

The week of September 10

- Monday **Sept 10** 8:30 a.m.
Dianne Smith ~ Family
- Tuesday **Sept. 11** 8:30 a.m.
John Zanni ~ Mary Scialdone
- Wednesday **Sept 12** 8:30 a.m.
Joseph Petrykowski ~ Children
9:30 a.m.
Mass - Orange Village Nursing Home
- Thursday **Sept 13** 8:30 a.m.
- Friday **Sept 14** 8:30 a.m.
Communion Service ~ Rosary
- Saturday **Sept 15** 4:30 p.m.
Frank Bogner ~ Nancy & Rich
- Sunday **Sept 16** 10:00 a.m.
William Hagood ~ Dee Barrick

Today is the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel for this weekend, Jesus fulfills the words of the prophet Isaiah found in the First Reading--- he heals the deaf man with a speech impediment. In Jesus, the deaf hear, and the mute speak. Jesus opens our lives to the gift of salvation he offers. Time after time, Jesus astonishes us like he did the crowds centuries ago. Will we proclaim him as they did?

R.C.I.A. begins soon... What is R.C.I.A.? Those letters stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is a religious education program for all those interested in becoming Catholic, or if you are already Catholic and do not have all the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Communion, Confirmation). If you lack these sacraments as a Catholic, or are interested in joining the Catholic Church, call the parish office at 330-394-2461 for more information, or join us for an informational meeting on Monday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in classroom #2 in the parish center. Is Christ calling you to be his disciple?

The Diocese has announced that Bishop Murry has returned to do some light office work at the chancery this past Tuesday. He thanks everyone for their prayers as he requests continued prayers for his recovery and continued good health.

Welcome all our visitors who are with us this weekend. You are always welcome... and we would love to have you join our parish family. You can find on the welcome/information table in the gathering space, new parishioner packets if would like to join us. You can also find a book of 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.



This Saturday, September 8 is a special day in my ministry. It was on September 8, 1998 that I was first assigned as pastor of St. Vincent DePaul Church in Vienna by Bishop Tobin. This weekend, I now begin my 20th year, as your pastor. I began with St. Vincent DePaul Church, then onto be co-pastor with St. Bernadette Church in Masury, and now as pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church when the two previous parishes merged. Needless to say, many things have changed in our parish over the last 20 years. – Fr. Frank

The Second Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration for 2018 will be held on Sunday, October 21 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Canton. You must pre-register to attend. Call the office at 330-394-2461 by September 20.

We did not have a winner in our “Pot of Gold” jackpot for last weekend (#206). The pot will continue to grow until we get a winner who used their \$2 weekly ‘Pot of Gold’ envelope. The total is now at least \$681.00. Join the weekly fun by dropping in the collection basket your \$2 specially marked envelope. Envelopes must be received by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Our Second Saturday Supper for September is this Saturday! Thanks to all those who worked and supported our Stuffed Cabbage Dinner. Next month... Saturday, October 13, our famous fish dinner makes a return for this Saturday only until Lent next year. Remember, proceeds from these Second Saturday Suppers go directly into paying down our mortgage.

Coming Sunday, September 23...the 9th Annual Faith and Family Festival from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the West Quad of the Walsh University Campus at Walsh College, North Canton, OH. It is a FREE day of fun and fulfillment for families, students, and friends. There will be an opening Mass, local and nationally-known musical acts, activities for kids, young people and families, plus vendors and affordable food by Café Augustine. For more information go to www.faithfamilyfest.org


T.G.I.F. (Together Growing in Faith) Kick-Off is this Sunday. We will begin in Church. Please arrive by 3:15 p.m. to check in. Registration forms were given out at T.G.I.F. in May. If you would like to register or did not receive a form, you can find forms in church or on the Parish’s web page. You must be registered to attend the September 9 T.G.I.F.

The Dillon-Santucci Funeral Home is now open for business. For services or preplanning call 330-856-0918, or go to www.dillon-santucci.com.

This year, our Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. We will focus on the theme **"Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ."** Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical weekend is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical weekend is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a faith community.

The Trumbull County SVDP Society is hosting the play, *Till Beth Do Us Part*, a comedy/drama on September 18 at the T.N.T. in Niles, OH. The tickets are \$15.00. You may make reservations by calling 330-469-6768. Refreshments are served at 6:00 p.m. Curtain time is 7:00 p.m. We will carpool from our parking lot at 5:30 p.m.

Diocesan Policy on Sacraments - Second grade and other students receive their First Reconciliation and First Communion; eighth and ninth grade students receive Confirmation. In order to prepare to receive these Sacraments, students must be enrolled and attend our Religious Education Program (TGIF). For second grade students receiving Reconciliation and Communion, they must begin attending Religious Education when they are 5 years old. Confirmation candidates also need to be actively enrolled in the Religious Education Program from the time of their First Communion to receive their Confirmation.



Meeting Monday, Sept. 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish center. Plan to attend.

The Relay for Life Team is sponsoring a fundraiser at Primanti Brothers Restaurant at the Eastwood Mall on Sunday, Sept. 16 from 11:00 - 11:00. Go there at anytime and 25% of your receipt will be donated back to the Relay team. Flyers will be distributed after Mass. However, you do not need a flyer. When you go, just tell the server before ordering that you are there for St. Thomas Relay for Life. We thank you for your generous support throughout the years.

Liturgy Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 7:00 p.m.
Parish Center - Room 2


Our parish SVDP Society will meet for a picnic on Friday, Sept. 14 at 1:00 pm. at 969 Ridge Rd., Vienna.



The Ladies Guild **CRAFTERS & VENDORS SHOW** is Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9:00 am-3:00 p.m. Call Marsha at 330-534-3749 to reserve a table.

October events for the calendar must be received by Monday, September 24.

Bulletin submissions for September and October should be sent to the office as soon as possible.



Presque Isle Trip
October 24, 2018!
We will leave from St. Thomas at 9:00 am and return at 7:00 pm. The cost of the trip is \$30.00. You will receive \$25.00 in free play. Please call Judy at 330-448-4856 with your name, address, birthdate and player’s card number. Your payment is due as soon as your seat is confirmed. If you cancel your reservation, we will only return your money if we are able to fill your reservation.

You are not able to reserve a specific seat, but we will do our best to accommodate your request.

Stewardship September 2, 2018

Sunday	\$5691.00	183 envelopes
SVDP	289.00	16 envelopes
Exponent	40.00	4 envelopes

Can't be here every weekend? Sign up for electronic giving at theapostlethomas.com or scan the QR Code →

