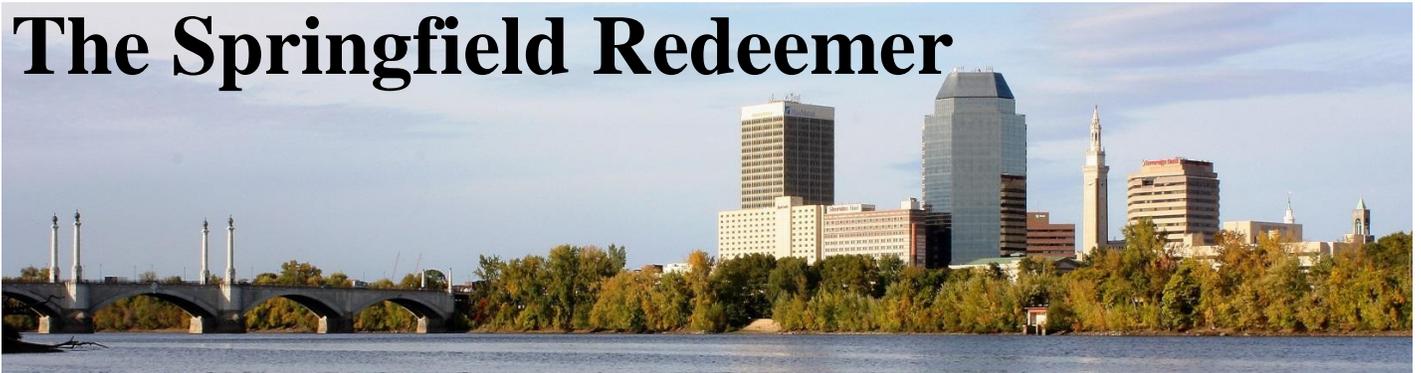


The Springfield Redeemer



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“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and . . . soul, and with all thy mind.” Matt 22:37

Pro-Lifers March for Life in Springfield



been made to stop the killing of unborn babies, including putting forth bills concerning fetal pain, when a fetus is a person, and the conscientious objection to using taxpayer money to fund abortions. Due to years of raising public awareness that babies are in fact being killed by the millions in abortion clinics, and thousands of protestors marching in Washington year after year, the number of abortions is going down, but it is a tough fight, partly because abortion is so lucrative. Nevertheless, we fight on.

The cold rainy weather on Monday morning, January 22, 2018, did not deter the folks of Holy Grounds Coffee House from joining with a group from St. Michael's Cathedral and others to march in Springfield Massachusetts for the defense of the unborn babies. Starting at 11:30 a.m., we marched down State Street to City Hall with our handmade signs, where we gathered with the rest of the marchers. Following a brief meeting there, we made our way back up State Street, talking to passersby about defending the lives of unborn babies as we went.

The occasion was the 45th anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decision where on January 22, 1973, the US Supreme Court, in a 7-2 decision, affirmed the legality of a woman's right to have an abortion. Since then, much progress has

A few years ago, an effort was made to have a march here in Springfield for those who couldn't go to Washington, and each year the event got bigger. Sponsored by Pro-Life of Pioneer Valley, a good group came out this year in spite of not-so-good weather. Pastor Scott Lively, who is running for governor in Massachusetts, urged all those at Holy Grounds Coffee House to partake. He marched with us, and had opportunities to talk to people on the street about the importance of protecting all life, born and unborn. Pastor Scott says, "I pledge this day, that if by God's blessing I become Governor of Massachusetts I will sign an executive order . . . recognizing the personhood of the unborn and tasking every agency under my authority with effectuating that order." He added that he would defend the right to life for unborn babies all the way to the Supreme Court.

The Ten Commandments Part II by Roberta D'Amico

To continue the discussion of the Ten Commandments from last month, we should consider the second group of Commandments. Although the first four are focused on our relationship to God and the second six concern our relationship with other people, really they are all about God.

First of all, one has to ask, why did God give us these commandments? Are they guidelines to live by? Many people believe that the idea is to live up to the rules as best they can and God will give them credit for it. However, this is not biblical. Clearly, the Commandments are God's Principles, the basis of the Law for His Kingdom. The problem is that no one can keep them! The Bible says that by the Law comes the knowledge of sin (Romans 7:7).

So then, if we can't keep the Law, and yet God says, "Be ye perfect, as I am perfect," what hope is there? Shall we give up and forget about the Ten Commandments? Or insist that they are Old Testament and ignore them? On no account! The Ten Commandments are good, perfect, and God's eternal Law. So because we could not keep them, God sent His Son Jesus Christ, who kept the Law perfectly on our behalf.

So our salvation is in Jesus, not in keeping the Law. So why do we need them? To know how to live here on earth. As humans, we must have the standard, to define right and wrong. So let's take a closer look at the 5th to the 10th Commandments.

#5 Learning to honor parents sets the attitude for worshipping our Heavenly Father.

#6 Respect all life, including unborn.

#7 Do not commit adultery. Of all the sexual sins condemned in the Bible, why does adultery make the top ten? Good question! Perhaps because the breaking of any of the Commandments can be seen as "adultery!" You see, God and mankind are the first "married" pair. As Christians we are married to Him. He is our Husband. He must be first in our lives. So, when we trade the real Creator-relationship for a relationship with any created thing, it is spiritual adultery. Consider this:

#8 Stealing: taking something that is not yours, thereby trading a relationship with God for some earthly goods. Wanting something more than you want your relationship with God; adultery.

#9 Bearing false witness, lying. Putting self, pleasures, reputation before God; adultery.

#10 Coveting: abandoning our relationship with God by lusting after something or someone else, or adultery. Coveting is cheating on God.

The Ten Commandments are not just Old Testament. Matt 22 records the greatest commandment in Jesus' words: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. And love your neighbor. But who can do this perfectly? Only our Lord and Savior Jesus. God in His wonderful grace and mercy sent Him to be the propitiation for our sins, and through His indwelling Spirit, He gives us the power to live for Him and in Him! Halleluiah!

Ongoing Events

SUNDAY SERVICES: 10 a.m.- Pastors Bobby & Kim; 1 p.m.- Pastor Brian Greene; and 6 p.m.- Transformation Centered Healing Ministries with Prophet Eric Thomas & Pastor Susan.

MONDAY -- FRIDAY: Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m.

WED – Trust Jesus Recovery at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study 1:00 p.m.

SATURDAY: Lunch 2 to 4 p.m., except first Saturday. **1ST SATURDAY:** February 3, "Marriage with God" 4 to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT: February 24, 7 p.m. Open Mic with Cathy Marvici.