

# January 15, 2017      Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday**      January 14 Vigil Mass  
 4:00pm      **James Febbriello** req. by Jack & Carol Skorupski

**Sunday**      January 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary time  
 8:00am      **Laraine Leveillee** req. by the family "Birthday Remembrance"  
 10:00am      **John Unfricht** req. by his family

**Monday**      January 16 Martin Luther King, Jr.  
 7:00am      No Mass Intention

**Tuesday**      January 17  
 7:00am      No Mass Intention

**Wednesday**      January 18  
 7:00am      No Mass Intention

**Thursday**      January 19  
 7:00am      No Mass Intention

**Saturday**      January 21 Vigil Mass  
 4:00pm      **Shirley Crean** req. by the family "12<sup>th</sup> Anniv."

**Sunday**      January 22 Third Sunday in Ordinary time  
 8:00am      **Ed Messier** req. by his daughter  
 10:00am      **Tom & Sandy Madden** req. by their children

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**The second collection next weekend will support Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools. Please be as generous as possible.**

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

January 8, 2017      \$4,876.90  
 January 10, 2016      \$5,155.25

***Thank you for your spiritual and financial commitment of our Parish.***



### **Extraordinary Ministers January 21/22**

4:00pm: Armand & Diane Roy  
 8:00am: Claire Crocker & Donald Leveillee  
 10:00am: Lucy Santopietro & Michelina Stanley

### **Lectors**

4:00pm: Marie Noonan  
 8:00am: Paul Murray  
 10:00am: Barbara Huber

### **January 21/22**

# SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Is 49:3,5-6, 1 Cor 1:1-3, Jn 1:29-34  
**Monday:** Heb 5: 1-10, Mk 2:18-22  
**Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20, Mk 2:23-28  
**Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17, Mk 3:1-6  
**Thursday:** Heb 7:25-8:6, Mk 3:7-12  
**Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14, Mk 3:20-21

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**SUN. January 15**  
 8:50am Rel. Ed. Gr. K-10  
 11:00am Coffee Hour after Mass  
 1:00pm Parish-Wide Pastoral Planning  
 Brainstorming Session  
 (Church)  
 Blood Pressure Screenings after  
 all Masses

**TUES. January 17**  
 6:15pm Rel. Ed. Gr. K-6  
 6:30pm Legion of Mary Mtg.  
 6:30pm Parent Mtg/First Communion

**WED. January 18**  
 5:00pm Girl Scout Mtg.  
 6:30pm Choir Prac.

**THURS. January 19**  
 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg.

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Please join us the  
 Church Hall after  
 the 10:00am Mass  
 for some  
 refreshments and visit with your fellow  
 parishioners.

# SNOW DAY DAILY MASS POLICY

In order to insure the safety of those who attend daily Mass during the winter season. Mass will be **cancelled** when Thomaston Schools announce school delays or cancellations for weather related events. If there is a Mass Intention on that day the Intention will be offered the next available date.

Please listen to **WTIC AM, 1080 AM, WTIC 96.5 FM & WFSB – TV Channels 3, 4 & 8** for cancellations. The Mass is broadcast everyday at 10:00AM on WCCT-TV and on Cablevision’s Channel 84 serving Fairfield County. It can also be seen Saturday and Sunday at 5:00AM on WCCT-TV.



Will take place **this** weekend.

**Nurses Scheduled:**  
 4pm: Mary Kamens

8am: Felicia Kepka-Leach, 10am: Cheryl Doyle.

## Question of the Week:

To whom and how am I being called to be the servant of God’s “raising and restoring” Jesus?

**March for Life - 44th  
Anniversary  
Washington, DC - Friday, Jan.  
27th**

“The joy you will experience, through interaction with fellow marchers and the many wonderful speakers and other activities, will keep your Pro-Life lamp burning throughout the year.” CRLC

This year, as last year, the bus will **leave from the Commuter Parking lot located at exit 23 on I 84 in Waterbury around 11:00 pm on Thursday, and arrive back in Waterbury on Friday, Jan. 27th around 11pm.** (Optional meal stops in both directions) The bus will arrive in Washington, DC around 7am. 1st stop: the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Mass or visit); 2nd stop: St. Peter’s Church (Mass or proximity to Congress); 3rd stop: the Washington Plaza Hotel (Archbishop Blair’s Mass); **12 Noon: Rally followed by March for Life; Bus departure at 4:30 pm:** from Folgers Park (2nd St.SE and D St. SE)

Cost for Bus trip is \$58.00 for Adults and \$35:00 for Students. For further information – contact: John Waite 203 509 3506 or email [jceserla@gmail.com](mailto:jceserla@gmail.com) (or check for information in the book rack at Church) Payment may be mailed to the Connecticut Right to Life Corp by Jan. 20th (check made out to CRLC) Attn: MFL 2017, P.O. Box 2343, Waterbury, CT 06722.



The Seraphic Stewards are looking for some volunteers to help with light cleaning in the Church on Tuesday mornings. If you can volunteer 1-2 hours please give the Parish Center a call.

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS  
COLLECTION**

Your investment in our Catholic High Schools will enable us to reach our 2016 Goal of \$250,000 on the weekend of **January 21/22.** Our high schools are institutions of excellence firmly rooted in a vibrant Catholic identity where students are formed in faith. Students are exposed to best practices in teaching and learning with technology, enabling them as graduated to be successful in a complex world. We greatly value your support in providing the most rewarding secondary school experience for the next generation of young adults.



Please remember those men and women who are serving.....God, keep special watch over these men and women serving in the Navy, National Guard, Marine Corps., Air Force, Army, & Coast Guard.



Do you have a concern that causes you sadness that you wish to have lifted up in prayer? Do you have a joy that warms your heart and you want to have lifted up in prayer? Then contact the Saint Thomas Prayer Line. Allow your Church family to assist in the most powerful way we can, through Prayer. You can email your request to: [prayerline@stthomasthomaston.org](mailto:prayerline@stthomasthomaston.org).

## PARISH-WIDE PASTORAL PLANNING BRAINSTORMING SESSION

In order to facilitate the formation of an archdiocesan-required three-year strategic plan for the parish we need to develop our own local approach to meeting those attributes set by Pastoral Planning that identify a healthy and vibrant parish.

Those attributes are:

- 1 Increasing Number of Registered Households
- 2 Robust and Vibrant Parish Ministries
- 3 60 % of Households Attend Sunday Mass
- 4 70% of Households Engaged in Stewardship
- 5 Robust and Energized Evangelization and Community Activity
- 6 Financial/Facilities Healthy and Stable

Everyone is invited to attend a planning session where your ideas to meeting any of the above may be introduced and discussed in group break-out sessions. This approach needs parish-wide participation because the approaches discussed to meet the attributes above will be the basis of our strategic plan. Your input will serve as advisory to me. The parish strategic plan, when implemented, must then be supported by a majority of parishioners because it will describe not only who we are as a Catholic community but also what shall become in the future. Please contact the office if you have questions about the process. Thank you.

The Parish Pastoral Planning Meeting is scheduled for this **Sunday, January 15, 1 – 4 PM in the Church.** Snow date will be January 22. This is your opportunity to become involved and share your ideas in a productive manner for the good of the parish. If you are interested in participating but unable to attend the session please email your input to me at [stc-pastor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stc-pastor@sbcglobal.net). It is important that we do this now so that we may move toward truly becoming a healthy and vibrant parish for the next hundred years.

IS GOD  
CALLING  
YOU?

Imagine what God could do through you.

### **2017 MASS BOOK**

There are still Masses available for 2017. Please call the Parish Center **Mon. – Thurs. 9:00am – 2:00pm** to arrange any Masses you would like celebrated in 2017. The Mass offerings are: **Weekday: \$15.00, Weekend & Holy Days: \$20.00.**

Please remember when calling to arrange Masses, the intention is made for the deceased or for a “Special Intention” if they are living. Thank you.