

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I will praise you, in the assembly of your people."

3 May 2015

Saint Thomas More Parish Parish Ministries and Organizations

To contact any of the following groups call the Parish Office
at 850.456.2543

Rev. Father Nicholas Schumm, Pastor

Finance Council

John Godlewski, Chairperson
Keith Elijah, Representative to Parish Council
Mort O'Sullivan

Parish Pastoral Council

Maureen Hanna, Chairperson, 850.377.5201
Jason Danley, Vice-Chairperson
Pam Clyde, Secretary
Grace Amell
Jim Davis
James Donovan
Becky Edmondson
Kathleen Elijah
Sharon Mandel
Norman Nalepa
Anne Smith
Alan Tschirgi

Other Parish Groups and Ministries

Sacred Liturgy — Father Schumm
Organist & Sacred Music — Susan Henderson
Ushers — Charlie Dickin
Religious Education — Rachel Avery
RCIA — Father Schumm
Ladies Altar Society — Grace Amell
Knights of Columbus — Jim Davis
Communion to the Sick — Father Schumm
Bereavement — Charlene Grant
Outreach -- Lynn VanNatter
Respect Life — Kathleen Elijah
HOPE Ministry — Nelson Ortiz
Burse Club — Regina Booth
Book Club — Mary Williams
American Heritage Girls — Kathleen Elijah
Prayer Chain — Susan Soule



WELCOME to Saint Thomas More

New to the parish? We Welcome You!
There are Parish Registration forms in the vestibule,
please fill a form out and give it to an usher/greeter,
place it in the offertory collection,
or stop by the parish office to register .

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY – May 2nd - 4:00 PM
Mont & Irma Buehler †
Req. by Joe Buehler

SUNDAY – May 3rd - 8:00 AM
Otto Appelberg †
Req. by Betty Appelberg

SUNDAY – May 3rd - 10:00 AM
Pro Populo (For Parishioners)

MONDAY – May 4th - 6:40 AM
No Mass

TUESDAY — May 5th - 6:40 AM
Elizabeth Bromert †
Req. by Jean Bromert

WEDNESDAY – May 6th - 6:40 AM
Burl Scott †
Req. by The Hannas

THURSDAY – May 7th - 6:40 AM
Nguyen Tinh II †
Req. by The Watsons

FRIDAY – May 8th - 6:40 AM
Mother's Day Intentions

SATURDAY – May 9th - 4:00 PM
Ben Lambert †
Req. by Jo Gantt

Parish Events:

Parish Pastoral Council

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, **May 21st**, starting at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Council members sit at the table. Other parishioners are welcome to attend and sit in the row of chairs provided. For more info call Maureen Hanna (850) 377-5201.

STM Ladies Altar Society

Next Meeting will be this Sunday, **May 10th**, after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. They usually meet on the second Sunday. All women of the parish are welcome. For more info call Grace Amell at (850) 458-3557.

Knights of Columbus

Father Keating Council #15836

Next business meeting will be on Tuesday, **May 12th**, at 6:00 PM in Parish Hall. For more info call Grand Knight Jim Davis at (850) 380-3993.

American Heritage Girls Troop

invites Catholic Girls ages 5-18 to join a Christ-centered scouting program. Our troop meets two times per month on a Monday at 6:30 PM in our Parish Hall. For more information contact Kathleen Elijah at (850)457-0358 or Email: ashersmom99@yahoo.com

Book Club Meeting – The next meeting will be on Tuesday, **May 5th**, at 9:30 AM in the Parish Office and Activities Center. The book for May will be “Burying Father Tim” by Tom Robertson.

HOPE Ministry stands for “Helping Our Praying Elders.” Nelson Ortiz has been authorized to sit with those who are in hospital or homebound to relieve care-givers for a few hours. 456-2543

Religious Education classes are held Sundays from 8:50 AM until 9:50 AM. Parents should bring children to R.E. classrooms in the Parish Office and Activities Center at 412 Bayshore Drive.

Weekly Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be said here at Saint Thomas More Parish **every Wednesday morning** at 7:00 AM following the 6:40 AM Daily Mass.

Prayer Chain is a group of parishioners who, upon request, pray for the intentions of others. Requests are communicated to the group via email. If you have a prayer request or would like to join the group please contact Susan Soule. 455-1690 or



May Crowning of Mary

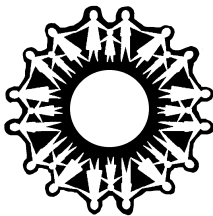
at every Mass this weekend.

May is dedicated to Mary our Blessed Mother - Queen of Heaven. Let's make an effort to say a daily rosary in the month of May.

Saint Thomas More Outreach

Anyone interested in volunteering for a diocesan service agency, can contact the agency as follows: *Alpha Center - 850-479-4391 *Washburn Center - 850-435-7427 *St. Vincent's - 850-434-1456 *St Joseph's Clinic - St. Joseph Parish 850-436-6461

Any parishioner interested in serving on the Saint Thomas More Outreach committee, please contact Lynn VanNatter, 850-456-1070 or lynnvannatter@yahoo.com. Thank You.



Saint Thomas More Outreach News, April, 2015

Our parish outreach will support Warrington Emergency Aid Center (WEAC), 4 W Sunset Avenue by providing volunteer support and donations of food staples, good condition clothes and linens, particularly blankets and towels. This is an ongoing effort. For more information regarding volunteering and/or donations, contact Lee Ann Sylves, Committee Chair for WEAC, 723-4974.

SPECIAL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Catholic Charities Outreach Volunteers

Matthew Knee, Director, Pensacola & Fort Walton Beach

Kneem@cc.ptdiocese.org (email with name, phone number, your parish and area of interest and you will be called)

Volunteer Positions Open: (Positions open to men and/or women)

***Catholic Charities, Sixth Ave** - Front Desk, answering phones, meeting people, screening, etc. - COA Accredited so these positions require completion of online courses

****Catholic Charities, Caring Coach** - Show up and distribute food with the mobile food pantry to feed the poor, Escambia and Santa Rosa County – No special training required

*****Catholic Charities, Circles** - Occupy/babysit children while parent(s) participate in class - Volunteer to assist with career planning, Allies (assist in job placement), training, education requirement, budgeting, etc Tues evenings, weekly, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, lasting 1 ½ to 2 Hrs

******Guardian Ad Litem** - Guardian Ad Litem Program, Joan Irby Volunteer Coordinator - 1800 W. St. Mary Ave., St 3 Pensacola, FL 32501 850-595-3729

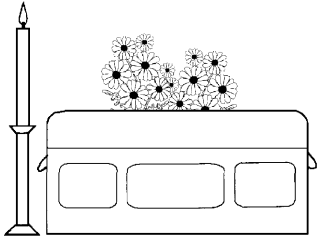
St. John School Sunset Run:

The 32nd annual St. John Catholic School (Pensacola) Sunset 5k Run will be held **next Saturday, May 9th**. The 5:30 pm race follows the shoreline of Bayou Grande on a USATF certified course for runners and walkers, followed by a one mile fun run. Registration for the run is available on active.com or by visiting/contacting the school at 325 South Navy Blvd., (850) 456-5218.

HOLIEST FLOWER

Mary is the lily in God's garden.

—St. Bridget of Sweden



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION Over time, the crisis of last illness and the way the faithful met death changed. In earliest times, a sickbed vigil was an occasion for the community to gather and strengthen the dying person with assurances of love. A thousand years ago, in part because of massive upheavals in society, a new emphasis on individual repentance captured the imagination of millions. Death was to be feared, because it was about judgment. The delights of heaven’s banquet dimmed, since most people saw God’s just judgment and inevitable punishment intervening. If a community gathered at all, it was not to express faith in the Resurrection, but to seek forgiveness for those who were powerless to help themselves. The dead couldn’t improve their situation, but their loved ones, by expressing sorrow for sin, could. Better yet, the clergy could, if they intervened in a timely fashion, provide the absolution needed for everyone to relax. Ministry to the sick shifted away from a ministry of consolation toward a challenge to repent before it was too late. As the sense grew that most people died with their work of repentance incomplete, the color black was reintroduced to funerals. It was the old pagan way of expressing despair. No wonder they call this time in history the “Dark Ages.” Many layers have had to be peeled away to reveal the deepest, most positive expressions of our tradition of care for the dying. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

This Weeks Diocesan 2nd Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend, **May 2-3 for our Diocesan Retired Priest’s Fund, The Shepherd’s Trust.** The proceeds from this collection will help provide a better standard of living for those priests who have dedicated their lives to serving the people of Northwest Florida. Please be generous and remember to support our retired priests with both your financial assistance as well as your prayers.



Stamp Out Hunger Day,

May 9th, 2015 is the day all postal carriers will pick up food staples to give to the needy. This year, all donations from the 32507 zip code, will be delivered to Warrington Emergency Aid Center, 4 W. Sunset Blvd. Please give generously.



BEARING FRUIT “Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” John’s words come to us on this day when the Gospel passage presents us with the great image of the vine and the branches. Jesus uses the image as a warning to those who have begun to distance themselves from the way of the Lord. One of the ways this happens is when we love God and others “in word or speech” instead of “in deed and truth.” What does it mean for us to “remain in Christ”? In an extension of the metaphor, the Lord gives us an example. If we remain in him, we will bear much fruit. As the branches, we draw strength from Christ who is the vine. This strength enables us to bear fruit—to do the work of true discipleship. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Bishop Parkes, Pensacola Clergy and Religious Men & Women Appreciation Supper: The Knights of Columbus Pensacola Council #778 will be celebrating the Year for Consecrated Life, by honoring Bishop Parkes and the greater-Pensacola area clergy and religious with a dinner and celebration in their honor at V-Paul’s on Palafox, Pensacola, Monday, June 15th. All profits and donations will go toward the clergy and religious in attendance. Tickets are \$200 per couple, or \$125 for a single ticket. If interested in a making a donation, or attending, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Andy Chambers, 850-777-0376.

Televised Mass is available in the Pensacola area at 10:30 a.m. Sundays on Cox cable channel 12, (WJTC/UPN Mobile). Following the Mass, Catholic in America, produced by the television ministry at St. Dominic Parish in Panama City, will air. This program uses a newsmagazine format to promote the activities and ministries found at our parishes. Tune in at 11 a.m. (Central) to channel WJTC44. The program is available in the Pensacola, Mobile and Fort Walton Beach areas on local cable networks.

Catholic Young Adult Activities Pensacola:

Third Thursday Theology on Tap at Goatlips Deli at 7 pm; * Every other Tuesday; Bible Study * First Saturday Service at Alfred Washburn Center; * Exalt and Praise and Worship *Monthly Social activities. Facebook: Pensacola Catholic Young Adults



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17
or Jn 17:11b-19

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Mark



"A Church Fully Alive"

CSA - Catholic Sharing Appeal 2015

Our Parish Goal for this year is \$40,391.39.

Any overage after we reach the goal will come back to the parish for use in programs and improvements. Please return your pledge card as soon as possible or you can make your pledge online by visiting the

Diocesan Website at www.ptdiocese.org.

Thank You for any support you can give our Parish.

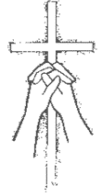
Safety Concerns at Saint Thomas More Parish

- Please do not park in any areas marked red on the curbs. These spaces are kept clear for emergency vehicles only.
- Please secure your vehicles when parking on church property. In your parked cars do not leave purses or items within view.
- The side doors of the church (near the statues of St. Joseph and Our Lady) are locked a few minutes before Mass begins. If one arrives late use the front doors of the church (come through the vestibule). This is a recommendation by the Diocesan Insurance and Safety Program.
- Parents: please do not let little children go to the restrooms unattended. Be watchful of your children at all times.

*Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ
at work in the world.*

Please, pray for our sick parishioners:

Alberta Clarke
Ricky Crowds
Aloha Georges
Murphy Greene
Charles Hanson
Catherine Henderson
Susan Henderson
Xavier Holm
Margaret Lambert
Barbara Lough
Helen Manley
Albert Mayfield
David Segers
Frank Sylves
Leanne Sylves
Edna Thompson



If you want a name to appear or to be removed, please call the **parish office 456-2543**.

If someone needs the *Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick*—please call the parish office. If no one answers, please leave a message with name and phone # and the priest will call you back.

MASS INTENTIONS ARE

AVAILABLE FOR

JULY 2015 -- DECEMBER 2015



Our parish website:

www.sainthomasmore.net

On Facebook look up:

"Saint Thomas More Parish"

LIKE us on FB!

You may use your smartphone to scan this QR Code to donate for offertory, maintenance, and gifts for **Saint Thomas More Catholic Church.**



VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

The Catholic Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors. They are available to help persons who have been sexually abused.

The Coordinator for the Pensacola/Fort Walton area is Louis M. Makarowski Ph.D., P.A. at (850) 477-7181.