

ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of the Good Shepherd
Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA



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

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. **SACREMENT OF RECONCILLATION:** For individual confession, contact Father Brian at the Church office. **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Church office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Marla Mills, Michael Stewart and Family, Mary Filosi. Katherine Moore, Travis Noonan, Bob Howard, Denise Jimenez, Carol and Rita Anderson, Dave Miller, Adele Grigolo, Bob Armstrong, Al and Carole Messick, Alyssa West, Diane Meirel, Mary Garban, Jennifer Taylor, Patrick Fernando, Rodriguez Family, Frednae Knight, Lori Mitchell, Joy Hoiles, Eileen Forbes, Lisa Hanks, Marilyn Rose, Jason Koval, and George Ford. **To be added to our prayer list please, contact Carol Anderson.** cmca1117@cox.net

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

***Stations of the Cross are prayed on Fridays during Lent beginning at 1:00 pm.**

***Thank you for your donations of nonperishable food items to the church pantry. This important ministry to our community continues to need your support.**

***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**

February Baptisms
Selena Rae Christiansen
Mila Raine Bautista

Buried in Christ
Theresa Okonowicz
2-15-18



From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends,

I hope your Lenten journeys continue to give you “mountain top experiences” bringing you closer to Jesus. Lent is a time to step out of our routines in life and do something that will bring us closer to Jesus in the Paschal Mystery. Extra prayer is always a good practice during Lent. I hope you are taking advantage of the Lenten Reflection book by Pope Francis. These daily reflections are certainly allowing me to focus more on my relationship with the Lord this Lent.

You may have noticed that the parking lot lights had not been working for some time. A big thank you to Archie Kirker who recently had them fixed at a very reasonable price. We also have some new shiny rocks added to our church landscaping.

I have been receiving much positive feedback regarding the music at the 10:00 a.m. mass on Sunday. It is nice to hear people sing (God knows I can't). Thank you to our choir members who lead us in song. Thank you also to Susie Selfridge, Savannah Perez, and Jeb Hollinquist who do such a great job with the soundboard.

Yes, the rumor is true. The parish council has decided to remove the church listing from the real estate market, as refinancing our current mortgage IS an option. But please understand, our Sunday offerings are still down and this needs to change if we intend to remain at our current location. All of us need to make a better effort. This means we need to support our church's fundraising events, increase our tithes to the church, and help market our church to the community. Pardon my directness, but it is up to you if we remain at our current location or relist the church in the next year. Also, please feel free to offer any fundraising ideas. Thank you.

Finally, please consider donating to our Easter Flower Fund. Simply mark on the offering envelope “Easter Flowers” and place it in the collection basket. Thank you.

Have a great week!

Blessings,

Fr. Brian

