

# Saint Thomas More Parish

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## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

**Bible Study Group** – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. (Sept.-June)

**Men's Fellowship Group**—2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.

**Parish Council** — 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, September, and November, at 7:00 p.m. All Parishioners are welcome!

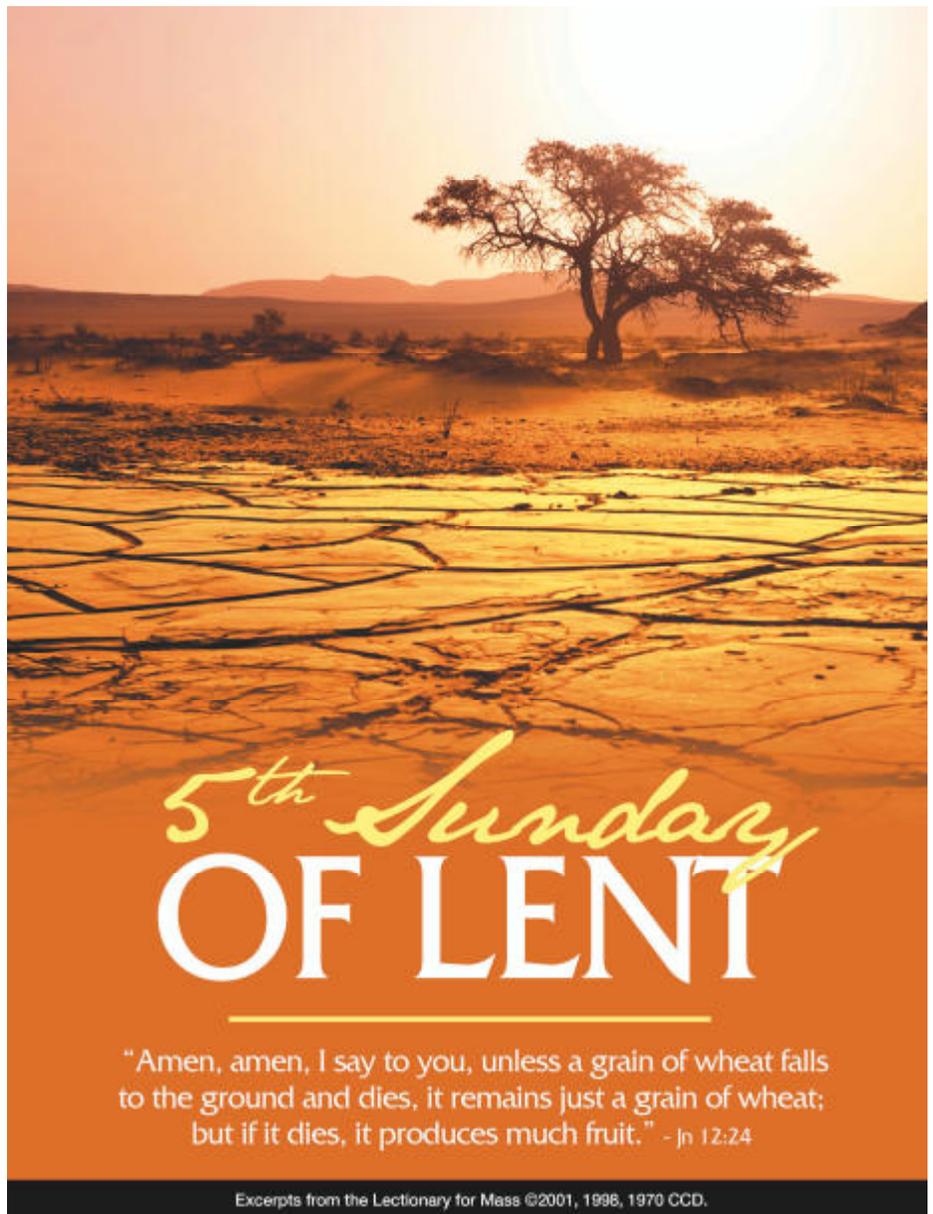
### Religious Education

— **Grades K-12** classes are held on Saturdays from Sept-May 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. ONLINE!

— **Why Catholics (for Adults)** Sundays from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

**Rosary Group**—after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF LENT

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:24

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### "NEW" Mass Schedule



## WE ARE OPEN FOR INDOOR MASS

FACE MASK IS REQUIRED

Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and  
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us!

**Rev. Msgr. James P. Farmer, Pastor**  
**Rev. Mr. Michael P. McCoy, Deacon**  
**Rev. Mr. Michael Baxter, Deacon**  
**Mrs. Jane G. Brown, Music Minister**  
**Mrs. Ana R. Trujillo, Coordinator of Religious Education**  
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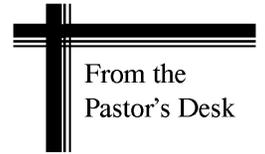
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Dear Parishioners,

The Peace of the Lord be with you!



**“If we say, we have fellowship with Him, while we continue to walk in darkness, we lie and do not act in truth. But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of His Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin. If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrong doing. 1 John 1:6-7;9**

**Confession is good for the soul. When we go to confession, Jesus touches us with the gift of forgiveness. He forgives all of our sins. Each time we go to confession we receive grace to strengthen us to resist temptation.**

**During the Lenten season we focus upon our need to repent. We are sinners, but we are loved sinners. Jesus, our beloved Saviour, rejoices when we repent.**

**Sin causes grief, anxiety, tension and depression. Confession frees us from these problems. It restores us to a state of spiritual wellness.**

**Guilt is a destructive force in our lives, but guilt is healthy when it leads us to seek forgiveness. The sacrament of confession provide us with an opportunity to be forgiven. Until we are forgiven, there is no peace in our lives.**

**On Saturday, March 27th, at 3:00 p.m., we will have our Lenten Penance service. Several priests will be present for confessions. Please plan to attend this important spiritual event.**

In Christ

<i>March 14, 2021</i>		
 <i>Our Giving</i>	<i>Envelopes</i>	<i>\$2153.00</i>
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**PRAYER REQUESTS**



Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends,

**especially:** Jim Gay, Clare Doyle, Charlie Bailey, Rita Petrucci, Gloria Gonzalez, Leslie Vitrano (Barbara Peach's daughter), Blessings Lewis, Gertrude Eromosele, Bill Kahler, Dolores Kelly, Washington Gonzalez, Nicholas DiLiello (Lillian's brother), Tyler Rush (Lillian's Grandson), Josette George (Lillian's cousin) , and David Brown.

**Readings for March 28, 2021**

**Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16**  
**Is 50:4-7**  
**Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]**  
**Phil 2:6-11**  
**Mk 14:1—15:47**



**We Pray in Faith that all who have Died; especially Joe Rupinski, may be welcome into the peace of God's Kingdom.**

(Due to Good Friday services)

**APRIL Eucharistic Adoration will be April 9, 2021**

**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!



<b>Monday</b>	<b>03/22</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Thomas John Valeri</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>03/23</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Lionel Shiyghan-Ntani</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>03/24</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Thomas Rahll</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>03/25</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Elizabeth May LeLeus</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>03/26</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Wenceslao Ortega</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>03/27</b>	
<b>4:30 p.m. Mass</b>		<b>For the Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03/28</b>	
<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Eleanor Thobe</b>

*Thankful Conversation*

We owe God and our parents everything in our life; it was our parents who took us to the church to be baptized and to the other sacraments. They deserve our gratitude for starting our lives on the right track. Lia, my wife, studied music in Panama and came to continue her studies at the Peabody Institute. I was born in Hungary, a Communist country, and due to the uprising against the Russian-style regime, I became a refugee and came gratefully to America. Here I continued my music studies also at Peabody where I met Lia.

Our wedding started a long, happy married life (it will be 60 years in September), with God’s blessings of seven children with all its joys and challenges. A life changing event happened to us in Zürich, Switzerland where we met a lay association of the Church whose aim was to give spiritual formation. We were in that country for professional reasons and looked for a priest who could hear our confessions in our languages. This priest was able to hear our confessions in English and Spanish and he was the one who introduced us to this lay association.

To belong to this association, one recognizes the universal call to holiness and apostolate which is received in baptism. It is blessed by all the popes and the Vatican II. Its founder, St. Josemaria, was canonized in 2002. It teaches that man was created by God to work and our holiness depends very much on the sanctification of our every-day work in the middle of the world, offering God our work. In today’s ever-changing society, the Church gave us her light and help to view everything as coming from the loving hand of our God. What is important is that we remain faithful to our calling and grow in the love of God.

Our grateful thanks to God and to his Church for guiding us in this direction!

Lia and Zoltan



Fridays during Lent  
at 3:00 p.m.

Please join us!

**LIVE THE LITURGY -  
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

How do we convince people that God’s law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God’s people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God’s deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, “Father, glorify your name,” By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done. ©LPi

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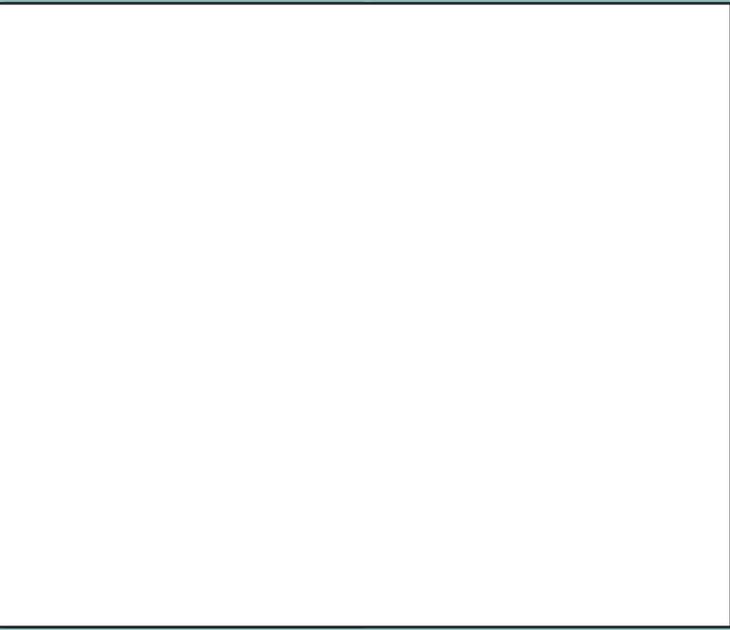
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