

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

*Serving the faith communities of Duquesne, Homestead, Munhall,  
West Homestead, West Mifflin and Whitaker*

ESTABLISHED JULY 1, 2020

## WORSHIP SITES

### Holy Name

32 South First Street  
Duquesne

### Holy Trinity

529 Grant Avenue Extension  
West Mifflin

### Resurrection

1 Majka Drive  
West Mifflin

### St. Agnes

St. Agnes Lane  
West Mifflin

### St. Hedwig

105 South Fifth Street  
Duquesne

### St. Joseph

817 Grant Avenue  
Duquesne

### St. Maximilian Kolbe

363 West 11th Avenue Ext.  
Homestead

### St. Rita

219 West Schwab Avenue  
Munhall

### St. Therese

1 St. Therese Court  
Munhall

## Sunday, January 2, 2022



### THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6*

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC

## CLERGY TEAM

### Pastor

Rev. E. Daniel Sweeney

### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Tony Gargotta

### In Residence

Rev. Stan Gregorek

Rev. Nicholas Mastrangelo

Rev. Emmanuel Abbey-Quaye

Rev. Augustus Nweze

### Deacon

Ron Demblowski

### Seminarian

Daniel D'Antonio



## PARISH OFFICES

### Administrative Office

363 West 11th Avenue Extension  
Homestead, PA 15120  
Phone: 412-461-1054  
Fax: 412-462-1744

### Business Office

1 St. Therese Court  
Munhall, PA 15120  
Phone: 412-462-8161  
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### *Office Staff*

Jon Cuniak, Principal, St. Therese School  
 Trish DiGiannurio, Central Office Coordinator  
 Lori Ellis, Pastoral Associate  
 Ray Fonos, Business Manager  
 Fran Magnuson, Administrative Assistant  
 Cindi Picciafoco, Parish Secretary

### *Maintenance*

Jason Bevan                      Rick Booker, Dir.

### *Music Ministry*

Thomas Coyne, LEM, Dir.  
 Greg Lesko  
 Nina Mascio  
 Debbie Walters, LEM

### *Faith Formation*

Lori Ellis, LEM, Religious Education

### *Baptism/Marriage*

Please contact Lori Ellis at 412-462-8161

### *Confession Schedule*

Mondays at St. Therese at 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturdays at Holy Trinity from 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
 Saturdays at St. Max from 3:00-3:45 p.m.

### *Hall Rentals*

Please call 412-461-1054

### *Website*

[www.thomastheapostle.net](http://www.thomastheapostle.net)

### *YouTube*

Steel Valley Catholic

### *Emergencies*

Please call 412-461-1054

### **Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline**

1-888-808-1235

### **PA Childline**

1-800-932-0313

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday, January 1</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Holy Trinity (TG)</b>	John & Vicky Kostrub	Edward R. Ferchak
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>St. Max (DS)</b>	Lesko Family	Kitty Lesko
<b>Sunday, January 2</b>  <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>St. Therese (NM)</b>	Georgette Lally	Gene & Elaine Saus
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>St. Joseph (DS)</b>	Marjorie Byrnes	Daughters
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Resurrection (TG)</b>	Victoria Pinkovsky	Family
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Agnes (AN)</b>	William J. Popojas	Gloria & John Schwartz and Angela
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>St. Max (SG)</b>	John Kostrub	Ed Ferchak
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Therese (NM)</b>	Clyde Ebbitt	Red & Thomasina Monroe
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Holy Name (DS)</b>	Jean Fecho	Family
	<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>St. Rita (TG)</b>	Marie Langan	Family

# MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday, January 3</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Holy Trinity (TG)</b>	Albert Sklencar	Family
	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>St. Therese (NM)</b>	Michael Kranack	Family
<b>Tuesday, January 4</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Holy Trinity (DS)</b>	John Stitt	Barbara McKinney
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Rita (AN)</b>	John & Chris Race	Therese Race
<b>Wednesday, January 5</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Max (TG)</b>	John & Helen Ondick	Son
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Rita (NM)</b>	Flo Chiodo	Family
<b>Thursday, January 6</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Max (DS)</b>	Jerry Kynik	Renee Duffy
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Therese (NM)</b>	Mary Beth Dorko	Kathi Hall
<b>Friday, January 7</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>St. Therese(TG)</b>	Vince DiRicco	Gene & Pat Mamajek
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Max (DS)</b>	Dorothy Savolskis	Arlene Nuss
<b>Saturday, January 8</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Holy Trinity (TG)</b>	Mary R. Sabol	Holy Trinity Mens Club
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>St. Max (NM)</b>	Alice Reinhart	Betts Belan
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>St. Therese (DS)</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Mamajek	Son
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Holy Name (AN)</b>	Ruth Westerlund	St. Thomas the Apostle Choir
<b>Sunday, January 9</b>  <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>St. Therese (SG)</b>	Tom Lordeon	Elaine & Family
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>St. Joseph (DS)</b>	James Zabelsky	Jean Estep & Pat Schorr
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Resurrection(TG)</b>	Jay Hobby	Ron Willard
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Agnes (NM)</b>	Sister Stephanie	Sisters Janelle & Cynthia
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>St. Max (SG)</b>	Donald, Virginia & Lynn Lockard	Paul & Kathy Lockard
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Therese (DS)</b>	Jim Farley	Marlene, Meghan & Caitlin
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Holy Name (TG)</b>	James & Patricia Bongartz	Family
	<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>St. Rita (NM)</b>	Wally Grubbs	Maty Race

Mass Intentions for 2022 are now being accepted. Forms can be found in the back of this bulletin.

**Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.** We recognize that people from all walks of life come to pay tribute to the Christ child. You may recall, it was the shepherds who were keeping watch over their sheep that were the first to see the bright shining star, giving testimony to the birth of Christ. Now, it is that star that has led the whose who of the world to come and pay homage. What a great sight this is to see kings of the earth kneeling before Christ the King of the Universe. A tiny baby, having such power and majesty without declaring war. Christ is the presence of peace.

**Happy New Year** - As we begin our new year, we thank God for the blessings that He has bestowed upon us this past year as individuals, families and parish. We look forward to the new year as we continue to forge ahead. It is of the utmost importance that we stay focused on Christ, that we make sure that it is the love of the Lord that drives us. Be sure to stay Jesus focused, for the Lord is with us every step of the way.

**Bingo!** The next monthly bingo will take place on **Tuesday, January 4th** at St. Agnes Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and early birds begin at 6:45 p.m. Admission is \$10 and covers 9 boards for 20 regular games. Specials and jackpot are extra. All are welcome! Benefits St. Therese School.

**Adoration** - The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on Friday at St. Max from noon until 4:00 p.m. Please stop by and make a visit.

**Fish Fry** - Our Fish Fry at St. Max will be open on Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. We offer fried or baked fish, jumbo or popcorn shrimp, potato pancakes, macaroni and cheese, haluski, pizza and more. Our special this week is chicken parmesan with spaghetti and salad. Eat in or take out. To reach our kitchen, please call 412-462-1743.

**Donuts** - Our homemade donuts will be sold at the Masses on **January 8-9**. If you want them hot and fresh, stop by St. Max Hall on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

**Parish Breakfast** - Our Parish Breakfast will be held at St. Max Hall on **Sunday, January 9th** from 8:30 am until noon. We offer a wonderful buffet including scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast, waffles, potatoes, fruit, assorted danish and cereal, juice, coffee and tea. The cost is \$10. We hope to see you there!

**Listening Sessions** - Our final Listening Sessions are scheduled for **Sunday, January 9th** at 1:00 p.m. at Resurrection and on **Tuesday, January 11th** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Max. All are welcome to share your thoughts and concerns regarding the future of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

**Baptismal Seminar** - Our next Baptismal Seminar is scheduled for **Monday, January 10th** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Therese. For more information, please contact Lori Ellis at [lellis@thomastheapostle.net](mailto:lellis@thomastheapostle.net).

**Superbowl Pool** - All blocks are sold. Full payment is due no later than **January 16th**. Blocks that are not paid by this date will be sold to the next person on the waiting list.

**Feast of St. Agnes** - The Feast of St. Agnes is **January 21st**. There will only be one Mass that day, at 8:00 a.m. at St. Agnes. A breakfast will follow. All are welcome!

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**- On **January 22nd**, the Rosary will be prayed at noon at Holy Trinity and at noon at St. Therese. We hope you can join us.

**Task Force** - Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 24th** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Max.

**Pastoral & Finance Council** - A meeting is set for **Thursday, January 27th** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Max.

**2022 Calendar Lottery Tickets** - Our yearly lottery calendar tickets are now on sale. The calendars will be available at St. Agnes, the St. Max and St. Therese parish offices as well as the Fish Fry at St. Max. The cost is \$30.

**Bereavement Support Sessions:** We invite you to be part of a circle where we hope you find space to grieve, to search, to listen and to reach out to other parishioners. These sessions are an opportunity to share with people who also struggle and hurt. You are not alone. Let us find comfort and healing in what we believe and in our ability to care one other. *Bereavement Support Sessions will be held on Thursday evenings: January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24, March 10 & 24, April 7 & 21.* The sessions take place from 6:00-7:30PM in St. Therese Rectory meeting Room. A light diner will be served. Please call the rectory at 412-462-8161 or e-mail [lellis@st-therese.net](mailto:lellis@st-therese.net) to RSVP. These sessions are independent of each other so you can join us as often as your schedule allows.

**DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?** The Senior Social Group sponsors a collection of knitted or crocheted 7x7 squares each year that are donated to various charities and used to make blankets. This collection will take place in March, 2022 with drop off time & place to be determined. Over the next several months, please consider taking up this hobby for this worthwhile charity. All skill levels are welcome. Spread the word to family & friends. Donations will be greatly appreciated. For information, call Mary Bittner, 412-651-0720.

### Youth Ministry opportunities:

Monday-Tuesday – December 27 -28 – Kalahari Trip / Saturday-Sunday – January 8 & 9 - Donut weekend!  
Sunday, January 9 – Christmas Party with Sem. Dan as our speaker from 5-7:00 PM – St. Agnes / Sunday, January 30 –  
Serve the Appreciation Dinner at St. Max for the volunteers of St. Thomas./ Saturday-Sunday - February 5-6 – Donut  
Weekend / Sunday, February 6 – Meeting with Sem. Dan. / Saturday-Sunday - February 12-13 – Superbowl weekend &  
Hoagie Weekend! / Sunday, February 27 – Serve the “February Affair” at St. Max.

### SOS – for all youth in grades 6-7-8 – Opportunities to serve others:

Sunday, January 23 – Session at St. Therese / Cafeteria from 5-7:00 PM. / Sunday, January 30 – Serve the Appreciation  
Dinner at St. Max for the volunteers of St. Thomas. / Sunday, February 20 – Session at St. Therese Cafeteria from  
5-7:00 PM. / Sunday, February 27 – Serve the “February Affair” at St. Max.

### Religious Education for grades K- 7 will be held:

Sundays; January 9, 23; February 13, 27; March 13, 27; April 10 & 24 from 10:15 AM then attendance at 11:45 AM  
Mass at St. Rita’s. For information, please call or e-mail [lellis@thomastheapostle.net](mailto:lellis@thomastheapostle.net). Thank you for making Religious  
Education a priority.

### Confirmation Preparation:



Grade 8 CCD will meet on Tuesdays, January 11, 25 form 6-7:00 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room.

**All youth wishing to be confirmed will attend the Confirmation Sessions on: Tuesdays; February 1, 8, 15, 22 from  
5:30-7:00 PM in St. Therese Cafeteria.** We do not know the date for Confirmation yet, as soon as we do you will be  
notified. Thank you for your patience and making this preparation a priority.

## *Christmas Flowers*

Mel & Norma Achtzehn, Concetta & Frank Romaro, Edward & Julia Achtzehn req. by **Lori Achtzehn** ~ In memory of  
Michael & Florence Andrews req. by **Carolyn Andrews** ~ Robert, Betty, Bobby Sturgeon, Tom, Betty Jean Hoy, Jerry  
Creek, The Sturgeon, Black, DeCicco Family, Dagnall Family, Creek Family, Snyder Family, Jim Snyder req. by **Donna  
Black** ~ Jean Capristo ~ Jacob Plake req. by **Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cherkes** ~ Joseph & Marion Chonko, William & Louise  
Fenner, Jamie Chonko req. by **Mr. & Mrs. James Chonko** ~ Mrs. Carol Staudt and Mr. Paul Staudt req. by **Rhonda  
Crawford** ~ Edward Czajkoski, Jr. ~ Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dasta ~ In memory of Stephen & Eleanore Denne req. by **Karen  
Denne** ~ Mary Ellen & Pete Diener req. by **Mary Kay & Carol** ~ Anna Dudash, Andrew Ehnot, Florence Ehnot req. by  
**Karen Dudas** ~ Joseph & Catherine Genito, Joseph & Jennie Elko req. by **Donna Elko** ~ Ellis Family, Lemak Family,  
Helen Caster & Bernie Witosky req. by **Lori Ellis** ~ Michael R. Falce Family, W. Mischler Family, McManus Family,  
Maher Family req. by **Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Falce** ~ John J. Fenyus, Verne & Wasil Kewransky, Marlene Morvay, Alberta  
Smith req. by **Carol Fenyus** ~ Deceased Members of Ferchak Family, Deceased Members of Sitko Family req. by **Mr. &  
Mrs. Damian Ferchak** ~ In Memory of Ralph V. Fuehr, Rudolph & Ann Janosko, Dr. R.E.M. Janosko, Janosko Family,  
Gerek Family, Deely Family req. by **Lucille Fuehr** ~ In Memory of Veronica & Edmund Baginski, Rita & Kevin Gardner  
req. by **Rita Gardner** ~ In memory of Ann Sotak, Michael Sotak req. by **Debbie Gaydos** ~ Denis Hirkulich ~ Matt &  
Johanna Curl req. by **Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Holieb** ~ Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hoolahan ~ Ruth Howard req. by **David Howard** ~  
Komorosky Family, Kopco Family req. by **Charles Komorosky** ~ In memory of John & Thelma Kudrik, John & Helen  
Choma req. by **Ruth Kudrik** ~ Madeline Kunz, Shannon Kunz, Joseph E. Kunz, Sr., Lois Kunz req. by **Joseph Kunz** ~ In  
memory of George Lesko, Elizabeth and Andrew Lesko, Peg & Ben Logan req. by **Joan Lesko** ~ Lykowski Family req. by  
**Tom Lykowski & Family** ~ John . & Mary Bost req. by **Daughter, Mary Lou & Family** ~ William & John R. Bost req. by  
**Sister, Mary Lou & Family** ~ Tom & Helen Lordeon req. by **Elaine Mains** ~ Merichko Family, Shamber Family req. by  
**Mr. & Mrs. Robert Merichko** ~ Mr. & Mrs. David Mihalcin ~ In memory of Michael Hruska, Doris Hruska req. by **Mr. &  
Mrs. Mitchell Miller** ~ Mozes Family req. by **Robert & Marianne Mozes** ~ In memory of Carl Munch, Michael Shimko,  
Elizabeth Shimko req. by **Shirley Munch** ~ Marla Nee ~ Steven Nicola req. by **Mr. & Mrs. James Nicola** ~ Everyone req.  
by **Mr. & Mrs. William Plichta** ~ Allison Repine, Jr., Joseph Repine, Jr., Ann and Allison Repine, Sr., Susan & Andrew  
Lesko, Florence & Paul Kolesar req. by **Jean Repine** ~ Raymond Ruffing ~ John & Elizabeth Kukta, John R. Kukta, Mary  
P. Sabol req. by **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sabol** ~ The Deceased Members of the McDonough & Samolis Family req. by Mr. &  
**Mrs. Mark Samolis** ~ Julian & Schneider Families req. by **Mr. & Mrs. John Schneider** ~ In Memory of Tom &  
Marguerite Oeler, A. Frank & Betty Smith req. by **Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Smith** ~ Stoebe/Bodnar Family req. by **Susan  
Stoebe** ~ Scott & Barb Urban ~ Phil Vlasic req. by **Mrs. Philip Vlasic** ~ In memory of Clare & Henry Volk req. by **Etta  
Volk** ~ Jim Wice req. by **Carol Wice** ~ Ruggier-Worek Parents, Pat & Mooney Petrick, JoAnn Russell, Paul Ruggier, Gene  
Worek, Deacon Gerry Como, Michaels Family, Sweeney Family req. by **Mr. & Mrs. Walter Worek** ~

# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HN - Holy Name HT - Holy Trinity RES - Resurrection SA - St. Agnes SJ - St. Joseph SM - St. Max SR - St. Rita ST - St. Therese						1 9:00 HT - Mass Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 4:00 HT, 4:00 SM
2 Regular Mass Schedule	3 Offices Reopen	4 5:30 p.m. Bingo at St. Agnes	5	6 6:00 pm CCD Teachers Dinner	7 11-6:30 SM Fish Fry Noon-4:00 SM Blessed Sacrament Exposed	8 9:30 am SM Donut Making
9 CCD Donut Sale 1:00 pm RES Listening Session 5-7 YM with Sem. Dan	10 7:00 pm ST Baptismal Seminar	11 6:30 pm SM Listening Session 6:00 pm ST CCD	12 RCIA	13 6:00 pm ST Bereavement	14 11-6:30 SM Fish Fry Noon-4:00 SM Blessed Sacrament Exposed	15
16	17	18	19 RCIA	20	21 8:00 AM Mass SA Feast Day 11-6:30 SM Fish Fry Noon-4:00 SM Blessed Sacrament Exposed	22 Rosary Noon at HT Noon at ST
23 CCD 5-7:00 pm ST SOS	24 6:30 pm SM Task Force Mtg.	25 6:00 pm ST 8th Grade CCD	26 RCIA	27 6:00 pm ST Bereavement 6:30 pm SM Pastoral & Finance Council	28 11-6:30 SM Fish Fry Noon-4:00 SM Blessed Sacrament Exposed	29 Throats Blessed at all Masses
30 Throats Blessed at all Masses 2-6:00 pm SM Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	31 Catholic Schools Week Begins Open House					

# Win \$50,000

Benefit of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

Drawing based on the PA Daily Lottery

First three-digit number drawn at 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022**

If there is NO winner that day,  
then the Monday, April 18th drawing, the prize will be \$25,000.

Donation - \$100


Tickets are on sale in the St. Max and St. Therese parish offices

Sell some tickets!

The seller of the winning ticket will win \$2,000.

(You cannot be the seller of your own ticket!)

# Win \$50,000



*For all you do throughout the year  
We are so grateful that you're here*

*Please join us for a  
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner*

*Sunday, January 30, 2022*

*2:00 - 6:00 p.m.*

*St. Maximilian Kolbe Hall*

*Please RSVP to 412-462-8161 or 412-461-1054  
by Friday, January 21st*





*Lancaster County, PA*

*Presented by St. Thomas the Apostle Parish*

*May 10-11, 2022*

**HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

Sight & Sound Millennium Theater's *David* ~ Sturgis Pretzel Factory  
Kitchen Kettle Village ~ Wilbur's Chocolate ~ Lititz ~ Amish Dinner  
Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market ~ Best Western Eden Resort

**TOUR INCLUDES:**

- \*Motorcoach transportation
- \*One night at the Eden Resort
- \*Two meals – 1B & 1D
- \*Reserved show ticket
- \*All sightseeing & admissions
- \*Professional Tour Manager



**TOUR FARE:**

- \$339.00 per person double
- \$329.00 per person triple
- \$409.00 per person single

**To reserve your seat, please call Trish at 412-461-1054**

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St. Maximilian Kolbe Fish Fry  
363 W. 11th Avenue Extension  
Homestead  
(412) 462-1743



Hours: 11:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.  
Weekly Specials  
(January 7-April 29, 2022)

- January 7 — Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti, Salad, Roll
- January 9 — Parish Breakfast
- January 14 — Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable
- January 21 — Beef Tips over Noodles, Salad, Roll
- January 28 — Stuffed Chicken Breast, Potatoes, Vegetable
- January 30 — Parish Appreciation Dinner
  
- February 4 — Fried Pork Chop, Potatoes, Vegetable
- February 5-6 — Donuts
- February 6 — Parish Breakfast
- February 11 — Hot Roast Beef Dinner, Potatoes, Vegetable
- February 12-13 — Hoagie Sale
- February 13 — Super Bowl Party
- February 18 — Stuffed Pepper, Mashed Potatoes, Roll
- February 25 — Country Fried Steak, Potatoes, Vegetable
- February 27 — February Affair
  
- March 2 — Ash Wednesday Lenten Fish Fry
- March 4 — Lenten Fish Fry
- March 5 — Pot of Gold
- March 6 — Parish Breakfast
- March 11 — Lenten Fish Fry
- March 13 — St. Patrick Day Party
- March 18 — Lenten Fish Fry
- March 25 — Lenten Fish Fry
  
- April 1 — Lenten Fish Fry
- April 8 — Lenten Fish Fry
- April 9 — Easter Egg Hunt
- April 10 — Parish Breakfast
- April 15 — Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner
- April 22 — Stuffed Pepper, Mashed Potatoes, Roll
- April 23 — Nite At The Races
- April 29 — Stuffed Chicken Breast (Final Fish Fry Dinner until Fall)

St. Max Fish Fry will resume in September 2022

# St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

## 2022 Mass Intention Form

Our Mass book for 2022 is now open. All Mass Intentions are scheduled at our St. Max parish office. You may schedule ONE weekend Mass and TWO weekday Masses. Please specify where you would like the Mass to be celebrated. Also, if scheduling a weekend Mass, please make your best effort to attend the Mass that you scheduled so that the family can participate in the Mass. The cost of each mass is \$10.00 and MUST be paid at the time of the request. Masses will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Please return form and payment (check should be made payable to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish) in the collection basket (mark envelope "Mass"), drop off at the rectory, or mail it in to 363 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Extension, Homestead, PA 15120. **We will not be able to schedule any Masses over the phone.** Call the rectory if you have any questions. If you would like confirmation of your Masses, please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope.

### PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

YOUR name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for mass intention: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of mass: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Building: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for mass intention: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of mass: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Building: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for mass intention: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of mass: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Building: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** We will do our best to accommodate your request, however, your building preference cannot be guaranteed at this time. Also, it is possible that some Masses have more than one intention scheduled.

### Prayer to St. Thomas the Apostle

Glorious Saint Thomas, Your love for Jesus and faith in him as Lord and God are an inspiration for all who seek Jesus. You encourage us to be courageous in giving witness to faith and in proclaiming the gospel. You lead us to be missionary in our endeavors.

As our patron, pray for us as we build our new parish. We ask your intercession that we may spend ourselves in the service of Jesus and his Mission.

Under your watchful care may we grow in faith and generously use our talents, gifts and vision in the service of Christ Jesus and in love for our neighbor.

### Pope Francis Prayer

#### for Protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We hope entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

#### Religious Exemption from Covid-19 Vaccine

Recently there has been an increase of requests from many of you and at the Bishop's Office. The Holy Father himself has strongly encouraged vaccines and has held vaccination clinics at the Vatican. Pope Francis has gone as far as to say that being vaccinated is an act of love. An individual may have an objection based on his or her personal conscience. This is not a matter of religious belief but rather of one's own conscience. Once again, neither the diocese nor any of its parishes is in a position to provide any written or verbal support for anyone seeking an exemption for the vaccine based on religious grounds.

### Collection Report St. Thomas the Apostle

December 19, 2021

\$29,487

December 26, 2021

Due to an early deadline with our publisher, the collection report will be posted in next week's bulletin.

Totals include all offertory, parish share, energy needs and other collections. Our parish needs \$34,663 each week in order to maintain the buildings, utilities, staff, etc.

### Candles

The Sanctuary Candle at Holy Trinity is lit this week in memory of Schuster-Resko Family requested by Paul & Stephanie Schuster.

The Sanctuary Candle at Resurrection is lit this week in memory of Bill Potosnak requested by Wife & Children.

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Agnes is lit this week in memory of Corinne L. Schneider requested by Michael & Nancy Lapinski.

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Joseph is lit this week in memory of Marjorie Byrnes requested by Daughters.

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Max is lit this week in memory of David, Michael & Zachary Mrazik requested by Family.

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Rita is lit this week in memory of Peter Michlovic requested by wife, Arlene.

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