## **Saint Thomas More Parish**

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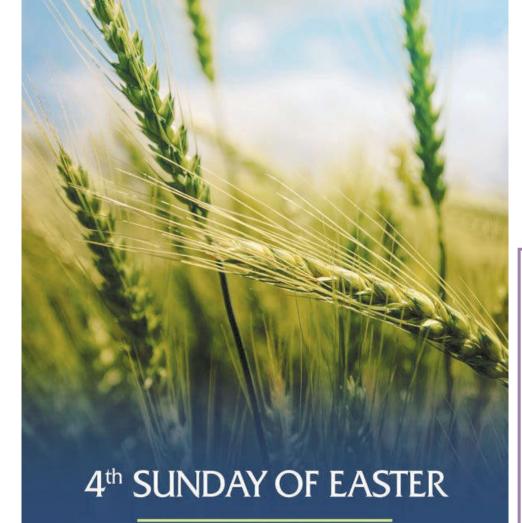


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"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - In 10:27-28b

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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 Sundays from Sept-May from at 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. =**Why Catholic** (for Adults) Sundays from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

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

**PLEASE JOIN US!** 

#### Dear Parishioners,

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son, treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers. So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed him." Luke 15:18-21 From the Pastor's Desk

The parable of the Prodigal Son is one of the great stories in the entire bible. It is a lesson in forgiveness.

The word prodigal means wasteful or lavish. The prodigal son wasted his inheritance by leading a sinful life.

Even though the Prodigal Son abandoned his father, the father never abandoned him. God, our Heavenly Father, will never abandon us.

Forgiveness is a constant need in each of our lives. We need to forgive, and we need to be forgiven.

The father forgave his son. Forgiveness is a decision. The father gave up his right to be hurt in order to achieve a greater good.

Forgiveness restores broken relationships. It brings healing to families and to friends.

Forgiveness liberates us. Holding onto hurts and vengeance imprisons us.

God forgives us unconditionally. With God's help, let us forgive each other and also forgive ourselves.

#### In Christ,

Da. Mage James



May 1, 2022 Offertory \$ Loose \$

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends, especially: Wayne Riesner (Suzanne LaVoie's brother), Cathy Dreyer (Steve Appel's cousin), Sr. Kathleen Haughey, Ellie & Wil Wright, David Brown (Mary's son) and Josephine Gehring..

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!



**Readings for May 8, 2022** Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c] Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30 We Pray in Faith that all who have died, especially, Msgr. Tewes, may be welcomed into the peace of God's Kingdom.



**Readings for May 15, 2022** Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



Monday 05/09					
8:30 a.m. Mass	Richard Peach				
Tuesday 05/10					
8:30 a.m. Mass	Joyce Mann				
Wednesday 05/11					
8:30 a.m. Mass	Rita Connor				
Thursday 05/12					
8:30 a.m. Mass	William Woods				
Friday 05/13					
8:30 a.m. Mass	In honor of Fr. Ron Zoubek's				
33rd Anniversary of Ordination					
Saturday 05/14					
	Madeline Liberatore				
Sunday 05/15					
10:00 a.m. Mass	For the parishioners				

### PREGNANCY CENTER NORTH

Pregnancy Center North (PCN) is holding their 5th annual Walk for Life on Saturday, May 14, at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. Come join other local churches at this family-friendly event! If you would like to become a sponsored walker, register at <u>www.PCNministry.org</u> by clicking on the blue Walk for Life button in the top right-hand corner. For more information, contact Amy Fuchsluger at 410-377-2871 or <u>amy@pcnorth.org</u>.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - INVITE PARISH-IONERS TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

We hear today how Paul and Barnabas were met with resistance and hostility in Pisidian Antioch on their first missionary journey. How do you not get discouraged when your spiritual journey is difficult? Second Reading:

During John's vision of heaven, he often has "one of the elders" teach him about the vision he is seeing. Who has been a good spiritual guide for you? Gospel:

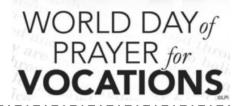
Jesus speaks of an unbreakable solidarity between him and those who follow him ("my sheep"). In what ways do you experience this unity with Jesus already in your faith? ©LPi



#### LIVE THE LITURGY -INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God's commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe. ©LPi





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