

Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 2020



Dear Parishioners,

This Tuesday, May 26, St. Thomas will resume public Masses. In alignment with the liturgical directives issued by Archbishop Vigneron, we are committed to providing a safe and clean environment for everyone to worship our Lord. The health of our parishioners is of utmost importance to us and new procedures and protocols have been put in place to ensure this. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we work through our new “normal” together. For those unable to attend Mass in person, we will continue to provide weekend Masses on our parish website.

Some changes you will notice:

- People must wear a mask in church. Please bring your own if possible.
- People must sanitize their hands when entering church. Please bring your own if possible.
- We will practice social distancing. Some pews will be roped off. Tape on the floor spaced 6 feet apart. Please don't sit together unless you live in the same house. Please do not use the hymnals if you see them.
- A new way of the collection will be implemented.
- You may wear gloves but not to receive Holy Communion.
- We ask that everyone receive Communion in the hand.
- There will be no Sign of Peace before Communion.
- We will only distribute the Host for Holy Communion.
- The minister will purify their hands if they touch your hands or tongue.
- We will use the Fr. Prus Room if needed for social distancing.
- We may have an outside Mass in summer if weather permits.

The dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is granted to all the faithful through Sunday, September 6, 2020. Although the faithful are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass, they must observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection (an excellent way to do this is through participating in a broadcast of the Sunday Mass) or participating in a spiritual or corporal act of mercy.

WHO SHOULD NOT ATTEND MASS:

- Those who are older than 65 years old (the recommended CDC age), with a compromised health condition or caring for the sick in any way, are encouraged to stay home.
- Anyone who is ill, has a temperature, cough, etc., should stay home as an act of justice to the whole community.

As every parish realizes, it will not be perfect. It will take time to adjust to a new way of attending church during this time when we need to distance ourselves and take many precautions. All of us will have to be open to changes and go with the flow.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

With prayers for good health and safety for everyone, God bless us all!

Fr. Larry

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This & That by Deacon Skip

It looks like if everything holds together that we'll have our first public weekday Mass on Tuesday, May 26 and our first set of weekend Masses on May 30 and May 31. Get ready for the new normal.

AOD guidelines modify on a routine basis, but at the time I'm writing, those attending Mass will be asked to wear face covering. There will be social distancing, although family members can sit as a group. Social distancing may lead to caps on attendance. There will be no greeting of peace and no wine at communion. There will be no Offertory procession and no Offertory collection; there will be baskets at the entrance of the church for those who care to donate to the parish. To some extent the new normal will resemble in many ways the old normal some of us grew up with.

The Archbishop has dispensed Catholics in our archdiocese from the obligation to attend mass through September 6. At the same time the archdiocese recommends those over 65 and/or experiencing some underlying medical condition stay home. This also applies to anyone caring for someone. Remember its possible to carry the virus and show no symptoms. We would hate for anyone to contract the virus while in church, so if anyone is not feeling well, please stay home out of regard for our fellow parishioners.

Our food pantry is still very much in operation and accepting food donations on Thursday between 10 A.M. and 1 P.M. The pantry is also sponsoring a bottle and can return drive. There is a wagon near the garage at the parish center where anyone can drop off empties. I had reason to drop by this past week and I was very much gratified to see the generosity of our parishioners. Thanks to all who have stepped up in this time of need. Unfortunately, the need will not go away, and the pantry will continue to seek our help. Remember. We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Scripture Readings for the Week of May 24, 2020

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20

Monday, May 25, 2020

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin
Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest
Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,
35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5,
7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 29, 2020

Saint Paul VI, Pope
Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 30, 2020

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31;
Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-
28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-
20b; Ez 37:1-14; Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-
28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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(beginning May 26, 2020)

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8:30 am in Church

Saturday
4:30 pm in Church

Sunday
9:00 am and 11:00 am in Church

Confessions will be heard every Saturday
at 3:30 pm in Church

Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 P.M. or by appointment by calling the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Infant Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of each month. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements at least one month prior to the desired date of Baptism. At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic (that is attending Mass each weekend) and must be a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Community for at least 3 months prior to the request. A baptism class is required.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples seeking to be married at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish should contact the parish priest at least seven months prior to the desired date of marriage. Both members of the party must be free to marry, at least one must be baptized Catholic and a registered member of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Community. Only the parish priest may confirm a date for a wedding at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office to request this Sacrament. You do not need to wait until the person is actively dying to call.

FUNERALS

Arrangements are made in conjunction with the funeral home. Eulogies must be given at the funeral home or at the funeral luncheon; no eulogies at the funeral Mass, please. Memorial Masses are scheduled Monday-Friday normally.

Ministries Center
(734) 425-9771

FOOD PANTRY

The Ministries Building will be open EVERY Thursday from 10am-1pm to drop off donations for the pantry. Cash or check offerings for the pantry should be clearly marked as such. *Offertory envelopes or financial contributions to the parish may be dropped off at that time as well.* Please enter using the side doors facing the parking lot across from the Parish Office Building. We are in great need of items to help the hungry in our community. Ready to eat items like soups and stews and canned vegetables and fruits are great. Pasta and pasta sauces are also easy for people to make quick meals. Mac and Cheese and Peanut Butter and Jelly are always good staples. Paper products are always in demand as well. Many of these items can be purchased at your local Dollar Store. **These times are only for dropping off donations. Anyone wanting to receive items from the pantry needs to call to schedule an appointment at (734) 425-9771.**

****WE ARE NO LONGER IN NEED OF
NEWSPAPER COMICS OR EGG CARTONS.****



We are collecting cans and bottles for the pantry. Please put your bottles and cans in the trailer on the north side of the ministry building.



We pray for our beloved deceased parishioners, family and friends who have passed during the months of March and April:

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.”

Carolyn Cassell
Rita Chateauvert
Carmella Chomiuk
Frank Chrzanowski, Jr.
Beverly DeLaRosa
Jane Ingrody

Rose Knapp
Ronald Robertson
Joan Rollins
Leona Satkowiak
Laurence Williams



Dennis Karczynski
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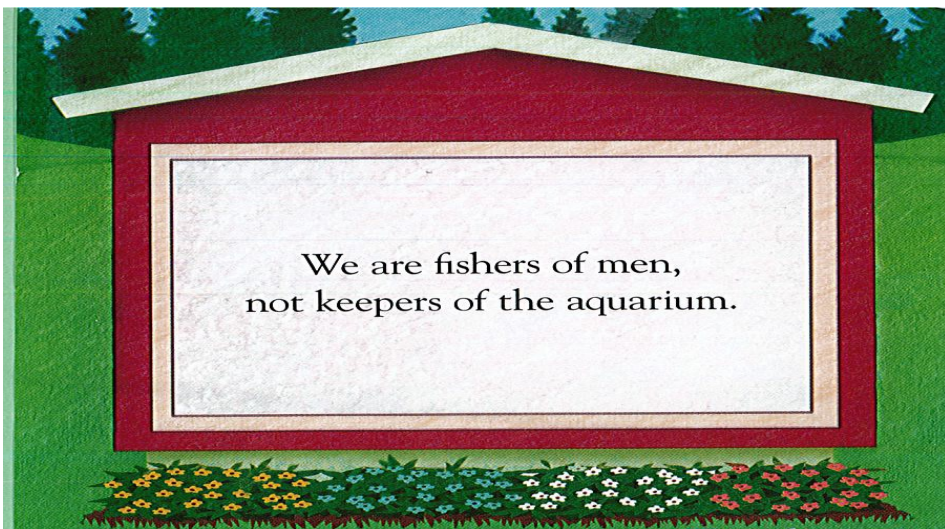
I will not reject anyone who comes to me ... John 6:37

Rejection is a tremendously hard thing to deal with. That fear haunts all the time, especially when we are young. Being rejected by others as friends, rejected ideas, rejected as a lover or partner. Being in a group can make you feel uncomfortable if you are especially a quiet and shy type. You don't want to be rejected by a group and end up living in doubt and alone. Yet as a flower turns toward the sun, we with faith turn toward God for love. Our human mind may resist, but our inner light responds to the Light. Nothing can take that inner feeling you have that you are not rejected by God, but one of his children. Somehow you just know he is near and hears you, understands you and loves you. Jesus will not reject us!

On this past Memorial Day weekend we remembered those who gave their lives for us. Many, if all that we never knew. Talking to enough Veterans, they knew fear in the fox hole and on the battlefield. Their fear, was of survival not rejection. By the Grace of God many survived and those that did not, were not rejected by God, but given into his hands. We are grateful for the love of God, knowing he will always have us in the palm of his hand and not rejected when we turn towards him.

God Bless You and Vivat Jesus!

Dennis Karczynski
 734-425-1807
 Grand Knight



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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- Visit our website at www.thomastheapostle.org for updates and online masses. Online masses can be viewed by clicking the "online masses" tab at the top of the website.
- For the safety and well-being of our parish community, parish office hours will temporarily be limited. Please call and leave a message if you have any questions. We will return your call.
- Mass will be available to you each day via live-stream and other media channels.
- **ONLINE GIVING now available through our website at www.thomastheapostle.org.**

Bulletin Editor

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 12:00 p.m. During holidays articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.

Worship Schedule		May 30 & 31, 2020	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:30 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
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MASS INTENTIONS			DELORES SULKOWSKI

Weekday Masses
May 25-May 29, 2020

Monday, May 25
 +BILL ROSE JR.

Tuesday, May 26
 8:30 am.....CHURCH

Wednesday, May 27

Thursday, May 28

Friday, May 29
 8:30 am CHURCH

Sanctuary Candle

FOR THE WEEK OF
 MAY 24-30, 2020

Helen Smith

**ARE YOU REGISTERED AT
 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE?**

If you have been looking for a new parish we would appreciate you considering St. Thomas the Apostle as your parish.

Stop by the Parish Center and fill out a registration form or download one from our website www.thomastheapostle.org. You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.



From the Desk of... Father Larry

The marriage was on the rocks. The man loved his wife and wanted to prove his love, so he decided to swim across the ocean. She was not impressed. Undaunted, he walked across the Gobi desert. He sent her a victory picture at the Chinese border with parched, cracked lips. She was still unimpressed. He decided to climb Mount Everest. They took a photo

of him atop the 29,142 peak, holding up his black frostbitten thumb. He was sure he had won her back.

When he returned home, the divorce went through. He asked her. "Why?" She answered, "Well, you were never home!"

In today's gospel, Jesus does not expect us to swim oceans, cross deserts or climb mountains. He only asks that we keep his commandments. That alone is proof of our love for him.

As today's first reading from Acts attests, the witness of those early believers was so effective that the community soon grew beyond Jerusalem to Samaria. Luke tells his readers that this development produced great joy. No doubt the spirit of joy was contagious, and others who witnessed it wanted to discover its source so as to share in the experience. Others were impressed by their sharing what they had, their care for the needy, their gathering to pray and break bread, and their courage to live their faith in time of persecution.

Whatever may come in life, we have a living and loving reason to hope. The witness of our hope can speak louder than any evil in the world...until the One who is our hope comes again. Pray that we will always be people of joy and people of hope.

Acts of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping him in his Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

A prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Please Pray For...

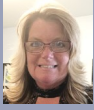
Ainsworth, Karen	Cunningham, John	Levoir, Lorraine	Pastula, Shirley	Tetreau, Audrey
Ainsworth, Ron	Daughtery, Jeff	Luther, Brian	Persondek, Cristin	Thomas, Michael
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike	DeGrande, Colleen	Malish, Rosemary	Pietszak, Carol	Tomasi, Jack
Altizer, Brynn	DeGrande, Sam	Malone, Della	Pryce, Mary Ann	Vaughn, Kelly
Arsenault, Cathy	DiVitto, Rita	Marchand, Susan	Radford, Magdalen	Wysocki, Ken
Arsenault, Fran	Esson, Pat	Mathison, Bonnie	(Maggie)	Zonca, Barbara
Asini, Eloho	Farr, Viola	Mathison, Jackie	Rawlings, Therese	Ziolkowski, Norm
Asini, Margaret	Gau, Sandy	Mayfield, Sally	Robertson, Michael	
Bargardi, Carl	Gorsuch, Eric	McGrath, Jim	Rodgers, Hiedi	
Bargardi, Frances	Hamm, Jo	Merritt, Dan	Rollins, Joan	
Bartlett, Carol	Hayes, Jacqueline	Miklousich, Lena	Romanowski, Ronald	
Boyak, Carolyn	Henry, Bernadine	Mirabitor, Timmy	Saenz, Carlos	
Bufalini, Rose	Herlihy, Patrick	Mocadlo, Audrey	Sanregret, Anna	
Burdis, Cathy	Hrlac, Betty	Mocadlo, Jim, Sr.	Severin, Judith	
Burke, Larry	Irwin, Mary	Mocadlo, Jimmy	Shankin, JoAnne	
Burrell, Fred	Jones, Marie	Murray, Colleen	Skorupa, Peter	
Burris, Nikita	Kietur, Deanna	Nantz, Janice	Staudacher, Jason	
Burris Family	Kleczynski, Richard	Needham, Jim	Sulkowski, Dee	
Chicila, Pam	Koslosky, Alphonse	Newman, Theresa	Sulkowski, Karen	
	Kusluski, Walter	Niemczewski, Gordon	Summet, Fred	
	Larry, Bruce	Parker, Sharon	Szura, Samantha	

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2019-June 30, 2020

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty family	Deceased members of the Kattula family
Deceased members Szuba-Balawajder family	In loving memory of Al Kolpacke
In loving memory of Charles Batherson	Loving memory of Gorny and Kushnir family
In loving memory of Thomas Bencic	Malish-Porembiak family
Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	In memory of Madeline Frank & Michael Mangold
In loving memory of Walter and Mary Burdis	Loving memory of Jerry Moynahan
In loving memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Dec. & Liv. members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family	Deceased members of the Pattock & Stuecken families
Loving memory of coach Dave Cain	Angel Danny P. Pepera
In loving memory of Raymond and Virginia Carozza	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Liv & Dec friends & family of Tommy & Barbara Cockrum	In loving memory of Joseph Potter
William, Gloria, & Billy Cozzaglio	Richard & Eleanore Reed
In loving memory of Robert E. Derda	In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers
In loving memory of Michael Dicker	Loving memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber
Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	Loving memory of Bill Wilson
In loving memory of Bob & Ann Hoelscher	In loving memory of Mary Zarzycki
Special Intention of D.A.K.	In loving memory of Fred Zonca
Deceased Members of Kapanke-Omilian Family	

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Amber	Ainsworth, Raymond	McGaw, Douglas	Meadows, Erin
Angelovic, Adrian	Angelovic, George	Miller, Maj. David C.	Mondoux, Ian
Ardinger, Stephanie	Baumgardner, AJ	Moody, Samantha	Murray, Daniel
Becker, Justin	Bregand, David	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Ohannesian, Brandon
Brozek, Timothy	Campbell, Mary	Pastula, Michael Thomas	Persondek, Michael
Canfield, Chaz	Chokr, Jamel	Porcaro, Jeff	Preba, Danny
Cinka, Jonathan	Coatsworth, Michael	Rosa, Brian J.	Rosa, Douglas J.
Comment, Scott	Dempsey, Joseph	Rousseau, Philip	Sheko, Destiny
DiCicco, Bill	Dwyer, Tyler	Smith, David	Smitt, David
Ellsworth, Justin	Fisher, Bob	Spiczka, Cathy	Spiczka, Greg
Gentilia, Anthony	Goudeseune, Russell	Sparrow, Justin	Spohr, Raymond
Griglio, Matthew	Kashou, Christopher	Squires, Derek	Szerszen, Michael
Laichalk, Robert	Logan, Jonathon	Steenburg, Patrick	Waldo, Michael
Logan, Sean Patrick	Logan, Jeff	Tesarz, Ian Michael	Wiertella, Jonathan
Masiarak, Luke	McHale, Sgt. Shawn	Webb, Brian	Yount, Alex
McCarville, William E.	McGahan, Wade	Witt, Christopher	



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

I am so excited to share with you that we were able to compile enough prayers to create our VIRTUAL LIVING ROSARY. We will be putting that rosary together with a small crowning ceremony for Mary and you can view that beginning this Sunday, May 24th at 4:00pm. This can be viewed on our website as well as our Facebook pages. I would like to thank all of those who submitted a video to be a part of this wonderful new way to pay tribute to our Blessed Mother!



2020-2021 REGISTRATION

We will now be accepting registrations for the upcoming Religious Formation year. Forms will be mailed to our existing families who had students enrolled in the program this year. The forms are also available on our website, and in the Gathering Space of the Church. I can always send them by email to those interested as well. Our date to return is Monday, September 28th at 6:00pm. Although we completed the year in a strong online program, we hope to resume our "normal" style of learning. Please remember it is NEVER too late to sign children up for this program. We have catch-up classes for those who have not had previous catechesis. We look at each case on an individual basis. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

POSTPONED AS WE WAIT....

Soup Supper



Because the health and safety of all of our parishioners and friends is of the utmost importance to us, we will be postponing **yet again** the date of our Soup Supper. Although we are resuming social activities in safe situations with small numbers, we want this event to be VERY SUCCESSFUL, so we will be coming together when more people will feel comfortable. **For now though, the soup bowls and plates are available for viewing on our Facebook pages!** Check out all the fine artwork that I have posted. If you saw a bowl or plate in a previously published bulletin article and would like to bid, please contact me and I will write you in on the bid sheet. Bidding begins at \$10.



FACEBOOK LIVE VIDEO

You are now able to view the event I created for pre-bidding on over 60 plates and bowls. You can find the video on either of our Facebook pages as well as our website. Even though the event is no longer LIVE, you can still bid on the pieces of art. You can add a comment to the thread listing your bid and the number of the item that you are bidding on. Or, you can email me with your bid. Either way, I will record it on the bid sheet. I hope that you can join us to check out all this beautiful art that our parishioners have created!



Plate #1 is currently holding the highest bid at \$35.00. These plates and bowls have been known to auction for well over \$50. Let's see how high these bids will go this year! Join in the fun and take home some beautiful artwork!!

ADAPTING TO THE “NEW NORMAL”

Throughout these past sixty days, we have become learned with new words and phrases such as coronavirus, COVID 19, social distancing, quarantine, pandemic, and the new normal. We are uncertain as to what the future will bring during these next thirty days or weeks.

In reflection, perhaps we have been living the “new normal” throughout these past many decades BUT these changes occurred over a period of years not weeks! Here are a few examples:

AUTOMOBILES

Remember when seatbelts were first introduced? There were outcries of them being too confining and wrinkling our clothes. It continued when shoulder belts were added but we buckled up. It became the “*New Normal*” for us. Let’s not forget those rear seatbelts. Gone were the days of piling five kids into the back seat with another one sitting on a sibling’s lap. Decades ago, infant car seats were simply placed in the front seat between the driver and passenger. Today’s infant car seats may need the assistance of a mechanical engineer to secure in place. These actions gave us greater safety and a “*New Normal*.”

RESTAURANTS AND RETAIL STORES

Remember when restaurants permitted smoking? We then grew accustomed to the hostess asking, “Would you like a table in the smoking or non-smoking section?” and now all restaurants are non-smoking. The “*New Normal*.”

NBA BASKETBALL PLAYERS

Sometimes there is a change in rules as demonstrated during the 1990’s. For the 1994-95 season, the three-point line was shortened but it returned to its original distance at the beginning of the 1997-98 season. In life, policies and procedures are subject to change and may be reversed for a reason. It is the “*New Normal*.”

Do you remember the following stores and dining establishments?

Hudson’s - Kinney Shoes - Arbor Drugs - Arlan’s - Chess King - Burger Chef - Florsheim Shoes - Chi-Chi’s - Crowley’s - Ollie Fretter - Cunningham Drug Store - Federal’s - Joshua Door - Montgomery Wards - Crazy Eddie’s - Kern’s - F & M Super Drug Store - Burlers - Bill Knapp’s - Structure - People’s Outfitting Company - Fashion Bug - Topps - Thom McAn - Gantos - Hickory Farms - Fotomat - Chatham Supermarket - Jacobson’s - Radio Shack - Mervyn’s Robert Hall - Sibley’s Shoes - Highland Superstores - Yankee Stores - Lafayette Radio - GEM - Today’s Man - Service Merchandise - Kid’s “R” Us - Winkleman’s - Marianne - S & H Green Stamps - Bombay Company - Wickes Furniture - A&P - Sports Authority - E.J. Korvette - S.S. Kresge - Builder’s Square - Food Fair - W.T. Grant - Jean Nicole - Farmer Jack - Borders Books - Handy Andy Home Improvement - Crown Books - Musicland - Forest City - F.W. Woolworth - Linens ‘n Things - Food Fair - Pace - Circuit City - Computer City - Harmony House - Lum’s - Mr. Steak - Frank’s Nursery & Crafts - Steak and Ale - Farrell’s Ice Cream Parlor - Victoria Station - White Tower.

Although these stores are no longer, may your memories of shopping with your grandparents, parents, siblings, and friends always be treasured and never forgotten. It was a time when Amazon was known only as a river! Our shopping habits have changed. The “*New Normal*.”

AIRPORTS and TRANSPORTATION

Remember when we were able to walk with our loved ones to the airline gate and watch them board the plane? And then came the metal detectors. And now, the TSA agents have airline passengers take off their shoes, empty their pockets and examined in a “tube” with arms in the air. The “*New Normal*.”

BICYCLISTS

Remember when people rode bikes without any headgear, elbow and/or knee pads? And when we fell with childlike innocence, we got back on the bike and peddled to catch-up with our friends. Over the past twenty years, studies have shown incidents of concussions. We are now encouraged to wear helmets. It is the “*New Normal*.”

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Mission Statement

*We, as St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, recognize that we are the Body of Christ. Our purpose is to honor God and grow as one in Jesus Christ. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to serve others through Christian Service, Prayer and Worship, Education and Evangelization. We keep within our hearts and minds the statement of faith and conviction of our patron St. Thomas the Apostle,
"My Lord and my God."*

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The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others—no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. In addition, the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm) or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov. More information about the Archdiocese's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Alhambra

John Krause (734) 765-7161
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Knights of Columbus #4513

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(734) 425-1807

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President Ted Maloney
(734)231-7879

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President Missy Taylor
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....8:00 am-4:00 pm

Friday8:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday.....9:00 am-3:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am-2:00 pm

(Office is closed daily from
12:00 pm-12:30 pm for lunch.)

Sacraments

MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil)..... 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Daily Mass

Monday & Thursday8:30 am (Chapel)

Tuesday & Friday 8:30 am (Church)

Communion Service

Wednesday8:30 am (Church)

Reconciliation is Celebrated

On Saturday at 3:30 pm or
by appointment