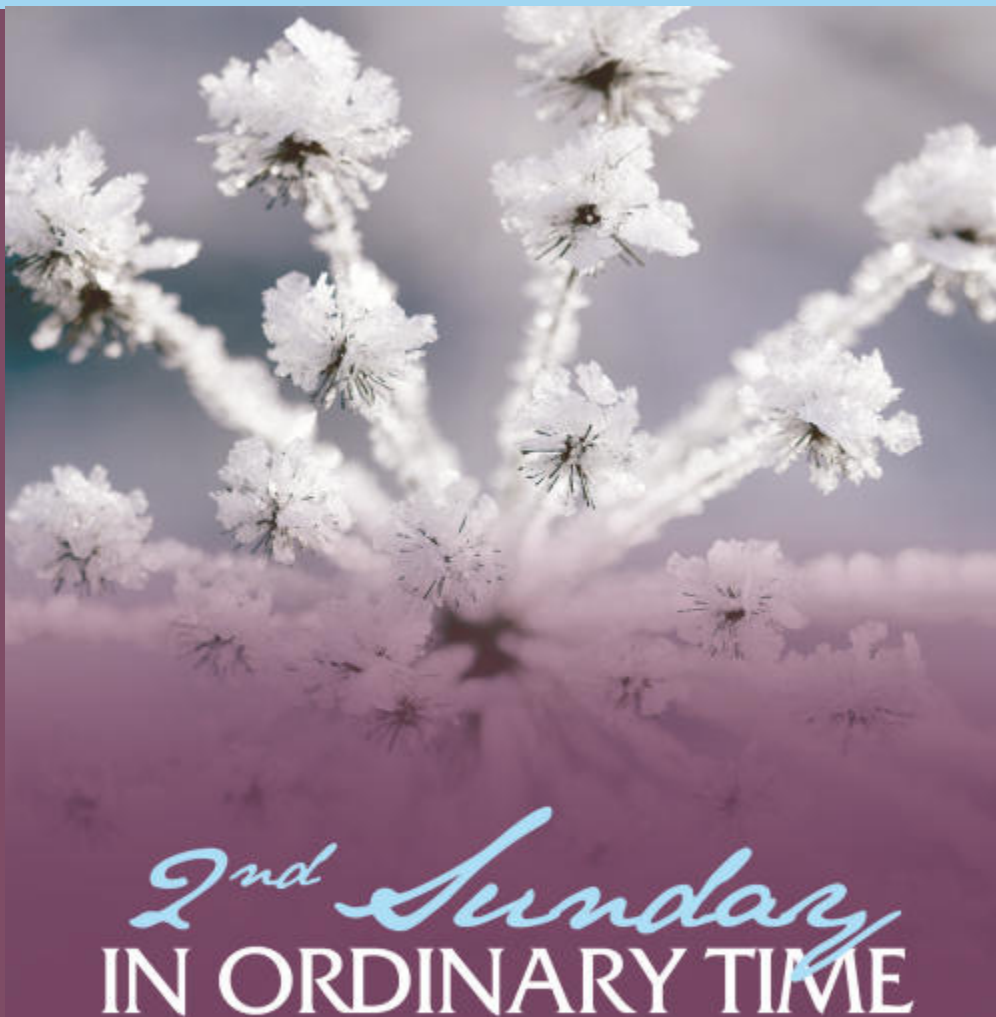
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2nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?
My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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ST. JUDE NOVENA

Tuesdays - 7:00 PM

HOLY DAYS

Vigil: 4:00 and 6:30 PM

Day: 8:00 AM and 12:10 PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 , 9:30, 11:00 AM and 12:15 PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Civil Holidays - 9:00 AM

www.stthomaswestspringfield.org

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:00-3:45 p.m. Saturday (or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated the fourth Sunday of the month except for May and November when it is the third Sunday of the month. No baptisms the month of December. Pre-registration is required at the parish office one month before the Baptism. Parents must be registered and participating members of the parish. Parents must also attend a Baptismal Preparation Class held on the second Wednesday of the month and conducted by the Deacon.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office one year prior to the marriage date.

HOSPITAL AND HOME VISITS

Kindly inform the parish office if you or someone you know would like to receive the sacraments.

PARISH CEMETERY

All the arrangements are to be made through the parish office.

PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All items must be presented in writing to the parish office by Monday at 12:00 PM. Thank you.

Parish Offertory Gift - January 8/9	\$ 14,150.86
Parish Offertory Gift (Online Mass)	\$ 7,405.00
Renovation - January 8/9	\$ 299.00
Take & Eat Ministry - January 8/9	\$ 832.00

Thank you for your generous response to the needs of our parish. Please remember that we rely on your commitment of weekly stewardship.

PLEASE NOTE: If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, or if there is a delay, **please make sure to check your local TV station to see if Mass has been cancelled.** However, Mass will be celebrated online each and every day, no matter what the weather conditions are.

ST. ANN SOCIETY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Phone and Email:

Parish Office:.....739-4779
 Fax.....739-1608
 School Office:.....739-4131
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 Cemetery Office.....739-4779

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

4:00 PM + Richard Rochford - 6th Anniversary requested by his sister, Gail Goodenow
 5:30 PM + Richard Padykula - 1st Anniversary requested by his Wife and Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 AM In thanksgiving for prayers answered requested by the Coutinho Family
 9:30 AM + Mary Gentile - Birthday Remembrance requested by her sons, Mark and Tom
 11:00 AM + Maryann Cowell - 13th Anniversary requested by her Family
 12:15 PM + Peter Robillard requested by Alice Riley Doyle

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00 AM + Mark Lynds - Birthday remembrance requested by his Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00 AM + Stephen Gotta - Birthday remembrance requested by his Family
 7:00 PM St. Jude Novena

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 AM + James Morrill Smith - Birthday remembrance and good health and blessings for Cara Boulesteix requested by Jim's wife and Cara's mom, Anne Smith

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 AM Health and blessings for John Fanelli requested by his mother, Theresa Fanelli

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 AM + Romeo Talbot - 6th Anniversary requested by Dominic J. Grimaldi, Jr. and Michael Figueroa

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 AM + Frederick and + Connie O'Leary requested by their daughter, Shannon
 3:00 PM Confessions
 4:00 PM + William C. Long requested by his Family
 5:30 PM + Deceased Members of the Kiczek and Blais Families requested by Wife and Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 AM Health and healing for Dominic J. Grimaldi, Jr. requested by the Morning Mass Group
 9:30 AM + Margaret "Peg" Bailey - Birthday remembrance requested by her Family
 11:00 AM + Rosa Alfano - 14th Anniversary requested by her Family
 12:15 PM + Antonio Cerrato - 2nd Anniversary requested by his Wife and Children



SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

4:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 AM Health and blessings for Kathleen King

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00 AM Intentions of the Lorenzo Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00 AM + Antonio L. M. Leyba requested by Connie Terrado

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 AM + John Brosious requested by Kevin Brosious

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 AM + Robert Hardaway requested by Lily Anne Verdiano

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 AM + Phil Duffy - Anniversary requested by his Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 AM + Theresa Benedict of Cochin, India - 1st Anniversary

4:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 AM + Alberto Domingo requested by Veronica Domingo



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

Building the Foundation for Faith and Academic Excellence

Registration and family tours for the 2022-2023 school year will begin on Sunday, January 23, 2022

12:30-1:30 for families interested in Preschool – Kindergarten

1:30-2:30 for families interested in Grades 1 – 8

Snow Date-Sunday, January 30, 2022

Please call the school for more information at (413) 739-4131 or email us at jwhitehead@stthomasapostleschool.org.



January 5, 2022

Dear St. Thomas Community,

During another year of uncertain situations, the Operation Santa Committee has been humbled and inspired by the outpouring of generosity from the St. Thomas Community.

We were overjoyed with the amount of kindness and selfless effort put in to help out struggling West Springfield families. Your support helped distribute food gift cards to over 250 families, provide toys to over 400 children, and offer families gift cards to CVS/Walgreens to offset medication costs. The Parish Cupboard was also able to hand out gift cards to McDonald's, Wendy's, and Dunkin' Donuts to offer hot meals as a means of support.

This year, our appreciation stretches farther than ever to the St. Thomas Community. Your caring and giving spirit is remarkable, and the outpouring of love from the parish is incredible!

On behalf of all the families served, we thank you for helping to make their holidays one to remember this year.

Sincerely,

The Operation Santa Committee (Victoria Connor, Karen Miller-Ericksberg, Mike Borelli, Melissa White, Monica Donnelly, Domenic Longo, Patricia Reveruzzi, Jennifer Brennan, Chip Arnold, Dianne Arnold, & Casey Nicoll), The Parish Cupboard of West Springfield, and the West Springfield Park & Recreation Department.

WOMEN'S GROUP



♥ Ladies, we hope you can join us for our next meeting to be held on Monday, January 31st, from 6:15-7:45 p.m. in the Club Room. We will be starting, "Walking with Purpose - Living in the Father's Love".

♥ Please email Christon Marini at christonmarini@gmail.com if you have any questions.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is donated this week in loving memory of **Raymond Couture ~ Birthday Remembrance** from his brother, Mario



Please call the Parish Office, 739-4779, to donate the candle. The donation is \$15 per week.

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD REGISTRATION - The Office of Religious Education has regular office hours on Monday 9-3, Wednesday 9-3 and Friday 9-2. Please call the office at 737-8267 for any questions/concerns.

CCD CLASSES: There are no classes this week in observance of Martin Luther King Day!



TAKE & EAT MEALS MINISTRY

Our thirtieth St. Thomas Take and Eat meal was successfully delivered to 130 people on Saturday, January 15th. They received a hearty meal of chili with meat, salad, dinner roll, peaches, dessert, bottle of water along with a bagged lunch featuring a turkey and cheese sandwich, potato chips, dessert and a bottle of water for the next day. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all the people from our Take and Eat Ministry Team who participated in the planning, preparing and delivering of this meal.

At this time, we will be preparing Take and Eat meals on the third Saturday of each month. Our next meal offering is being planned for Saturday, February 19th. If you are aware of someone in the community who may have difficulty preparing meals for themselves without assistance, or if you yourself are in need of a meal on the weekends for similar reasons and would like to receive a meal through the Take and Eat Ministry, please contact the Parish Office, 739-4779, and let us know. We will be happy to help.

Monetary contributions are welcome. Checks should be made payable to **St. Thomas Take & Eat Ministry** and can be submitted in the Take & Eat Ministry envelope in your parish envelope packet or you can mail to the Parish Office, 47 Pine Street, West Springfield, MA.

Thanks,
Deacon Joe

SNOWBIRDS For all those lucky parishioners flying south for the winter, please call Joyce at the parish office, 739-4779, so that I can stop your envelopes while you are enjoying those warm sunny days in Florida. Just remember to call me when you return so that I can start your envelopes up again.

PRAYERS FOR DECEASED - Rev. James K. Joyce, John A. Wilson, Rita A. Clark and Jason Macierowski. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

COLORING CORNER



Friday, January 22nd, is National Blonde Brownie Day!

On this day it is your right and responsibility to bake and eat blonde brownies. Make a batch and share them with someone special or buy some and just enjoy them!

Color the delicious treat – but be sure to taste some today.



SCRIPTURE STUDY AT ST. THOMAS offered by Sister Maryann Cantlon is now combined into one group. The group will meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the **Club Room** from 6:30 until 7:45 p.m. Please consider attending. We examine passages from both the Old Testament and the New Testament, look for the underlying theology, and how the passage can speak to our own lives and experiences. For the month of February, we will be finish the study of the Creation Stories in Genesis and start the story of the Fall. **The next meeting will be on February 10th.** If you plan on attending, please call Joyce at the rectory, 739-4779, or email stthomassecretary@comcast.net to reserve your spot.

ECUMENICAL OUTREACH SUPPER will be on Wednesday, January 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the **ECUMENICAL OUTREACH BREAKFAST** will be on Saturday, January 29, 9:00-10:00 a.m. at 20 Lathrop Street, West Springfield. Masks required. Free new seasonal clothing available for adults and children. They are in dire need of new adult winter coats. If you can help, please drop them off at 27 Woodmont Street.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Holy Trinity Church on Elm Street in Westfield has Eucharistic Adoration **Wednesday evenings** from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the presence of The Blessed Sacrament.

"In Me alone is peace to be found in The Blessed Sacrament. Mankind must know Me. I want men to know My love. Do they know what I have done for them? For this I have come, that they may know that they will never find true happiness except in Me."

Visit us Online

Our parish website:

StThomasWestSpringfield.org

Our "official" Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/stthomas01089



PLEASE NOTE - The Parish and Cemetery Office will be closed Monday, January 17, 2022, for Martin Luther King Day. Just a reminder, there is a lock box right next to the parish office door that can be used for parish use only. If you need to drop something off and the office is closed, please feel free to drop your items in the box.

Volunteers Needed

BETHLEHEM HOUSE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS



Bethlehem House in Easthampton needs volunteers helping out on weekdays. Hours need for assistance are: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday or 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. The ministry is also in need of a car for picking up supplies. If you can help out or might have a vehicle to donate, please call 413-527-2861 or 413-262-8517.

DANCEATHON CANCELED Due to the sharp rise in COVID, the Western Mass Charity DanceAthon is canceled for February 11-12, 2022, and rescheduled for next year. In spite of the cancellation, two grants will be awarded this year from funds raised in anticipation of the 2022 WMCD. "Rick's Place" will receive a \$10,000 grant for grief support services for youth. "KEVS Foundation" will receive the second grant in the amount of \$2,000. Established in memory of 19 year old Kevin Major, the foundation provides free sudden cardiac arrest testing for high school athletes as well as AED units for public places. Anyone interested in donating to the WMCD may do so with a check payable to WMCD, P.O. Box 1413, Westfield, MA 01086. Details of the DanceAthon, its Foundation Board, and its mission may be found on its website - WMCD.org.



Groundskeeper/Maintenance position available. Year-round lawn care, snow removal, minor repairs and maintenance. Experience preferred - full time and part time available for St. Thomas Cemetery. Please contact Mirek Pietras at 736-2334.



laundry love

LAUNDRY LOVE is a national initiative that has now been organized and offered in Westfield in partnership with Stanley Cleaners. This event is held every **4th Wednesday** of the month (next Laundry Initiative is Wednesday, January 26th) at Stanley Cleaners, 89 Main Street,

Westfield. This is a **FREE event** and is available to any person or family who needs to wash their laundry. No registration is needed. Just arrive with your laundry between 5-7 p.m. Donations and volunteers are welcome. To learn more about this opportunity to serve our community, please contact Cathy Sypek, Pastoral Minister, for St. Mary's Parish in Westfield at cathy@sypeklaw.com or call 413-642-5276.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY AT ST. THOMAS

We will meet the second Wednesday of the month (February 9th) in the Parish Center, 89 Pine Street, from 9 – 11 a.m. to knit Prayer Shawls. A shawl wraps and warms the one who wears it, but a prayer shawl provides more - it embraces and comforts the wearer with the love and prayers of the maker and the faith community. The purpose of this ministry is to present the shawls and enfold the recipients in prayer. Recipients of the shawls may be people who are sick, who are undergoing medical procedures, who are grieving, our homebound, or who need to feel the love and support of the community during a difficult time in their life. It is a ministry for everyone; men, women, young and old, all can participate according to their ability. Many who do not knit or crochet support the ministry by contributing yarn to knit the shawls and/or gift bags for the shawls. Everyone can participate by praying with the makers of the shawls. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jeanne Wainwright, 785-5567, or Joyce Reichelt, 739-4779.



DONUT SOCIAL scheduled for Sunday, January 30, 2022, has been canceled due to the increase in COVID cases. Hopefully, we can restart in February. Please stay safe and well!!

ONLINE MASS Masses are posted to YouTube at Midnight Eastern Time each day. Our Saturday Vigil Mass is posted on YouTube at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. All Masses on YouTube are available any time after they have been posted.

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LOAVES AND FISHES St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is hosting a meal on Tuesday, January 18th, at the soup kitchen at South Congregational Church at 45 Maple Street in Springfield. The menu is a meatball grinder, vegetables, chips, and cookies.

Food donations can be dropped off at the school cafeteria entrance in the back of the school on **Monday, January 17th, between 5-6 p.m.**

For pick up, contact Paul by phone at 413-333-2191 or email paulmarai66@yahoo.com or Barbara at 285-7819 or email barbarian24@yahoo.com.

Monetary contributions are welcome. Checks should be made payable to **Loaves and Fishes at St. Thomas Parish** and can be submitted in the weekly collection basket in a plain white envelope.

Staff of the Open Pantry will assemble the meal in containers that will be distributed by them to patrons at the entry door of the church at 5:00 p.m.

Thanks to all those who contributed to this ministry in 2021 with donations of food, time, and monetary contributions.

WEST SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS ONLY Weekend Mass is now available on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on the Town of West Springfield's Public Access Channel 15.

WEST SPRINGFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING

SAND FOR WEST SIDE SENIORS Are you an older adult living in West Springfield who could use some sand to put down during snowy or icy weather? The Hampden County Sheriff's Office TRIAD program is working with the WS Council on Aging to offer this service for free. Residents can sign up to have a bucket of sand delivered to their home by calling the Council on Aging at 263-3264.

WESTERN MASS WALKERS AT THE HOLYOKE MALL Beginning on Tuesday, January 18, join WS Council on Aging staff at the Holyoke Mall at Ingleside on Tuesdays and Thursdays anytime between 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. for some indoor exercise during these cold months. Park on the upper level outside Target (on the side closest to Best Buy), enter through Target and head down to the Food Court in the basement. You can leave your coats and hats with COA staff there and start your walk. (This is not a guided group walk - individuals choose their own walking tour and pace.) We'll have coffee available from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. in the Food Court so individuals can sit and chat before or after they walk. With the exception of Target, stores inside the Mall do not open until 11 a.m. so walkers have the place to themselves. There is no need to sign up and individuals from all communities are welcome. Call the COA at 263-3264 with any questions. Hope to see you there. Please note that there is currently a mask mandate within the City of Holyoke.



Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA WILL BE NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 22ND AND 23RD. This national collection supports many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean. In the mountains of northeastern Columbia on the border with Venezuela, the Diocese of Cúcuta has

been a migration point for needy Venezuelan refugees coming in search of food, medicine, and daily necessities. For several years, the diocese's welcome centers have served more than 1,000 meals each day to hungry migrants. The primary center, at Casa de Paso Divina Providencia, has been addressing the needs of these refugees with diocesan resources as well as assistance from local businesses, charities, and parishes. Your contribution to the collection not only supports and sustains these invaluable efforts but also allows you to stand in closer unity with refugees and those serving them. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.



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