



Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

AND CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER DIOCESE OF PENSACOLA-TALLAHASSEE
We exist to reflect Jesus Christ, to worship Him, and to proclaim His good news to all.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2018

"LORD, WHEN YOUR GLORY APPEARS,
MY JOY WILL BE FULL." -PSALM 17



What's Happening This Week

Please join us Friday evenings during Lent, starting this coming Friday, to share a light meal with fellow parishioners. Come as your schedule allows - Mass begins at 5:15 pm, a Lenten Light Meal will follow Mass starting at 5:45pm. and Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:30 pm. Please join us!

For Your Protection

Help us safeguard all our parishioners; it is crucial we keep emergency and thruway lanes open in our parking lots. Please do not park where access to the church is blocked or along the yellow curbs. Thank you for helping insure the safety and well being of all!

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7:00am, 5:15pm
Saturday: 8:00am, 5:15pm Vigil
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am 11:45am, 6:00pm

CONFESSION

Saturday (in the chapel) from 12:00pm - 1:00pm and 4:00pm - 5:00pm or by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
RECTORY (EMERGENCIES ONLY)
(850) 224-4887

WIFI NETWORK: STM Guest

WIFI PASSWORD: stm1967!

LENT



DAILY LENTEN MASSES

MONDAY-FRIDAY
7:00 am, 5:15 pm
SATURDAY
8:00 am

LENTEN LIGHT MEALS

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT
In the Social Hall following 5:15 Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT
6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS IN THE CHAPEL

SATURDAY
12 noon-1:00pm, 4:00-5:00pm
or by appointment

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 pm

Check the website www.cocathedral.com and weekly bulletins for additional Lenten Activities

Attention High School Teens!

Life Teen: This Sunday, Feb 18th, Life Teen is starting a new series on Relationships, focusing on our relationships with our family. Life Teen is held every Sunday at Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall at 5:00 pm with a meal and ends at 6:45 pm. All teens are welcome!



Small Groups: This week, Small Groups is continuing our series on Understanding and Defending the Faith. Small Groups meet from 7:00 - 8:45 pm on Thursdays in the Miccosukee Room at Blessed Sacrament.

Attention Middle School Teens!

Edge: This Friday, Edge is continuing the series on the Kingdom of Jesus, focusing on what happens when we die and how the lives we live now affect what happens after we die. Join us as we journey through the dramatic story of Christ in our Kingdom Come series. Edge meets in the Parish Hall at Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Fridays.



Nursery

Saint Thomas More offers families a nursery for their children age 3 and younger during the 10am Mass. All nursery volunteers have met diocesan requirements. Contact Kimberly Smith rae.kimberly@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like more information.

Cover art: "Christ in the Wilderness" by Ivan Kramskoy (1872, Oil on canvas).

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

Consider serving dinner with us at the Kearney Center on third Thursdays at 7pm. To volunteer, email us at svdptally@gmail.com. Conference meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm, STM Parish Center. www.svdptally.org | svdptally@gmail.com

Catholic Charities Food Drive

The St. Vincent de Paul group of our parish will be collecting non-perishable food donations for Catholic Charities on 5 weekends in Lent, starting on the weekends of February 18 through March 18. Look for the blue collection bins at the church doors."

Welcome New Parishioners

Jonathan Romero
Alan & Emily Lemmon and children
Ed & Patricia Guy
Rusty Findley
Suzanne Lex and son
Jason Smotryski
Justin & Jennifer Milam
Megan Wilson
Virginia Phifer
Alyssa Luehrs
Thomas Garrett and son

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**FEBRUARY 2018 Dates: 02/05 – 02/11**

Weekly Need: \$ 18,000

Weekly Giving: \$ 17,212

Year-to-Date Need: \$111,000

Year-to-Date Giving: \$107,017

For more information about making a Tithe commitment and giving online, visit our website, www.cocathedral.com, and go to the "Donations" page.

2018 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Please don't forget to return your CSA commitment card into the Offertory basket, go online to pledge at ptdiocese.org/csa or mail directly to the Diocese! The missions of our parish and the Diocese rely upon the support of every one of us to carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ and His disciples. Each of us can make a positive difference. Thank you. Our goal this year is \$ 105,000. To date, 28 families have pledged \$23,970.

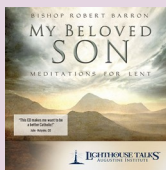
Religious Education

Pennies For the Poor begins Sunday, Feb 18 for the Lenten season. Each RE classroom will have a gallon container for the students to donate coins. The donations collected go to the Catholic Relief Services. (orb.crs.org) Thank you in advance for supporting this important cause.

Annual Stations of the Cross Shadow Play performed by our 3rd grade R.E. students on Sunday, Feb 25 at 8:45 am in O'Brien Hall. See you there!

Lighthouse CD of the week**My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent**

Bishop Robert Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a discipline centered in Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God, and how to joyfully embrace the way of happiness. CD display is located by the Parking lot entrance \$ 3/CD. Thank you for your support!



We pray for all our beloved dead and for those in our parish who are ill. Please email any prayer requests for those who are deceased or ill to: media@cocathedral.com.

CATHOLIC STUDENT UNION
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY*The Catholic Student
Union*

Find more information on our Facebook page: Catholic Student Union at FSU, TCC, & FAMU

*This Week at Our Parish***Sunday, February 18**

Discernment Retreat

Diocesan Collection: Black and Indian Mission

8:30am Religious Ed, 1-8gr. Upstairs/SL Classrooms

10am Adult Confirmation Class

10am RCIA - Adults

10am Religious Ed Prek4 - Kg Upstairs CR# 6 & 7

11am RCIA Breakout Sessions

11:45am Mass: Wedding Jubilee Mass

3pm Rite of Election

Monday, February 19

6:30pm The Prophets, Social Hall

Tuesday, February 20**Wednesday, February 21**

7pm Pastoral Council Meeting, LCR

7:57pm Spirit Night, Social Hall

Thursday, February 22**Friday, February 23**

5:45pm Lenten Light Meals, Social Hall

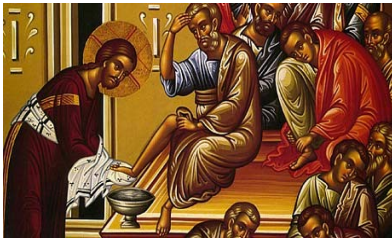
6:30 Stations of The Cross, Main Church

Saturday, February 24

9am First Reconciliation Retreat, Social Hall

Assistance for Victims of Sexual Abuse

Our Diocese has established Victim Assistance Coordinators to help anyone who has been abused by church personnel. Victims should call Dr. James Gagnon at 877-0205. To report a case, call the 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-962-2873.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection:

It is no surprise that water literally runs through all the readings on this First Sunday of Lent — from the flood waters experienced by Noah in Genesis, to St. Peter comparing Baptism to this flood, to Jesus venturing into the desert for 40 days immediately after His Baptism, as reported by St. Mark.

There are more than 700 references to water in Holy Scripture, but as we begin our Lenten journeys, our concentration needs to be on our own Baptism and our personal Baptismal call. Stewardship has been defined as our response to that Baptismal call through discipleship and service. Just as Jesus entered the desert for 40 days, we are doing the same during Lent.

Defining our Baptismal call is part of what we should be striving to do at this time. Baptism calls us to a sense of mission. Another key word in today's scripture is "covenant." The reading from Genesis speaks to God's covenant with us, His people. A covenant, nevertheless, is a two-way street. God has blessed us with the Holy Spirit and the Lord has promised us everlasting life if we fulfill His desires. It is time for us to discover how we are going to live out our covenant with God.

*In case you forgot:

If you were not able to make your pledge last week, please (stop by the parish hall and) do it after Mass today. There are blank cards in the back/pews. Please be a good steward of God's gifts to you and do your part.

Pls make all requests for Bulletin and Announcements two weeks before the event. Article inclusion subject to availability.

*Community Events**Trinity Catholic School*

On February 2nd, Trinity Catholic School 7th Graders attended the Capital Regional Science & Engineering Fair. Julia M. won 1st Place in the Engineering Category, received the Challenger Learning Center Award AND was selected to compete at the 63rd State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida March 27th – 29th, 2018, in Lakeland. Camryn W. won 1st Place in the Behavioral & Health Sciences Category with her project, "How Well Can You Focus While Multi-Tasking?"

Employment Opportunity: Trinity Catholic School is seeking a full-time bookkeeper. Job description and application can be found online at www.trinityknights.org/employment) and a resume to bridgest@trinityknights.org.

Frassati

Young Adults: Women's and Men's Groups meet on Tuesdays at 7 pm at the Co-Cathedral.



Catholic Renewal Conference: Feb 23-25, at Holy Name of Jesus Family Life Center in Niceville. Speakers: Bishop William Wack, Jim Murphy, Michelle Benzinger, Fr Will Ganci, Fr Nicholas Schumm, and Kevin McCall. For more info, visit www.pt-dccr.org

Prayer Service

Eric Scott Branch is scheduled to be executed by the State of Florida on Thursday, Feb. 22. There will be prayer services for Eric Branch, his victim Susan Morris, and their families in the Good Shepherd Chapel at 9:45am on Thursday, Feb. 22, and in front of the Governor's mansion at 6:00pm on Feb. 22. If there is no stay of the execution, a prayer service will be held in the Capitol Rotunda at noon on Friday, Feb. 23. All are invited to attend.

*Mass Intentions***Sunday, February 18***Gen 9:8-15 / Mk 1:12-15*

8:30am †Jack and Phyllis Bowen by the Bowen Children

10:00am †Doris Doolittle by Royal Doolittle

11:45am †Mae Capobianco by Marietta and Ed Schroeder

6:00pm For the people of Saint Thomas More

Monday, February 19*Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46*

7:00am

5:15pm

Tuesday, February 20*Is 55:10-11 / Mt 23:31-46*

7:00am Dcn Jack Campbell by STM Family

5:15pm †Mary Pop Wasserman by Doris M D'Haeseler

Wednesday February 21*Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32*

7:00am †Michael Maloney by John and Mary Sue Occhiuzzo

5:15pm Communion Service

Thursday February 22*1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19*

7:00am

5:15pm †Mark Sams by Laura Bruce

Friday February 23*Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26*

7:00am

5:15pm

Saturday February 24*Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48*

8:00am †David Bresine by the Choppin Family

5:15pm †Mary Jane Hough by Dede Daly

We pray for our military men and women serving overseas. Please provide the names of military service members so that they and their families can be remembered at Mass and in the prayers of our parishioners. Call the office at (850) 222-9630 to have a name added to or removed from this list.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Anthony Medehue, James Cowdrey, Christopher Brian Jones, Joseph Legros, Matthew Pickles Chase Murray, Paul Rolston, Joseph Westberry and Steven Vuis

*Clergy & Staff***Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee:**

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