

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 21, 2018**

Monday	Jan 22	8:30 a.m.	
Tuesday	Jan 23	8:30 a.m.	Lil Biello ~ St. Thomas Staff
Wednesday	Jan 24	8:30 a.m.	Joseph Petrykowski ~ Betty Powell
Thursday	Jan 25	8:30 a.m.	Andy Greskovich ~ Members of SVDP Soc.
Friday	Jan 26	8:30 a.m.	Rosary ~ Communion Service
Saturday	Jan 27	4:30 p.m.	Frank Henderson ~ Family
Sunday	Jan 28	10:00 a.m.	Kathy Mizicko ~ Noon Card Club ~ Flo, Gerri & Kathy



**Today is the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time.** Once again this week our First Reading and Gospel are intertwined in its meaning as was “the calling” last week of Samuel and the first four disciples. This week, the proclamation of Jesus to repent and believe in the Gospel not only echoes the words of John the Baptist, but parallels Jonah’s call to the Ninevites to repent. What is unique about the proclamation of Jesus is the preface to his announcement in which he states, “This is the time of fulfillment.” We, and the disciples, will come to know Jesus in the fulfillment of all of God’s promises. Without knowing this, Simon and Andrew respond to the call of Jesus to come after him and become fish for other followers. James and his brother John are the next to trust in the possibilities of what following Jesus could bring.

**Our 50/50 “Pot of Gold” is rapidly growing.** The first two weeks have not produced a winner. The total for week three is at least \$177.00! To become eligible, all you need to do is drop \$2 in your “Pot of Gold” envelope each week, and that will activate your envelope number for that week. Mid-week we will pull a number from all the envelope numbers, and that activated number will win 1/2 of the money collected from those special envelopes. If the number was not activated because the envelope was not used, the unclaimed total will continue to roll over until we get a winner. Your activated envelope number will only be good for the date shown on the envelope, so you will need to activate it each week to be eligible. Good luck to all. Please note... please do not include your 50/50 raffle chances using just one check with your regular weekend donation. We need to keep the money separate from the regular collection. You must use your 50/50 envelopes. Thank you.

**Our Reverse Raffle & Spaghetti Dinner is Saturday!** This event is sponsored by Leo’s Restaurant. Your \$25 ticket can be purchased at the door or available now in the office. That ticket will entitle you to an evening of great food and lots of fun! Over \$3,000 will be given away that evening; the last ticket in the barrel will win \$1,500.00. You can also win money coming in second (\$1,000) and third place (\$500), on a coverall Bingo, a 50/50 drawing, a \$200 money jar, fast \$50 drawings, and the unknown wild card in all of it: the Lucky 7 Drawing. If you have never been to a reverse raffle, check it out, you will enjoy yourself, have a delicious complete Italian Spaghetti dinner and possibly be richer when you walk out of the door.

**Welcome all our visitors who are with us this weekend.** You are always welcome... we would love to have you. You can find on the welcome/information table in the gathering space new parishioner packets if would like to join our parish family. You can also find a book on our parish organizations and who to contact if you would like to join... maybe you can offer us something to improve our faith community. We all bring different gifts to the church and to the altar. It is our call to share those gifts.

**Save the Date...** Everyone is invited to attend an “End of Life Issues” Seminar on Sunday, January 28 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at St. Christine Parish Center located at 3165 S. Schenley Ave. in Youngstown. Admission is free and topics of discussion will be: “What is the Catholic Church’s teaching on End of Life?; What is the role of Hospice?; Why the Hospice chaplain?, etc.

**Save the Date... Catholic Charities Regional Agency presents “A Taste of Trumbull”** to be held on Friday, January 26 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at John F. Kennedy School, upper campus. Come enjoy food, prizes and friends. Food will consist of a sampling of Trumbull County’s best restaurants, churches and specialty shops. Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

**Next weekend, the Diocese of Youngstown** will hold the Church Overseas Combined Collection in order to assist the Church in its various ministries throughout the world. Please remember, as we move toward the season of Lent, the need to support these important programs of charity in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Catholic Relief Services- which help victims of natural disasters, refugees, the hungry and development projects.

**There is a combined Parish Council and Finance Committee meeting** scheduled for Wednesday night, January 24 at 7:00 p.m., classroom #2.

**Our Liturgy Committee met last week** and we have some interesting changes for our Lenten Season. Details coming soon.

**Relay for Life Team** will again be sponsoring a book sale during this year’s fish dinners. We would greatly appreciate donations of both hardback and paperback books. There will be a box in the church gathering space for donations. **Thank you!**



**Religious Education is selling Daffin Candy Bars** at only \$1.00 in 7 different varieties. They are available in the Rectory and will be sold during fish dinners and Lenten lunches.

**TGIF (Together Growing in Faith) will meet Sunday, February 11 at 3:30 p.m. (don’t forget to bring your favorite soup to share.)** Just drop it off at the Parish Center before Mass. Please be in your seat by 3:20 to prepare for Mass. This program is for people of all ages. **Everyone is invited.**

**First Reconciliation will be celebrated on February 11, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. prior to T.G.I.F. in the church.** Please arrive 10 minutes early. Please keep the families of: Caden Brubaker, Dane Brubaker, Joey Constantine, Jessa Detelich, Caden Fridley, Cristian Gasser, Levi O'Brien, Lexie O'Brien, Jared Pegg, Brayden Smith, Taylor Vaughn and Lyla Yasnowski in your prayers.


**\*\*SOUPER BOWL OF CARING -“TACKLE HUNGER” Feb 3rd & Feb 4th Collections will benefit Vienna Food Pantry and St. Vincent De Paul Society. Volunteers are needed to hold pots at exits after each Mass. \*\* Call 330 -394-2461.**

**Fish Dinner Youth Sign Up** - Youth grades 6-12 who are willing to volunteer at fish dinners **MUST CALL** the parish office to sign up. Call 330-394-2461.




**Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Bus Trip to Wheeling Island Casino is February 13, 2018.** We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and return approximately at 7:00 p.m. The incentive from Wheeling is \$25.00 in free play. Call Judy at 330-448-4856 if you would like to go. If you have a card number, please give it to Judy when you make a reservation. The price of the trip is \$25.00. Your reservation must be paid as soon as possible when you have a confirmed seat. If you cancel, money will only be refunded if we can fill your seat. As always, do not board the bus until Judy or Shirley have checked you in. Please do not ask for special seating. We will do our best to accommodate you.


*Please remember in prayer*



**Livia “Lil” Biello**  
**Kathy Spess**  
**Al Zarella**




*May they rest in peace.*

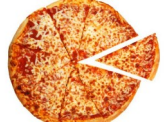


*Altar flowers were donated by*  
**Judy Bodnar**  
*in memory of*  
**Rudy Bodnar**

**Women’s Guild Meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 4** after the 10: 00 Mass. Discussions will include : calendar, bylaw amendments, Lenten lunch, fundraisers, and never too early to discuss the Christmas Party!



**St . Vincent de Paul Society**  
will be selling pizza on Ash Wednesday.  
Look for order forms in next week’s bulletin.



**TIME, TALENT, TREASURE**

<b>Sunday 1/14/18</b>	<b>\$4944.45</b>	<b>147 Envelopes</b>
<b>Heating</b>	<b>170.00</b>	<b>5 Envelopes</b>

**Electronic giving for November - \$2440.30**  
**Electronic giving for December - \$1840.30**

**Sign up for electronic giving at**  
**theapostlethomas.com**

**Our Pot of Gold winning number was 331.**  
**They did not activate their number so there is**  
**at least \$177.00 in next week’s drawing.**

**Financial Contribution Statements will only be mailed if requested.**  
**Please do not call the office to request your statement.**  
**Return this form either by mail or place it in the collection basket.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_