

# ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of the Good Shepherd  
Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA



*O Come, O come Emmanuel*

December 2017

We the Catholic community of St. Thomas Parish, come together to be transformed by the Eucharist. We regularly help each other to hear the Sunday Gospel, serve those in need, and bring our lives to faith and bring faith to our lives. Parish mission Statement.

**Father Brian P. Spencer**, Pastor, Diocesan Chancellor, Vice-Rector, -Vilatte Theological Seminary

**Deacon Imani Boyd**, Associate Pastor

**MASS TIMES:** Saturday - 5:00 pm, Sunday -10:00 am, Wednesday 9:00 am

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM

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**OFFICE MANAGER:** Judy Baxter – judy.baxter.church@gmail.com

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Father Brian P. Spencer-Pastor, Ellen Schunk-Senior Steward, Jan Moore-Second Steward, Allison Spencer-Secretary, Rich Weinmann-Building and Grounds, Betty Dymek.

## SACRAMENTS:

**BAPTISM:** Baptism class is held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm. Parents and Godparents are required to attend. **MATRIMONY:** Please contact the Church office. It is not advisable to set a date before your first appointment with a priest. **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** For individual confession, contact Father Brian at the Church office. **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Church office.

**PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:** Joe and Regina Klein, Mike Pagano, Ron Humphrey, Pat Gibbs, Rich Weinmann, Carol Anderson, Rita Anderson, Bishop David Kocka, Father Wayne Oppel, Father Scotty Ray and all who have requested prayers. **To be added to our prayer list please, contact Carol Anderson. [cmca1117@cox.net](mailto:cmca1117@cox.net)**

**CHURCH DECORATING** for Christmas, December 15, 6:00 PM

**BIBLE STUDY AND ROSARY:** Wednesday, following 9:00 am mass.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Vigil Mass 10:00 pm

December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am

### *Baptisms*

Elliot James Perry

Marcos Arreola

Thaddeus Garcia

Frances Abequibel

11-19-17





## *Holy Matrimony*

10-7-17

Jesus Monge and Brenda Massner

## *Buried In Christ*

Salvatore Gonzalez

11-16-17

## From the Desk of the Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Saint Thomas,

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.* It is the first coming of Jesus, our Emmanuel, that gave hope to the world. As we begin our journey of advent, we begin a four week journey to the celebration of our hope, the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Witnessing so much violence this past year, the mass shooting in our city, the shooting in a tiny church in Texas, to the recent massacre at a mosque in Egypt, the world is in need of hope. By preparing spiritually for the birth of Jesus, by reflecting on the need of hope in our own lives and committing ourselves to becoming people of hope for others, we can be a light shining in the darkness.

There are many ways as individuals we can prepare for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Making a good confession either at mass or scheduling an appointment for the sacrament of reconciliation is always good. Engaging in extra prayer or spiritual reading, or volunteering at our food pantry is also good. Being faithful to Sunday mass and attending daily mass on Wednesdays, can bring hope to your advent. In each and every eucharistic celebration, hope enters our lives.

The parish Christmas gathering will be December 9, at 6:30 PM. We will be having a potluck style dinner, so get thinking of your favorite dish. The event is a wonderful time to gather as a church family this Christmas.

Thank you to Marie Kirker, Judy Baxter, and the many others who gave of their time and hard work making our annual yard sale a huge success. I am always inspired by the love shown for Saint Thomas through the efforts of our volunteers.

Enjoy these days of advent. Find some alone time, reflecting on how you can be hope for others.

Blessings,

Fr. Brian



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