

DAILY MASS
Saturday, September 15
5:00pm (Church) MARY MELNICK by The Brennecke Family

Sunday, September 16
9:00am (Church) FOR THE PEOPLE

11:00am (Chapel) CLAUDIA & RICK SMIRNOFF by Tom & Linda Gibbs

Monday, September 17
NO MASS

Tuesday, September 18
8:30 am (Church) FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Wednesday, September 19
8:30am(Chapel) FOR WORLD PEACE

Thursday, September 20
8:30am(Church) FOR ALL MILITARY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Friday, September 21
8:30am (Church) INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday, September 22
5:00pm (Church) CATHERINE EASLY by Jane & Tom Sullivan

Sunday, September 23
9:00am (Church) MATTHEW GREGG by Cary & Amy Ritchey

11:00am (Chapel) FOR THE PEOPLE

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Week of September 1-2

Adult Envelopes	\$2249.25
Student Envelopes	\$1.00
Loose Contributions	\$194.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$156.00

Quote of the Week

Lord, we pray for all victims of sexual abuse. And for healing of the Church. Send your gifts of the Spirit that all may be renewed. Amen

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT
ALTAR SERVERS

Sept. 15:	5:00pm	
Sept. 16:	9:00am	Aidan Steele
Sept. 22:	5:00pm	
Sept. 23:	9:00am	Kade Rhule
Sept. 29:	5:00pm	
Sept. 30:	9:00am	Adam Mikesic
Oct. 6:	5:00pm	
Oct. 7:	9:00am	Caroline Eckenrode

CHURCH LECTOR

Sept. 15:	5:00pm	Dale Claar
Sept. 16:	9:00am	Bill Kirsch
Sept. 22:	5:00pm	Phil Claar
Sept. 23:	9:00am	Agnes Carper
Sept. 29:	5:00pm	Cindy Wicker
Sept. 30:	9:00am	Terri Potchak
Oct. 6:	5:00pm	Mary Lou Brennecke
Oct. 7:	9:00am	Jim Trombetto

CHURCH EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sept. 15:	5:00pm	Bob & Laraine Gregory
Sept. 16:	9:00am	Jerome Conlon-Will Kitt
Sept. 22:	5:00pm	Jane Barlick-Betsie Claar
Sept. 23:	9:00am	Judy Noland-Matt Steele
Sept. 29:	5:00pm	Joe & Laura Tremblay
Sept. 30:	9:00am	Deanie Cafferty-Dick Biemiller
Oct. 6:	5:00pm	Bob & Laraine Gregory
Oct. 7:	9:00am	Jerome Conlon-A. Trombetto

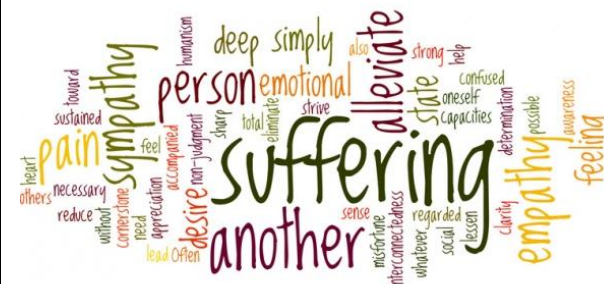
PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST: We will be having a Pancake and Sausage breakfast on **Sunday, September 23 following the 9:00am Mass, in the Church Social Hall.** All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Remembering 9.11.2001
 As we remember the horrific events of 9.11, let us pray for all of the victims and their families and an end to terrorism.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Taking Up Our Cross. Our affluent society does all it can to do away with the reality of suffering. In the eyes of those who are blind to the transcendent, suffering and pain are incompatible with happiness. Funeral homes make it their profession to blur suffering. Medical science alleviates pain, the drug commercials on television advertise their painkillers and sleeping pills, and dope peddlers make it possible to escape a harsh reality. Not all of this is bad. It is service to alleviate pain, to arrange a worthy funeral, and to pray to God for help when we suffer. However, we should regard as un-Christian an attitude that desires at any cost or with dubious means (drug abuse) to do away with both mental and physical suffering that is unavoidable! Since our lives are patterned after the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord, we should in faith be willing to die with him (die to our egotistic selves, which is a painful process, and accept unavoidable suffering) in order to live with him forever. Today's Bible readings deal with the theme of taking up our cross and following in our Lord's footsteps.



Bereavement Support Group:
 Family Hospice Palliative Care is offering a free **Adult Bereavement Support Group at Trinity Lutheran Church, 408 N. 6th St., Altoona, PA 16601.** The group meets every Wednesday for six weeks (Sept. 19-Oct. 24, 2018) from 2:00-3:30pm in the Lower Lounge. It will be facilitated by Kelly Daughenbaugh, a trained social worker. Pre-registration is required. Please call Family Hospice & Palliative Care Bereavement Department at 814-947-7060.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
 Classes begin today, **Sept. 16th, following the 9:00am Mass.** If you have not registered your child for these classes, please do so asap. Please contact Reva Smith, DRE at 242-3388.



MARTINSBURG COMMUNITY LIBRARY FUNDRAISER:
 The Martinsburg Community Library has two great Raffle tickets for sale to raise funds for the Library:
-A hand quilted Queen size quilt, made by local Mennonites and donated to the library. Tickets are \$5.00 a chance.

-A John Deere Gun safe, model Fat Boy Jr, 60" high x 42" wide x 25" deep (or \$1000 cash if preferred). Tickets are \$20.00 each.

Both items will be raffled at the Taste of the Cove IV on October 20, 2018, at Homewood's Givler Cultural Center.

See Jackie Rhule, Dolores O'Dea or Cindy Brumbaugh for Tickets.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Answer: This feast celebrates a double anniversary. In Jerusalem, Constantine erected a round church, the Anastasis, above the empty grave of Jesus, and a basilica, the Martyrium; in the square between the two churches, a shrine, Calvarium, marking the place of the crucifixion. Dedicated in 335, they were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The two churches were rebuilt by Patriarch Modestus of Jerusalem c. 626, but were later destroyed by the Muslims in 1009. The present church of the Holy Sepulcher, rebuilt by the Crusaders, was dedicated in 1149. This day also commemorates the discovery of the Lord's cross by the empress, St. Helena, in 320.

New Question: Who is St. Januarius?



SCHOOL NURSE PROGRAM

Central High School is requesting help with the following hygiene supplies. They need:

BODY WASH

Thank you for your generosity towards our students in need!



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER....

Please pray for the following persons as they struggle with their individual issues:

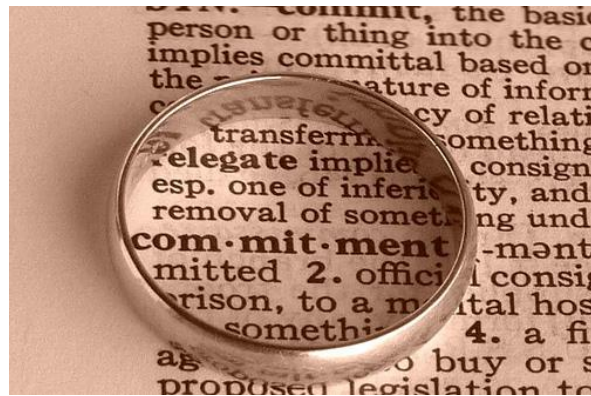
<i>Colleen Ercole</i>	<i>Natalia Torres</i>
<i>Shirley Neely</i>	<i>Fr. James Coveny</i>
<i>Ted DeLozier</i>	<i>Patricia Swartz</i>
<i>Suzanne Bowser</i>	<i>Carrie</i>
<i>Charlotte Malloy</i>	<i>Jeanne DeLozier</i>
<i>Gloria Minori & Family</i>	<i>Kubat Family</i>
<i>Ed Weyandt</i>	<i>Fr. Ray Crosser</i>
<i>Fr. Bernard White</i>	<i>Melanie Cartwright</i>
<i>Kathleen Musselman</i>	<i>Mary Grace Imgrund</i>
<i>Audrey Nale</i>	<i>Janet Mauk</i>
<i>Donald Smith</i>	<i>Joe Resig</i>
<i>Kim Smith</i>	<i>Jill Glunt</i>
<i>Steve</i>	<i>Fr. Phil Johnson</i>
<i>Tom Gibbs</i>	<i>Richard Fagan</i>

May our Lord hear our prayers and bless those in need of his healing love.

Families and the Gospel...

September 16 **Mk 8:27-35**

If we want to be happy at home we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from other ("save ourselves") we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!



St. Thomas More Parish Community

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www.stthomasrerspa.parishesonline.com



Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16, 2018

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: Church: 5:00 pm
Sunday: Church: 9:00 am
Chapel: 11:00 am
Daily: Bulletin
Holy Days: Church 6:30 pm Vigil
Chapel 6:30 pm

Office Hours:

Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm
Bulletin Deadline: 9:00 am Wednesday

Prayer Chain: dostmpray4@gmail.com

or call Dolores O'Dea 793-4902

Facebook Page: St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Roaring Spring PA

Registration: Call the rectory or after Mass

Sacrament of Baptism:

Arrange with Fr. Lynch in advance. Parents required to take Baptismal Preparation Class.

First Holy Communion: Celebrated during the Easter season by Grade 2 Religious Ed students.

Confirmation: Celebrated during the Easter season by Grade 11 Rel. Ed students. Prep begins in Grade 9

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrange with Father Leo. All couples are expected to participate in the pre-marriage preparation program.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated communally in the Fall & Spring; available anytime on request.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Celebrated 20 minutes before weekend Masses and 7:00pm on /Fridays during Lent; available anytime on request.

Rectory: 825 Williams Street
Roaring Spring, PA 16673

Church: 619 East Main Street
Roaring Spring, PA 16673

Chapel: 352 Bedford Street
Claysburg, PA 16625

D.R.E.: Reva Smith – 242-3388

Secretary: Connie Tomlinson - 937-8009

Confirmation Coor.: Laurie Staub - 239-8290

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

(RCIA): RCIA is the process where people from other faith traditions enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. See Father Leo for information.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of believers, in the Roman Catholic tradition, responding to the Risen Lord's invitation to preach the Good News, and, if necessary, to use words.

We are called to form and nurture our faith community through the celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and to minister to each other's needs out of charity for all. Education from cradle to grave enhances our growth and extends the Lord's kingdom.

We share what we have and who we are because our loving Father has revealed to us that faith is a verb, not a noun. We pray that what our Father has given us by way of time, talent and treasure can be transformed into expressions of love for Him and each other.