

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power"

10 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

Casey Craft

James Etheridge

to Saint Thomas More Parish

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 9th - 4:00 PM

Ben Lambert †

Req. by Jo Gantt

SUNDAY – May 10th - 8:00 AM

Mother's Day Intentions

SUNDAY – May 10th- 10:00 AM

Pro Populo (For Parishioners)

MONDAY – May 11th- 6:40 AM

No Mass

TUESDAY — May 12th - 6:40 AM

Colleen Coburger †

Req. by Jane & Barbara Pearson

WEDNESDAY – May 13th - 6:40 AM

Helga Walter †

Req. by Inge Petit

THURSDAY – May 14th - 6:40 AM

John Hounsell †

Req. by Mary Williams

FRIDAY – May 15th - 6:40 AM

Mother's Day Intentions

SATURDAY – May 16th - 4:00 PM

Randy Williams †

Req. by Mary Williams

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, **June 2nd**, at 9:30 AM in the Parish Office and Activities Center. The book for May will be “The Yellow Birds by Kevin Powers”.

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 4susu8@gmail.com



Happy Mother's Day

And may God Bless all of our Mothers as we celebrate them in a special way by honoring and remembering them this weekend.

1st Holy Communion at

Saint Thomas More Parish

Sunday May 17th at the 10 AM Mass

Please keep our children in prayer as they discover the joy and the importance of the Holy Eucharist.



Rest In Peace

James “Ricky” Crowdus

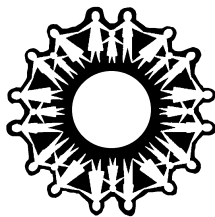
And

Mary Jane “Sue” Suchy

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

Our parish outreach also supports 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.

Diocesan 2nd Collections

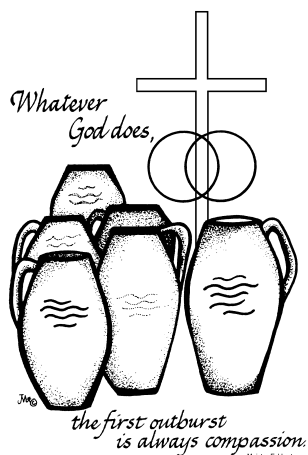
May 16/17 for Catholic Communication

Next week, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

June 27/28 for Peter's Pence

DEEP DEBT

My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her. —George Washington



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION With June not far off, attention in the parish turns to the celebration of weddings. Perhaps no other area of parish life is more shaped or challenged by the expectations of our culture. An old Irish proverb, “Marry in Lent and you’re soon to repent,” is amplified by another warning: “Marry in May and rue the day!” Memories of old pagan parties in May endured, and the Irish felt wedding receptions in May would be a stress on community morals. Queen Victoria did not approve of May weddings either, and her influence is still felt on family calendars, as is her daughter’s introduction of the white wedding gown. Sometimes we mistake customs and curiosities for tradition. Tradition with a capital “T” has to do with Christ’s miraculous rescue of the wedding feast at Cana, his affirmation of a man and woman pledging lifelong fidelity at the heart of a community’s feast. The Church cherished that memory over time, but it took a millennium for us to think of marriage as a sacrament. Much of the rest of what we associate with weddings has to do with culture, customs, and family practices. A wise rabbi once said that “tradition is not wearing your father’s hat; tradition is having a child.” Don’t let Queen Victoria reign over your wedding plans! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Pensacola Catholic High School Baccalaureate Mass

Friday May 15, 2015, 7:00 PM

St Paul Parish, Pensacola

Pensacola Catholic High School Graduation

Saturday, May 16, 2015 3:00 PM

Olive Baptist Church, Pensacola

*(May 16th Father Nicholas Schumm will be attending graduation
Father Pete Mc Laughlin will be here for confessions and 4PM Mass)*

Saint John Catholic School Open Registration

For new students registration has begun for the 2015-16 school year. Come and join our Saint John family by enrolling your child in our K4-8th grade school. Scholarships are available that may cover all or most of the tuition fees. Class size is limited and registration will secure a student’s place. Come visit us at 325 S. Navy Blvd, call (850) 456-5218, or visit our website at www.stjohnpensacola.com.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER Last Sunday we heard the familiar passage from John’s Gospel in which Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and the branches. In that passage we were told that if we remained in Christ we would bear much fruit. Today’s Gospel tells us just what that fruit is: love. Today’s second reading and Gospel together create a great hymn to love. The chorus of this hymn is simple—God loves us so much that Jesus was sent into the world so that we would have life. The Lord Jesus, who last week told us to remain in him, this week tells us to remain in his love. In a world marked by division and terrorism, the Lord’s final words in today’s Gospel are a great challenge: “This I command you: love one another.” 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 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for
Ascension); otherwise Acts 1:15-27, 20-26;
Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2,
11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or,
for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Tuesday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (Transferred to Sunday)

Friday: St. Isidore

Saturday: Armed Forces Day



"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

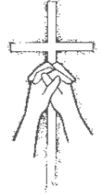
- Please do not park in any areas marked red on the curbs. These spaces are kept clear for emergency vehicles only.
- Please secure your vehicles when parking on church property. In your parked cars do not leave purses or items within view.
- The side doors of the church (near the statues of St. Joseph 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.

Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.

—St. John Chrysostom

Please, pray for our sick parishioners:

Alberta Clarke
Aloha Georges
Murphy Greene
Charles Hanson
Catherine Henderson
Susan Henderson
Xavier Holm
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.saintthomasmore.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.