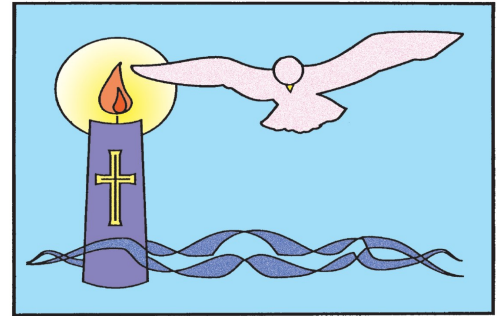


Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

*“God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord”*



17 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

**Grace Eileen Gavagni
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 16th - 4:00 PM
Randy Williams †
Req. by Mary Williams

SUNDAY – May 17th - 8:00 AM
STM Sick and Homebound
Req. by Ladies Altar Society

SUNDAY – May 17th- 10:00 AM
Pro Populo (For Parishioners)

MONDAY – May 18th- 6:40 AM
No Mass

TUESDAY — May 19th - 6:40 AM
Oresta Freelin †
Req. by Ladies Altar Society

WEDNESDAY – May 20th - 6:40 AM
Paul Smith †
Req. by Smitty Smith

THURSDAY – May 21st - 6:40 AM
Bob Jones †
Req. by Mary Ann Kunselman

FRIDAY – May 22nd - 6:40 AM
Mother's Day Intentions

SATURDAY – May 23rd- 4:00 PM
John J. Suchy, Jr. †
Req. by The Suchy Family

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, **June 14th**, 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, **June 9th**, at 6:00 PM in Parish Hall. For more info call Grand Knight Jim Davis at (850) 380-3993.

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 home-bound to relieve care-givers for a few hours. 456-2543

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.

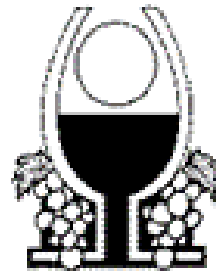
Prayer Chain is a group of parishioners who, upon request, pray for the intentions of others. Requests are communicated to the group via email. If you have a prayer request or would like to join the group please contact Susan Soule. 455-1690 or 4susu8@gmail.com

1st Holy Communion
Saint Thomas More Parish
Sunday May 17th at the 10 AM Mass

God bless and Congratulations to

Adrianna Marie Delph
Bobbi "Paige" Knapp
Nicholas Stone Wetzel

as they receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time.



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

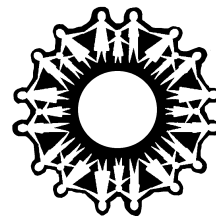
Saint Thomas More Outreach

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.



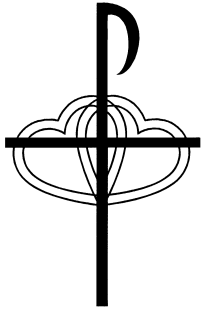
Diocesan 2nd Collections

May 16/17 for Catholic Communication

This 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

RE Saint Thomas More Religious Education Classes are ending for the this 2014 -2015 school season. We will resume classes for the 2015 - 2016 school season in the Fall, watch the bulletin for dates and information. Have a blessed, safe summer.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION Surprisingly, the church moved very slowly in claiming marriage as a focus of attention and care. Nearly everywhere in the Roman world, citizens agreed on how to celebrate marriage. Consent of the man and woman is what made a marriage valid in the eyes of the law, and although there was a traditional ceremony, it was home-based and optional. The ceremony was for showing the social status of the families involved (the procession ideally detoured through crowds), and for reminding the woman of her legal transfer from her father's control to her husband's. The "big moment" of the ceremony had nothing to do with vows, but with the bride's donning the yellow veil with red highlights that was the daily wear of married women. A wedding feast included soothsayers and animal sacrifice to the new household's gods. Christians found that distasteful, of course, but since marriage was a family matter, they could edit things out. The church was comfortable with this, and sometimes recom-

mended that the couple seek the advice of the bishop. His permission was only required for the marriage of a cleric, or for a marriage Rome didn't recognize, such as between a free woman and a slave. There was no blessing, no liturgy, no priest. Christians followed the customs of the day, but they knew that custom and relationships were transformed from within themselves by the fact of their baptism. Outwardly, Christians married exactly as their pagan neighbors, but they certainly invested the usual gestures with a dynamic sense of Christ's presence.

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Religious and Clergy Appreciation Pensacola Council 778 of the Knights of Columbus has organized a Clergy Appreciation dinner for all of the Pensacola area priests, Monsignors, Deacons, Sisters, and of course the Bishop. It is open to all parishioners in Pensacola as well as members of The Knights of Columbus. Each K of C Council in the Pensacola area has been allocated two tables of eight people for this event. Please run an announcement in the church bulletin advertising this dinner.

What: Religious and Clergy Appreciation Dinner

Where: V-Paul's Italian Ristorante, 29 Palafox St., Pensacola, FL. 32502

When: Monday June 15th. 5-9 PM

Why: In 2013 Pope Francis declared that a year of Consecrated Life (YCL) be celebrated throughout 2015. The Knights of Columbus support our Pope, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons.

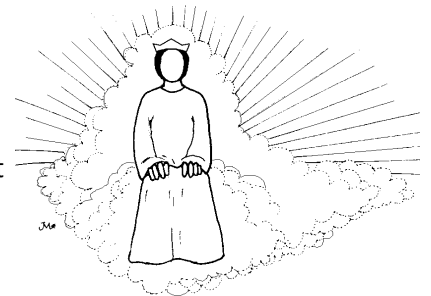
Please join Bishop Parks, Fr. Schumm and many of the Pensacola area clergy for this event.

Cost: \$100 each for non-clergy guests. Point of Contact: Jim Davis, Grand Knight, Fr. Keating Council #15836, (850) 380-3993. Please **RSVP by June 7th.**

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Today we celebrate one of the tenets of our creed: that the Lord ascended into heaven. From Mark's Gospel we hear the final words Jesus spoke to his disciples shortly before he ascended into heaven. Those were words of commissioning, no less real for us today than they were to the disciples then. We are called to "proclaim the gospel to every creature." For the vast majority of us, this means that we proclaim the gospel by the witness of our everyday lives. Treating others with dignity and respect, providing for those less fortunate than ourselves, being good stewards of the many gifts showered on us, coming together as God's family in worship and praise—these are all signs that the gospel has taken root in our lives.

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Memorial Day Mass

Bishop Gregory Parkes will offer the Memorial Day Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery on **Monday, May 25th.** Mass will be at 10:00 in mausoleum chapel. Light refreshments will be available after Mass, all are invited. In case of inclement weather Mass will be held at the Cathedral.

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 news-magazine 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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
Monday: St. John I
Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena
Thursday: St. Christopher Magellanes and
Companions; Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday: St. Rita of Cascia
Saturday: Vigil of Pentecost; Shavuot (Jewish
observance) begins at sundown

"A Church Fully Alive"

CSA - Catholic Sharing Appeal 2015

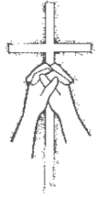
Our Parish Goal for this year is \$40,391.39.

Any overage after we reach the goal will come back to the parish for use in programs and improvements.
Thank You for any support you can give our Parish.



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
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.



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.

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.