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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.*

- Lk 4:18

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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

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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 15/16	\$ 9,966.49
Parish Offertory Gift (Online Mass)	\$ 5,845.00
Renovation - January 15/16	\$ 288.00
Take & Eat Ministry - January 15/16	\$ 1,465.00

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.

Phone and Email:

Parish Office:.....739-4779
 Fax.....739-1608
 School Office:.....739-4131
 Religious Education Office:.....737-8267
 Cemetery Office.....739-4779

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 AM + Mrs. Donna Lubanski requested by Mrs. Restiva Rettura

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 AM + Joseph F. Harrington requested by his Family
 7:00 PM St. Jude Novena

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 AM + Raymond and + Ann Fanelli requested by their daughter-in-law, Theresa Fanelli

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 AM + Monsignor Francesco Luzzi and + Maria Stella Luzzi requested by Mrs. Rettura

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 AM + John Foley - 7th Anniversary requested by his wife, Betty

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 AM + Monsignor Francesco Luzzi and + Maria Stella Luzzi requested by Mrs. Rettura
 3:00 PM Confessions
 4:00 PM + Robert C. Oliver, Sr. - 13th Anniversary requested by Bruce and Marcia Landon and Family
 5:30 PM + Donna Jasiewicz - 1st Anniversary requested by her son, Scott, and Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 AM + Deceased Members of the Dillon Family requested by the Cullinan Family
 9:30 AM + Paul J. Flaherty - 3rd Anniversary requested by his Wife and Family
 11:00 AM + Raymond Couture - Birthday remembrance requested by his wife, Therese
 12:15 PM 60th Birthday blessings for Mary Jo Eaton requested by her mom, Josephine Longer



SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

4:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 AM + Alberto Domingo requested by Veronica Domingo

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 AM In thanksgiving for blessings received requested by Helena Wroblewski

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 AM + Geraldine Cummings requested by John J. Turner, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 AM + Renato J. Fernandez requested by Art and Tess Rodriguez

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 AM + George Joseph Schieber - 1st Anniversary requested by Fr. Jack

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 AM + Pablo Veridiano, Jr. requested by Lily Anne Veridiano

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 AM + Nancie Donnellan requested by John J. Turner, Jr.

4:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 AM + Pedro Paras - Anniversary requested by his wife, Neptalie

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.



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 this 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.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

St. Thomas parishioners, who have students in our parish school (preschool exempt) can have St. Thomas sponsor the student. Sponsorship is determined by participating in weekly Mass along with an annual envelope contribution of \$750, the prior calendar year.



PRAYERS FOR DECEASED - Mark D. Mirrolli, Jennifer J. Rosner, Janice E. Mahoney and Jared R. Korzeniowski. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers for all of the Masses; especially for the 8 and 11 on Sunday morning. If you are able to volunteer, please speak with Fr. Jack or call the parish office at 739-4779.



Knights of Columbus Unity Council 2212 will hold its January Officers' Meeting Thursday, January 27th, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. All members are invited to attend. Information on the Knights can be found online at kofc.org.

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.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is donated this week in loving memory of

Craig Castonguay

from his Mother



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

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.

Third 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:

Classes for January will be conducted at home. In person classes will resume in February 2022. Information concerning lessons will be emailed to grades K-6 and the missed lesson will be mailed to grades 7-10. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office at 737-8267 or via email stthomasccd@comcast.net.



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.

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 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.

COLORING CORNER



Monday, January 24th,
is National Belly Laugh Day!

At 1:24 p.m. join in the global belly laugh to celebrate this "feel good day". There are 4 goals to this day - Remember past laughs, connect with others, remember the importance of laughter and smiles and the benefits you gain. After all "Laughter is the best medicine."

Color the picture. Just looking at this picture makes you want to smile.



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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



MARRIAGE HELP - If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love. The program is offered locally three times a year. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email helds4marriage@gmail.com or visit our website www.helpourmarriage.com.

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.

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.



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.

**WEST SPRINGFIELD
ST. PATRICK'S COMMITTEE**
Recognition Dinner
to honor 2020 Colleen & Court
and the Award Winners

January 29, 2022
Carriage House @ Storowton
5:00 p.m. Social / 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Choice of Yankee Pot Roast
Chicken Francaise
Baked New England Scrod



Donation of \$30.00 Limited Tickets Available

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Make your reservations by January 24, 2022

Contact : WS St. Patrick Committee
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West Springfield, MA 01090

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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



BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S - THE CREED The keys that unlock the beliefs of the Christian Faith are stated succinctly in the Nicene Creed, which we pray at every Sunday Mass. Born at the Council of Nicaea in the Fourth Century after intense debates, this formal statement of faith is the foundation of both eastern and western Christianity. And to this day, most Christians around the world would subscribe to it. This 7 week study will be held in the Pine Room at 12 Park Street in Belchertown (St. Francis of Assisi Parish) from 9-11 a.m. on the following Saturdays: March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 & 16. Each class will consist of a video, followed by small group discussions. The course will be led by Deacon John Murray and small group leaders. Registration will be held through February 14. No late registrations will be accepted, due to limited class size and the time needed to gather materials. The anticipated cost for the book/study guide is \$20. For more information, please contact Deacon John Murray at DcnJLMurray@gmail.com or call 323-6272, ext. 4.

Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA WILL BE THIS 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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