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| Monday | Jan 15 | 8:30 a.m. | Fr. Nicholas Shori |
| Tuesday | Jan 16 | 8:30 a.m. | |
| Wednesday | Jan 17 | 8:30 a.m. | |
| | | 9:30 a.m. | Mass ~ O'Brien Nursing Home |
| Thursday | Jan 18 | 8:30 a.m. | |
| Friday | Jan 19 | 8:30 a.m. | Rosary ~ Communion Service |
| Saturday | Jan 20 | 4:30 p.m. | Ida Pacileo ~ Vincent Pacileo |
| Sunday | Jan 21 | 10:00 a.m. | Rudy Bodnar ~ Family |



Today we return to a brief time in the church season called Ordinary Time. It will run until the first Sunday of Lent, then will resume later this year after we conclude the Easter season with the celebration of Pentecost. These few weeks will center our attention on who were the first disciples to follow Jesus and how they were called. The Gospel for today brings our attention to the choice of two of John the Baptist's disciples to follow Jesus after John identified Jesus as the Lamb of God. This corresponds to today's First Reading when God calls Samuel. As Samuel realizes that the Lord was calling him, so the disciples recognize Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus, the Messiah, is the Lamb of God, a connection of titles early in the Gospel according to John, whose meaning the disciples will fully understand on the road to Jerusalem.

Our 50/50 Raffle on specially marked "Pot of Gold" envelopes got off to a quick start. All you need to do is drop \$2 in that 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 winning total will roll over for the next week. It 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. Check the bulletin each week to see if we had a winner, or how big the pot has grown. 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.*

Last weekend, on the Feast of the Epiphany, we blessed and distributed our 2018 calendars. There are some remaining, and you can pick those up on the table to your right in the gathering space as you leave church. We also have some Italian calendars left and those can be picked up in the sacristy. Thanks to our parishioners Mr. Rob Dillon and Mr. Chelsey Santucci for supplying us with our new calendars.

Saturday, January 27... Reverse Raffle & Spaghetti Dinner is coming! 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 great 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.

March for Life... Buses are being organized in various locations throughout the Diocese to take pilgrims to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 19, 2018. To find a bus near you, contact Mr. Dave Schmidt at the Diocese's office of Pro-Life, marriage & Family Life at 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or on line at dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

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.



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.

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 CLASS INFORMATION - Parents please finish working with your child on his/her First Penance poster. Bring poster, t-shirt and wallet size photo to the mandatory Parent/Student meeting which will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17th at St. Thomas's parish center. Classes are mandatory to receive the Sacrament.

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.**

Mass scheduling - Each family may schedule unlimited weekday Masses. One weekend Mass per family may also be scheduled. Intentions are for one name or one family name only. You may call or come to the office to schedule.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on January 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the meeting room at our Parish Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.



**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.**



*Altar flowers were donated
by
Shirley Wittenauer
in memory of
Jim Wittenauer*

TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

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| Sunday 1/7/18 | \$5424.60 | 172 Envelopes |
| Sunday 12/31/17 | 4308.00 | 67 Envelopes |
| Christmas | 193.00 | 7 Envelopes |
| Heat | 20.00 | 1 Envelope |

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

**Our first Pot of Gold winning number was 333.
They did not activate their number so \$92.00
rolls over to next week!**

**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 _____