Fr. John’s Corner

“As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee…”

If Jesus was in sales, he would be on the leader board as the top seller. Today he walks up to Peter, Andrew, James, and John and they all leave their boats and fishing nets to follow him. All he does is simply say “come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” That’s a big career change. It was the family business they were giving up. Jesus must have had a huge attraction for these men to surrender their jobs so quickly. I wonder if they knew what was in store for them, as he called them? I doubt it. I think the same goes for us too. When we choose our vocations, we don’t always know what’s in store for us. Maybe that’s the way it’s supposed to be because if we knew too much we’d never get off our couches of comfort and convenience. It’s said that “Jesus, like a good fisherman, first catches the fish and then cleans them.” So, in our calling, God knows we’re not perfect, but the spiritual life is a cleansing. It’s a purification for the role God has in store for us. Thank God Peter, Andrew, James, and John said yes and followed him. We strive to as well.

Blessings

FR. JOHN

This Week:

MONDAY 1/27
6:30pm Baptismal Prep Class, Lewis Conference Room

TUESDAY 1/28
6pm SVdp Meeting, Room 6

WEDNESDAY 1/29
6pm Red Mass Of The Holy Spirit

THURSDAY 1/30

FRIDAY 1/31
11am Staff Prayer, Chapel

SATURDAY 2/1
Holy Hour after 8am Mass

SUNDAY 2/2
8:30am Religious Ed, Upstairs/Classrooms
10am Adult Confirmation Class
10am RCIA
11am Fellowship Sunday, O’Brien Hall, Coffee & Donuts
11am RCIA breakouts
11:30am H.S.Confirmation
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. Thank you, and may the peace of God be with you.

This month, SVdP helped an elderly disabled widow, whose income is limited and who could not pay her utility bill. She had to pay for a recent family funeral, which she put on credit cards. The monthly credit card payments put her behind. SVdP paid her utility bill, and was glad to assist.

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

Candlemas Day & Feast of St. Blaise

Sunday, February 2 is Candlemas Day and Feast of the Presentation. There will be a blessing of the candles at all Masses. The church offers special blessing of all candles used in the home.

Monday, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise. There will be the Blessing of Throats after the 7am and 5:15pm Masses.

CSU Pancake Breakfast

Sunday February 2 After All Morning Masses

The Catholic Student Union will be serving the poor for their Spring Break Service Trip. You're invited to a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser following each Sunday morning Mass. Your generous donations will be used to support the service trips.
Religious Education

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School "Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through" June 8-12
Join us for Fun, Food, Friends and Jesus with rising Prek4 through 6th grade children from 8:30am - 12pm. Contact maureen@cocathedral.com if you have any questions. Online registration will begin in April.

Lighthouse CD of the Week

Aborting America: The Story of an Ex-Abortionist and Ex-Atheist

Bernard Nathanson was an American medical doctor from New York who helped to found the National Abortion Rights Action League, but then later became an acclaimed pro-life activist. He was also for a time the director of the Center for Reproductive and Sexual Health New York's largest abortion clinic. Nathanson has written that he was responsible for more than 75,000 abortions throughout his pro-choice career. Our Lighthouse CD display is located by the parking lot entrance. $3/CD.

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Trinity Catholic School

Save the date: January 26th from 1:15-3pm.

Trinity Catholic School will be having an Open House. Come to learn more about our exceptional academics and extracurriculars. Visit our Christ-centered classrooms and meet our dedicated teachers.

Spaghetti Luncheon for Catholic Senior Citizens

January 27th from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall

Virtues in Practice Parent Session with Principal Bridges

January 22nd at 7:45 am in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. We will be discussing the virtues of Generosity and Gratitude.

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Do you have a middle schooler? Please take note of these important dates!

Feb. 1 @ 1-3PM Open House ~ SJPIICH Open House.

You’re cordially invited to the St. John Paul II Catholic High School Open House on February 1st from 1-3 PM. Come and learn more about our school, our course offerings & college advising program, athletics and more on our beautiful campus! Come and also get the opportunity to meet our faculty and administration. We hope to see you there.

Jubilee Marriage Celebration

Sunday March 1 at 11:45AM - Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

Married couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2020 are invited to participate in a special liturgy. Bishop Wack will lead participants in a special commemoration of vows, prayers of blessing, and public recognition of individual couples during this liturgy. A reception will follow the Mass with light refreshments for couples and their guests.

Visit ptdiocese.org to register. Contact Chez Filippini at 850.435.3553 or filippinic@ptdiocese.org for more info.
Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More  
Summary of the Pastoral Council Meeting  
January 15, 2020

**Present:** Father John Cayer, Christa Calamas, Jeanne O’Kon, Michele Taylor, Dasha Nixon, Mary Goble, Sue Steverson, Valeria Robinson, Silvia Alderman, Chaney Coggins, Tyler Currier, Mary Ballard, Michelle Harkness. **Absent:** Michael Williams, Brother Rahl Bunsa, Eli Nortelus.

**CSU Update:** Tyler Currier thanked the Council members who donated during the CSU Phone-a-thon. CSU collected $108,000 this year and they have additional pledges. The Spring Retreat will be held on Feb. 14. St. Paul’s Outreach held a national conference that Tyler attended with students from all over the country. CSU will send a group of women to Michigan and men to North Carolina during spring break for service trips.

**Adult Faith Formation:** Father John reported that Father Steve Olds from St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary will conduct a fall parish mission at STM. This spring, after Holy Week, Dr. Cronin will present a two-part series on the Resurrection. Formed.org is being promoted online.

**Education and Faith Formation:** Trinity Catholic School: Dasha reported that TCS will hold the 8th grade History Fair next week. The Open House is on Jan. 26th. The annual Auction will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Tallahassee Auto Museum, and the theme is “A Night in New Orleans.”

St. John Paul II CHS: Catholic Schools Week is the last week of January. The students are doing service projects with the Kearney Center and other outreach centers. Father Tom Dillon leads Mass at the chapel. Praise and Worship is held on Wednesday nights and Adoration is held 9:00-3:00 on Mondays. The Open House will be on Feb. 1st.

**Administration:** Construction Updates: Father John reported that a contract has been signed with Conrad-Schmitt Studios for the sanctuary renovation. New lighting will also be installed in the church and around the church. The promotional material will show what the renovation will look like. Father John’s goal is to continue to say Mass in the church during the renovation.

“Committed to Christ: Living in Gratitude” campaign: Dasha reported that the campaign went well, and about 250 commitment cards were turned in. Tina Sullivan of Our Sunday Visitor reported that the STM parish response was very good and above the national average.

**Rector’s Comments:** Father John indicated that the parish had been under a Diocesan audit for the protection of children and young people for 2018-2019. All Tallahassee parishes were interviewed. The outside firm was very impressed with the compliance of STM. This Diocese was one of the best in the state of Florida. There has been more online training provided for parish staff.

Father John wants to continue working on the parish hospitality approach. The Hospitality Engagement group is focused on (1) first impressions (for those who are brand new to the parish); (2) hospitality to parishioners to increase engagement; and (3) deeper belonging within the parish (for those who want a deeper experience).

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m.
Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 26
8:30am † Harold Taul by Dave Zaidan
10:00am † Harold Raymond Taul by CCW
11:45am Ann Gordon by A. Gordon
6:00pm For the people of Saint Thomas More

Monday, January 27
7:00am † Henry Eggers by A Friend
5:15pm † Jerry Mulrian by A Friend

Tuesday, January 28
7:00am † Irene Foster by A Friend
5:15pm † James Waechter by A Friend

Wednesday, January 29
7:00am † Frank Barrd by A Friend
6pm Red Mass Of The Holy Spirit

Thursday, January 30
7:00am † JoAnn Kean by Mary Coburn
5:15pm † Innocent Miaffo Ndekeng by Frank Ndekeng

Friday, January 31
7:00am † Henry & Harvey Pierce by Delores Henderson
5:15pm † Nell Andrews by Thomas Baumgartner

Saturday, February 1
8:00am David Taylor by Mr. D. Taylor
5:15pm For The People of Saint Thomas More

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