

# ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of the Good Shepherd  
Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA



Lent 2018

We the Catholic community of St. Thomas the Apostle 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

Deacon Imani Boyd, Associate Pastor

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

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## 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:** Mary Filosi, Katherine Moore, Pat Gibbs, Carol Anderson, Rita Anderson, Marilyn Rose and all who have requested prayers. **To be added to our prayer list please, contact Carol Anderson.** [cmca1117@cox.net](mailto:cmca1117@cox.net)

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**\*Celebrating a wedding anniversary milestone in 2018? Notify Fr. Brian and Saint Thomas Church will celebrate with you.**

**\*Interested in Adult Confirmation Classes? Please see Fr. Brian.**

**\*We welcome our new parishioners to our church family: MARIO ORDONEZ, PETER AND MARY SPOTO, TRACEY LEONARD, AND BRUCE MIRAWDA. You are home!**

**\*Please continue to visit our website for the latest news and events and visit links to other churches and ministries in the Ecumenical Catholic Church-USA.**

## From the Desk of the Pastor



Dear Friends,

We begin our forty-day Lenten Journey on Ash Wednesday. The Blessing of the ashes reads, *“let us humbly ask God our Father that he be pleased to bless these ashes, which we will put on our heads in penitence.”* We move around that day with ashes on our foreheads, a true sign of humility. Even more so, the ashes tell we are sinners, and we have embarked on a journey of returning to the Lord. As you probably heard me say before, each Lent is to be different from the Lent before. How beautiful it is that we are given forty days each year, before the celebration of Easter, to move closer to the Lord through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. How are you going to spend these days of Lent? I encourage you to spend time in extra prayer. When we lift our hearts to the Lord in prayer, we grow in holiness. I encourage you to attend mass each week during Lent. Perhaps you would like to attend daily mass on Wednesdays. I encourage you to increase your tithes to our church during Lent, and/or place money in the poor box that can be used to assist the poor and homeless who often visit our church. Most importantly, with contrite hearts, let’s remember our sinfulness and joyful return to the Lord.

Please take home a copy of our church Lenten events. Also, as I do every year, I ordered you a copy of Pope Francis’ Spiritual Reflections for each day throughout Lent. This Lenten Season, Pope Francis explores the theme “A New Beginning.”

Have a prayerful Lent,

Fr. Brian



*“As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus’ thirst... ‘Repent and believe’ Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor - He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.”*

*- Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

