Fr. John's Quarantine Corner

I remember when I was young my father constructed a small garden to grow the more popular vegetables of tomatoes, green peppers and cucumbers. After work and on the weekends, he would go out in the garden and tend it. From the very beginning he would show me how it all worked. As the garden matured not only did the crops begin to show themselves, but also something else, weeds. With this sense of knowing, my father would pluck them early on so they wouldn’t over run the garden. He instructed me how to pull them up without hurting the other plants.

Our gospel shares with us another parable about seeds, yet this time, weeds appear and the landowner is not interested in pulling them up so quickly like my father. For some reason, he has this knowing that if he does it might damage the wheat in the process. I don’t think we need any explanation as to the reality that our life is lived side by side with vice and virtue, sin and grace, saints and sinners, God has this permissive will that allows the intertwining of good and evil. Any psychologist knows that it’s not always an easy thing to extricate a bad behavior from our life. It takes time and often enough the viceful behavior has a history that’s wrapped alongside our virtues and if we pull it out too quickly or without care, then we might damage the good within us.

In the end, there will be a harvesting and an accounting of the field. Let’s pray the good wins out, that the virtue within us triumphs and the truth is at our center. Let’s pray that our Father in heaven is merciful.
Events

Sunday Public Masses
Visit our website to read our guidelines and info on resuming our public Masses.

Daily Public Masses
We have resumed our Daily Masses on Monday - Friday at 7 am and Saturday at 8am. You can still view Mass online on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12pm. To watch, visit our website.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

We pray you and family have been and will remain healthy during this difficult time of the pandemic. This month, we were able to help an older disabled woman, and her daughter and granddaughter, with a deposit and 1st month's rent. They had been staying in a 1 bedroom apartment with 2 other relatives, and were so thankful to get into their own place.

Your support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is greatly appreciated. Consider becoming an active member of the Society. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm. We are meeting on Zoom during the pandemic, so please email us at svdptally@gmail.com to learn how to attend.

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Religious Education

Online R.E. Registration
1st-8th grade and Sacramental Preparation will be on-line for the 2020-2021 program year. Stay tuned for more information.

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Children's Liturgy of the Word During the 10:00 am Mass has been postponed until further notice. Go to catholicmom.com to view with your child the Sunday Gospel age appropriate Commentary and other family faith formation activities.

Bishop's 2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal

To date 228 parishioners have pledged $105,000. We have received $79,931 so far.

Please don’t forget to make your pledge today! You may go to the Diocesan website, for more info and to make your 2020 pledge. www.ptdiocese.org/csa.

Your support of the Bishop’s annual Catholic Sharing Appeal is critical to the mission of our parish and our diocese! Thank you.

Lighthouse CD of the Week

Purgatory: Our Forgotten Family

What is Purgatory? Does it exist? Does it matter? As professor and speaker Dr. Mark Miravalle explains, not only is the doctrine of Purgatory true, and deeply rooted in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, but the practice of offering prayers and sacrifices for the souls of the dead is a critically important responsibility for every member of the Body of Christ—the family of the Church. Our Lighthouse CD display is located by the parking lot entrance. $3/CD.

Prayer Requests

The staff of Saint Thomas More prays for you each Friday during designated prayer time. If you have a specific intention that would like us to pray for, please submit your request at our website.
Trinity Catholic School

Open enrollment! Trinity Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Please contact our Admissions Office by phone or email at 850-222-0444 or sheppardj@trinityknights.org to schedule a personal tour. Visit www.trinityknights.org/admissions to apply today!

Trinity Summer Camp

Trinity Catholic School will be having Summer Camp until the week of July 24th. Register HERE to reserve a spot for your camper. Enrollment is limited.

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Now Enrolling for 2020-2021

St. John Paul II Catholic High School is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year and there are only a few spots left for enrollment. Did you know that we offer financial assistance and accept several scholarships? For more info, please call (850) 201-5744 or email Christina Sabo at csabo@jpiichs.org. Please visit www.sjpiichs.org to visit our campus from home via our new virtual tour video.

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Burse Club Weekend

July 25-26, 2020

We are all facing difficult times during this pandemic and our Seminarians could really use your prayers and financial support. We currently have 13 Seminarians. The Burse Club was established to help fund their educational expenses. Pamphlets will be available in our Church during July take one home for more info.

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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.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 19
8:00am For the people of Saint Thomas More
10:00am † Maria Lieu Vu, Joseph Hoa Vu
12:00pm Toan Trinh by Thu Vu & Family

Monday, July 20
7:00am † Eugene Biittner by Mary Coburn

Tuesday, July 21
7:00am Alexis Goble by Mary Goble
12:00pm

Wednesday, July 22
7:00am † John Goble by Mary Goble

Thursday, July 23
7:00am † Frances Arehart by Mary Goble & Terry Case
12:00pm

Friday, July 24
7:00am Cause of Martyrs of LaFlorida by Heather Jordan

Saturday, July 25
8:00am Rosalind Cayer by STM Staff
5:15pm For the people of Saint Thomas More
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