

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"The stone rejected by the builder has become the corner stone"

26 April 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

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY – April 25th - 4:00 PM
Thomas Voisinet †
Req. by His Family

SUNDAY – April 26th - 8:00 AM
Joseph G Buehler, II †
Req. by Joe Buehler

SUNDAY – April 26th - 10:00 AM
Pro Populo (For Parishioners)

MONDAY – April 27th - 6:40 AM
No Mass

TUESDAY – April 28th - 6:40 AM
William F Townsell †
Req. by The Voisinet Family

WEDNESDAY – April 29th - 6:40 AM
Johnnie Turner †
Req. by Jane Turner

THURSDAY – April 30th - 6:40 AM
Elizabeth Bromert †
Req. by Jean Bromert

FRIDAY – May 1st - 6:40 AM
Elizabeth Bromert †
Req. by Jean Bromert

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

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.

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 4susu8@gmail.com

The glory of God is humanity fully alive.

—St. Irenaeus

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All are welcome to join us for our Social Meeting **Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30PM** here at Saint Thomas More Parish Hall.

We will be presenting some DVDs,

“Inside the Vatican” and “A Traveler’s Guide to Italy”.

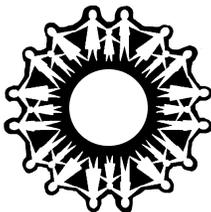
This program should give us a vicarious feeling of being with Father Nick on his trip that he is shepherding.



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

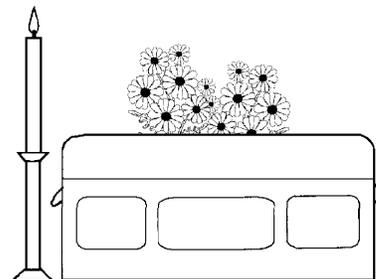
******Guardian Ad Litem** - Guardian Ad Litem Program, Joan Irby Volunteer Coordinator - 1800 W. St. Mary Ave., St 3 Pensacola, FL 32501 850-595-3729

St. John School Sunset Run: The 32nd annual St. John Catholic School (Pensacola) Sunset 5k Run will be held **Sat., May 9, 2015**. 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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many of our customs surrounding critical illness come from antiquity, and yet attitudes have certainly changed. Death was an all too-familiar presence then, and people tended to see it as a natural and unavoidable part of life, not a personal catastrophe. People tried to review their lives, settle their affairs, say farewell to their dear ones, and welcome the deathbed vigils and prayers that assured them of God's love and forgiveness. What people most feared was sudden death. It was dreaded and never discussed.

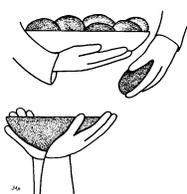
The faithful filled the catacombs with consoling images of the good shepherd carrying the sheep to safe pasture, or the faithful in glory seated at banquet tables. The prayer texts from the time are consoling and positive, and many inspired our modern prayers. The care of the dying flowed directly from Roman pagan practice; it was home based and family centered. Pagans didn't especially fear death, but they were terrified by the dead. Christians, on the other hand, consoled their sick with psalms of joy and faith in the Resurrection. The goal was to assure the sick person of God's love, and that the ties that bind the dead and the living would endure. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Prayer for Elected Officials

For all those who serve us in elected office, that they enact laws and policies that uphold the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, the dignity of marriage as the permanent, faithful and fruitful union of a man and a woman, and authentic liberty for all.

Thank You everyone for your generous contributions to the Lenten Food Drive for Catholic Charities. A truckload of a huge variety of food staples and paper products as well as personal toiletries was delivered to a needy pantry. The Altar Society appreciates your generous participation.



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.

Catholic Young Adult activities Pensacola:

Third Thursday Theology on Tap at Goatlips Deli at 7 pm;
First Friday Camp Fire Rosary at St. Anne, Belleview 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 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.

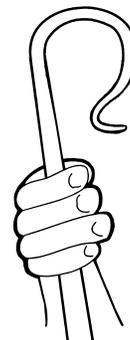
Upcoming Diocesan 2nd Collections

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place this week April 25/26. One way that this appeal works to strengthen home mission dioceses in the United States is by funding seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, where educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.

There will be a second collection next 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.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Today we listen to the words of the Lord as he refers to himself as the "good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep." It is sometimes so difficult for us to grasp the reality that anyone would lay down his or her own life for the sake of someone else. This is especially true in a society that places high value on power and personal advancement, often at the cost of "trampling" on other people in order to climb the ladder. Today's scriptures point to the one we are called to emulate—the one who lays down his life for his sheep. Today's scriptures challenge us to discover ways to bring life to those around us—to build up rather than to tear down.





READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
 Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
 Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or
 Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14,
 16; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;
 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;
 World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel;
 St. Louis Grignion de Montfort
 Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena
 Thursday: St. Pius V
 Friday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Friday
 Saturday: St. Athanasius; First Saturday
 National Arbor Day

Please Note

No

Holy Hour

Friday May 1st



“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.

WELCOME

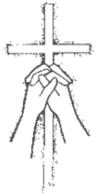
to **Saint Thomas More**

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 .

Please, pray for our sick parishioners:

Alberta Clarke
 Ricky Crowdus
 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**



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www.sainthomasmore.net

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