Fr. John's Corner

“These are the famous words of St. Paul as he knew that his life would end soon. None of us know exactly how the end of our life will end, but we hope it will be, as we pray, a “happy death.” This is a death where we are prepared to meet God. It’s a life where we arrive at a point of utter dependence on God and like the humble tax collector we have in our hearts a sense of sorrow for our sins “O God, be merciful to me a sinner.”

As we commit ourselves to God and live in gratitude, I hope you can find St. Thomas More to be a real value in your life and that you will share your gifts of time and treasure with us so that we can continue our mission of Proclaiming, Worshipping and Reflecting Jesus Christ.

Blessings,
Fr. John

This Week:

MONDAY 10/28
4PM Confession in Church

TUESDAY 10/29
6PM SVdP Meeting, Room 6

WEDNESDAY 10/30
6:15PM Adult Confirmation Class
8PM Spirit Night, Social Hall

THURSDAY 10/31
7:15PM CSU Women's Group, Social Hall

FRIDAY 11/1
ALL SAINTS DAY
7am, 12pm, 6pm, Mass
11AM Staff Prayer, Chapel

SATURDAY 11/2

SUNDAY 11/3
8:30AM Religious Ed, Upstairs
10am RCIA
11am Fellowship Sunday, O'Brien Hall, Coffee & Donuts
Holy Day of Obligation

November 1 is All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass at 7am, 12pm and 6pm.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May the Peace of God be with you.

As part of our mission to help those in need, SVdP served 334 meals at the Kearney Center, last month.

Consider becoming an active member of SVdP. Society meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm, Room #6, Parish Center. www.facebook.com/svdptally or svdptally@gmail.com

Arts and Crafts Needed

Attention all artists and craft-persons: The Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a silent auction during the spaghetti dinner in November. Please donate any art, crafts, or other items for auction. Call Kathy Grobe (850) 210-7758 or bring them to the church office.

Music Ministry News

Plenty Good Room Nov. 8-9

This exciting music workshop will take place at St. Eugene's Catholic Church. Join in this celebration of music composed by African-American Catholic composers, led by renowned composer, Kenneth Louis. The music workshop will begin Friday evening and continue through Saturday, where you will learn music for Advent and the liturgy. Saturday evening will feature a concert at 7 PM. The registration fee for the workshop is $10/person and is due by Oct 31. For additional info call Carole Curry (850) 562-5414 or email cac4438@hotmail.com.
Religious Education

RE Food Drive
Our food drive begins Oct 27th - Nov 10th. We ask our students to bring non-perishable food items to class which will be donated to Catholic Charities food pantry for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Annual Safe Environment Training
sessions for RE students 1st - 8th grade will be Sunday Nov 3rd during RE class time. Parents, if your child is not participating please complete an Opt-Out form and return to the RE office by 10/27. Please contact maureen@cocathedral.com if you have any questions.

Lighthouse CD of the Week

The Ventures of Faith:
St. John Henry Newman
Following Christ can entail fear, risk, and uncertainty. But as St. John Henry Newman boldly preaches, this reality reveals how crucially important and worthwhile it is to undertake such a venture. “No one among us knows for certain that he himself will persevere; yet every one among us, to give himself even a chance of success at all, must make a venture... and in this consists the excellence and nobleness of faith.”

Parishioner Comments
“What a gift to hear these insightful words, written by this important new saint! St. John Henry Newman, pray for us.”

Our Lighthouse CD display is located by the parking lot entrance. $3/CD.

Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude
Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our “Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude” Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your commitment card was not possible at Mass, an invitation to respond will be mailed later this week to your home. Please return your Commitment Card to the office this week or in next week’s collection. If you have not yet done so, join the many others and give your gift online through our electronic giving program. Please call the parish office with any questions.

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
Francis Jr. Medehue, Christopher Brian Jones, Joseph Legros, Matthew Pickles, Chase Murray, Paul Olston, Joseph Westberry, and Steven Vuis
Trinity Catholic School

Now Hiring
Trinity Catholic School is seeking the following positions for the 2019-2020 school year: Kindergarten Aide. Interested applicants should contact Principal, Tommy Bridges at BridgesT@TrinityKnights.org

Did you know?
You CAN afford a Catholic education for your child. Trinity Catholic School accepts AAA, Step Up, Gardiner, and McKay scholarships. Internal School Scholarships are also available through the FACTS button on our website. Visit www.trinityknights.org/scholarships to learn more about financial aid options.

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

All Saints Day Mass
Please join us for our All Saints Day Mass in our St. John Paul II Chapel on Friday November 1st at 10:15 AM. We welcome everyone in our community to join us in celebration.

Save the Date: December 17th
we will be celebrating our alumni. St. JPII Alumni Mass at 10AM in our chapel with reception to follow.

For more information and to keep up with all the current happenings at St. John Paul II Catholic High School, please visit our website www.sjpiichs.com

Joseph House Charity Gala

Friday November 8, 2019 at 6:30pm
You are invited to an Evening for Peace and Justice, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. As we break bread together and celebrate the mission of Joseph House, we will hear from our residents, our vision for 2020 and messages from Bishop William Wack, CSC and Tallahassee Public Defender, Andy Thomas. RSVP by Oct 25 to Fr. Dustin Feddon, frdustin@josephhouseus.org. Tickets at www.josephhouseus.org- $25/ individual, $200/table of 8.
September 18, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am pleased to call to your attention the wonderful work and mission of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW). It is an honor and a privilege for all of us to be associated with this group of faithful, dedicated, and generous women. From humble beginnings here in the diocese, they have grown to form a community of faith and charity, assisting our efforts to preach the Good News everywhere. Next year the national council will celebrate 100 years of service and faith!

We will celebrate their achievements by recognizing them in a special way as we observe the month of October 2019 as Council of Catholic Women Month.

At the request of the bishops of the United States, the National Council of Catholic Women was founded in 1920, for the purpose of uniting the efforts of Catholic women’s groups. NCCW is an organization representing millions of women, who through diocesan and parish affiliates, support, empower, and educate Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. I continue to invite and encourage all women of our diocese to consider membership in this distinguished organization. By joining your parish affiliation of Catholic Women, you are automatically a member of the Diocesan, State, and National Council of Catholic Women. Your voice then becomes one of many to be heard not only in the diocese but in the state and on the national level as well.

May the women of our diocese be united in purpose, direction and action in religious, educational, legislative, social and economic fields to meet the needs of the times.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee
Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 27
8:30am Marisa Lewis by Renee Reams
10:00am For the people of Saint Thomas More
11:45am † Frank Maccaro by Saint Thomas More
6:00pm † Lidia & Mike Bellizzi by Lenoard Coman

Monday, October 28
7:00am Special Intention, St. Jude Thaddeus - Pray for us by Juan Barragon and Dawn Adolfson
5:15pm † Ed & Leah McCabe by The Family

Tuesday, October 29
7:00am † Henry Eggers by A Friend
5:15pm Stephen Andrews by A Friend

Wednesday, October 30
7:00am Megan Regan by A Friend
5:15pm † Moraretta Ramos & Ramon Sansolioe & Guillermo Sunes by Leonard Coman

Thursday, October 31
7:00am Kevin Patrick by A Friend
5:15pm Carol Rose by A Friend

Friday, November 1 All Saints Day
7:00am For the people of St. Thomas More
12:00pm Dasha and Nani Nixon by The Nixon Ohana
6:00pm Renee Reams In Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 2
8:00am STM CCW by Kathy Grobe
5:15pm † Gertrude Merriweather by Renee Reams

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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.