

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

*at St. Joseph Church, Scranton*



September 25, 2022 † 10:00 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

# Welcome

*...to Mass at St. Thomas More Parish! We are glad you are here.*

## **IF YOU ARE A VISITOR...**

This is a fully valid Mass of the Roman Catholic Church, which fulfills the Sunday or Holy Day obligation of any Catholic who attends. If you are accustomed to the typical Catholic Mass, you will notice that ours is a little different. This is because our Parish was founded by Christians of the Anglican tradition who were received as an intact congregation into full communion with the Catholic Church, which has welcomed us by allowing us to retain many of our cherished prayers, hymns, and customs. We hope you will find them as beautiful as we do!

## **IF YOU ARE NOT CATHOLIC...**

You are most welcome here! Many of us at this church were just like you not so long ago. If you have questions about the Catholic Church, this might be a great place for you to learn more; we have many classes and small groups for adults, children, and youth to explore the Catholic faith.

However, we do ask that only those in full communion with the Catholic Church receive Holy Communion. Please be assured that this is not an expression of exclusion, but of the fervent hope that all Christians will one day be authentically reunited, as Jesus prayed and deeply desired for his followers. All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

## **RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION...**

In this Parish, the Sacrament is typically received kneeling, in both kinds, on the tongue (the Priest will intinct the Host in the Chalice and place it on your tongue). If for reasons of disability or your accustomed pattern you prefer not to kneel, you may receive standing.

If you will not be receiving Holy Communion today, you are still most welcome to come forward for a prayer of blessing by the Priest. Simply cross your arms across your chest and bow your head as a sign that you intend to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament.

## **CHILDREN IN WORSHIP...**

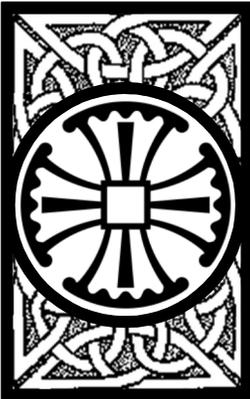
This Parish includes many large families with young children, who are welcome here throughout Mass. While our ideal is a reverent atmosphere for undistracted devotion, some noise and restlessness from young children is to be expected. Thank you for your patience as parents steadily strive to instill in their children a reverence for the Mass and a consideration for other worshipers.

## **RESTROOMS...**

...are through the door at the top of the handicap ramp to your right. *However*, whenever possible, we ask that you consider descending the outdoor front steps to the Parish Hall restrooms on the lower level, deferring use of the restroom on this level to those requiring the ramp, and reducing distractions during Mass.

## **ALSO WORTH NOTING...**

- Please join us in singing our music! God judges our hearts, not our voices, so we believe a hymn sung with joy and commitment – no matter how off-key – is far more pleasing to him than refusal to sing, however poor you think your voice may be. At the very least, please follow the words of the hymns, which are carefully chosen to reflect the Scripture readings of the day.
- If you are new, you may be surprised to hear our Pastor mention his family. As a former Protestant minister received into full communion with the Catholic Church, Fr. Bergman (and hundreds of other married Priests like him) has received special permission from the Pope himself to be ordained into the Catholic priesthood. He and his wife Kristina are blessed with ten children.



# St. Thomas More Parish

*A Roman Catholic Parish of the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter*

## Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

### 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 25, 2022 † 10:00 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Scranton, Pennsylvania



Silent Devotion before Mass

*Pew booklet p. 36*

Announcements

*may be offered by the Priest*

Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Servant of God Maria Kaupas, *said by all*

O loving Jesus, we beseech you, grant that your servant, Mother Maria, who was imbued with your Eucharistic Presence while on earth, may through the intercession of your Immaculate Mother and Saint Casimir, be glorified by visible signs and miracles; so that for your glory and the salvation of souls, she may by Your power, be declared Blessed. Amen.

Organ Prelude

Meditation on 'How Lovely Is thy Dwelling-Place'

*T. Hazleton*

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*The People stand*

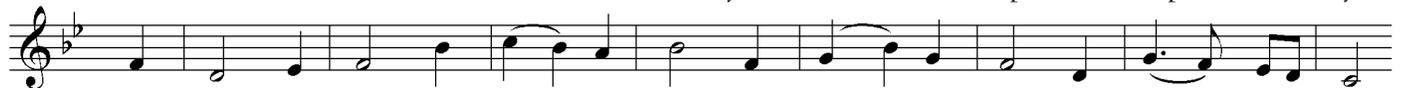
**Hymn in Procession**

Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel

W. Carpenter / *St. Petersburg*



1. Be - fore Thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science quick to feel,  
2. Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to all their due.  
3. For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious to suc - ceed,  
4. Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits pu - ri - fy:



a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the mean - ing of Thy chas - tening hand;  
From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from sins which make the heart grow cold,  
for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to catch the sim - ple un - a - ware,  
con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O God, be with us in the flame;



what - e'er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er Thee.  
wean us and train us with Thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.  
for lives be - reft of pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.  
a new - born peo - ple may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Bow down, O Lord, thine ear to me, and hear me: O my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee; have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I have called daily upon thee.

Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Glory be to the Father... | Bow down, O Lord, thine ear to me...

### Sign of the Cross & Collect for Purity



In the ✠ Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

#### *The Priest says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Summary of the Law, *proclaimed by the Priest*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### Kyrie, *sung by all*

*R. Shepard*

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in excelsis, *sung by all*

*R. Shepard*

Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God, heaven-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-migh - ty. O Lord, the on-ly-be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fath-er, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that

tak-est a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the  
 Fath-er, have mer-cy up-on us. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; thou on-ly, O Christ,  
 with the Ho-ly Ghost, art the most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

### The Collect of the Day

*Priest*                      *People*                      *Priest*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

*The People kneel. The Priest chants the Collect, the People singing 'Amen.'*

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy: and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall; keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The People sit*

### The First Lesson

*Amos 6:1a, 4-7*

Thus says the LORD almighty: "Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria. Woe to those who lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the midst of the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David invent for themselves instruments of music; who drink wine in

bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those to go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves shall pass away."

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm, chanted by all in unison**

Psalm 146:1a, 5b-10

*Anglican chant by R.K. Kennedy*

Praise the Lord, O my | soul:  
 who keepeth his promise for | ever;  
 Who helpeth them to right that suffer | wrong;  
 who feedeth the | hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of | prison;  
 the Lord giveth sight to the | blind.  
 The Lord helpeth them that are | fallen;  
 the Lord careth for the | righteous.

The Lord careth for the | strangers;  
 he defendeth the fatherless and | widow:  
 as for the way of the un- | godly,  
 he turneth it upside | down.

*2<sup>nd</sup> half of chant:*  
 The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for  
 ever - | more,  
 and throughout all gener- | ations.



The People stand  
The Nicene Creed

*Priest* I believe in one God,

*People* the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,

*genuflect* and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

*arise* and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, the Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;

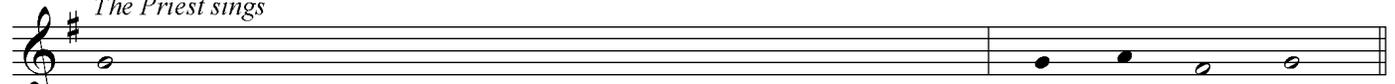
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;

and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

full text of the Intercessions: Pew booklet p. 29

*The Priest sings*



With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mer - cy."

*The People kneel.*

*A Deacon, Priest, or Cantor sings  
the Intercessions, each concluding:*



*Intercessor:* ...Let us pray to the Lord.  
*People:* Lord, have mer - cy.



*Intercessor*      *People*      *Intercessor*      *People*

*Final intercession* ...to Christ our God. To thee, O Lord our God. (Closing Doxology or Collect) ...now and for-ever. A-men.

The Penitential Rite

*The Priest says*

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

*Priest* Almighty God,

*People* Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest says*

May Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him:

*(here the Priest proclaims one or more of the prescribed sentences from Scripture)*

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The People sit*

**Offertory Sentence**

*The Priest may pronounce a Sentence inviting the collection of tithes & offerings*

**Offertory Antiphon**, *sung by the Choir*

*Exspéctans exspéctávi*

*Ps. 40:2-4 / plainsong*

I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me: he heard my calling,  
and hath put a new song in my mouth, even a thanksgiving unto our God.

**Offertory Anthem**, *sung by the Choir*

When I'm Afflicted, Poor, and Low

*I. Watts / W. Roberts*

When I'm afflicted, poor, and low, And light and peace depart, My God beholds my heavy woe, And bears me on His heart. I waited patient for the Lord, He bowed to hear my cry; He saw me resting on His Word, And brought salvation nigh.	He raised me from a horrid pit, Where mourning long I lay, And from my bonds released my feet, Deep bonds of miry clay. Firm on a rock He made me stand, And taught my cheerful tongue To praise the wonders of His hand, In a new thankful song.	How many are Thy thoughts of love! Thy mercies, Lord, how great! We have not words nor hours enough Their numbers to repeat. When I'm afflicted, poor, and low, And light and peace depart, My God beholds my heavy woe, And bears me on His heart.
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*During the anthem, the Priest and Servers prepare the Altar. The People stand when invited by the Thurifer.*

## Orate Fratres

*Priest* Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

*People* May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

## The Prayer over the Offerings

*Priest* Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord our God: that this saving Victim may effectually avail, both for the cleansing of our souls from all their sins, and for the obtaining of the favor of thine almighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*Priest* The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit. *Priest* Lift— up your hearts.

*People* We lift— them up un - to the Lord. *Priest* Let us give thanks un - to the Lord our God.

*People* It is meet— and right so to do.

### *The Priest proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God;

*Here a Proper Preface is sung as appointed for the day. Then the Priest continues*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## Sanctus & Benedictus, sung by all

*R. Shephard*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Heav'n and earth are  
full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most high. ✠ Bless - ed is he that  
com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *The People kneel. Then the Priest says*

Therefore, most merciful Father, we humbly pray thee, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, and we ask, that thou accept and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices. We offer them unto thee, first, for thy holy Catholic Church: that thou vouchsafe to keep her in peace, to guard, unite, and govern her throughout the whole world: together with thy servant Francis our Pope, Steven our Bishop, and all the faithful guardians of the catholic and apostolic faith.

## Commemoration of the Living

Remember, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids and all who here around us stand, whose faith is known unto thee and their steadfastness manifest, on whose behalf we offer unto thee or who themselves offer unto thee this sacrifice of praise: for themselves, and for all who are theirs: for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their health and well-being: and who offer their prayers unto thee, the eternal God, the living and the true.

United in one communion, we venerate the memory, first of the glorious ever-virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ; of blessed Joseph her spouse; as also of thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Thaddaeus; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all thy Saints; grant that by their merits and prayers we may in all things be defended with the help of thy protection.

We beseech thee then, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation from us thy servants, and from thy whole family: order thou our days in thy peace, and bid us to be delivered from eternal damnation and to be numbered in the fold of thine elect.

Vouchsafe, O God, we beseech thee, in all things to make this oblation blessed, approved, and accepted, a perfect and worthy offering: that it may become for us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who the day before he suffered, took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes lifted up to heaven unto thee, God, his Almighty Father, giving thanks to thee, he blessed, broke, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

Likewise, after supper, taking also this goodly chalice into his holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to thee, he blessed, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE  
BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND  
FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith:



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim thy Death, O Lord, un - til thou come a-gain.

*The Priest continues*

Wherefore, O Lord, we thy servants, and thy holy people also, remembering the blessed passion of the same Christ thy Son our Lord, as also his resurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven; do offer unto thine excellent majesty of thine own gifts and bounty, the pure victim, the holy victim, the immaculate victim, the holy Bread of eternal life, and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Vouchsafe to look upon them with a merciful and pleasant countenance: and to accept them even as thou didst vouchsafe to accept the gifts of thy servant Abel the Righteous, and the sacrifice of our patriarch Abraham: and the holy sacrifice, the immaculate victim, which thy high priest Melchisedech offered unto thee.

We humbly beseech thee, Almighty God, command these offerings to be brought by the hands of thy holy Angel to thine altar on high, in sight of thy divine majesty: that all we who at this partaking of the altar shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of thy Son, may be fulfilled with all heavenly ✠ benediction and grace.

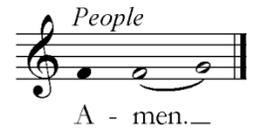
### **Commemoration of the Dead**

Remember also, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids who have gone before us sealed with the seal of faith, and who sleep the sleep of peace. To them, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, we beseech thee to grant the abode of refreshing, of light, and of peace.

To us sinners also, thy servants, who hope in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and with all thy saints: within whose fellowship, we beseech thee, admit us, not weighing our merit, but granting us forgiveness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; through whom, O Lord, thou dost ever create all these good things: dost sanctify, quicken, bless, and bestow them upon us.

By whom and with whom and in whom, to thee, O Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory throughout all ages, world without end.



## The Communion Rite

*The People stand*

### The Lord's Prayer

*plainsong*

*The Priest sings* As our Savior Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest      People & Priest

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low - ed\_ be thy Name, thy King-dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it\_ is\_ in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. and for-give us our tres-pas-ses,  
as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, but de-liv-er us from e - vil.

*The Priest continues* Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all the Saints, favorably grant peace in our days, that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress.

People

For thine is the king-dom, and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.\_

### The Peace

*The Priest says*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to her peace and unity according to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Priest      People

The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you. And with thy spirit.

*The People may offer one another a sign of peace, and then kneel*

*The People kneel*

### The Fraction of the Host

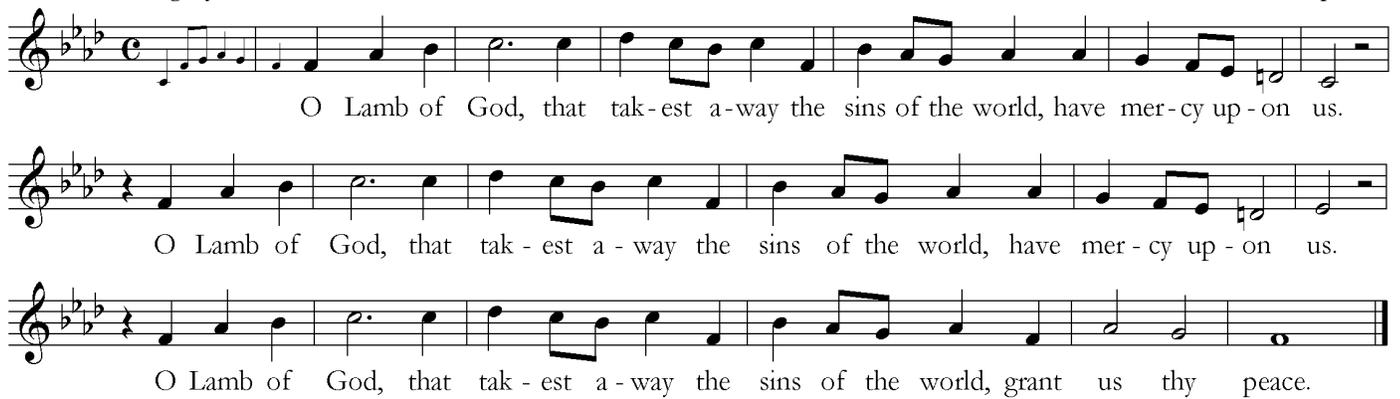
*plainsong*

The Priest breaks the consecrated Host and sings      People

Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu - ia.

## Agnus Dei, sung by all

R. Shephard



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## Prayer of Humble Access

*The Priest and People say*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Facing the People, and showing the Chalice and Host, the Priest says*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

*The People respond three times*

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,  
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

## The Holy Communion

**Communion Antiphon, sung by the Choir**

*Panis, quem ego dedero*

*Jn. 6:51 /plainsong*

The bread that I will give is my Flesh: which I will give thee for the life of the world.

**Organ Voluntary**

*Ad Dominum dum tribularer*

*A. Scarlatti*

*After the Choir, all are welcome to file forward down the center aisle, kneel as you are able at the Altar Rail, and return to your pew by the side aisles.*

*We ask that only those in full communion with the Catholic Church receive Holy Communion. Non-Catholics are assured that this is not an expression of exclusion, but of the fervent hope that all Christians will one day be authentically reunited, fulfilling our Lord's prayer "that they all may be one."*

*The Sacrament is received on the tongue. If not receiving the Holy Communion, please cross your arms across your chest and bow your head as a sign that you wish to receive a prayer of blessing from the Priest instead.*

*For those receiving the Sacrament, the Host, after intinction, is given on the tongue with these words:*

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Remaining kneeling, the People may join in singing

**Hymn After Communion** Jerusalem, My Happy Home F.B.P., 16<sup>th</sup> c. / American melody, *Land of Rest*

1. Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?  
 2. Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they see God face to face;  
 3. There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as mas - ter of the choir:  
 4. Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with tune sur - pass - ing sweet,  
 5. Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
 they tri - umph still, they still re - jice in that most hap - py place.  
 ten thou - sand times would one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.  
 and bless - ed mar - tyrs' har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.  
 thine end - less joy, and of the same par - ta - ker ev - er bel

After Communion is said by All, still kneeling:

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*Priest* Let us pray: Grant, O Lord, we pray thee: that this holy Sacrament may in such wise cleanse and defend us; that we may thereby attain to the fulfillment of everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

**Blessing & Dismissal**

*Priest*                      *People*                      *Priest*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. The peace of God...

...which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you

*People*

... al-ways. A - men.

*Priest*                      *People*

Go forth in peace. Thanks be to God.

*The People stand*

**Hymn in Procession**    O What their Joy and their Glory Must Be    P. Abelard, tr. J.M. Neale / *O quanta qualia*

1 O what their joy and their glo - ry must be, those end - less  
 2 Tru - ly, "Je - ru - sa - lem" name we that shore, ci - ty of  
 3 There, where no trou - bles dis - trac - tion can bring, we the sweet  
 4 Now, in the mean - while, with hearts raised on high, we for that  
 5 Low be - fore him with our prais - es we fall, of whom, and

Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see; crown for the val - iant, to  
 peace that brings joy ev - er - more; wish and ful - fill - ment are  
 an - thems of Zi - on shall sing; while for thy grace, Lord, their  
 coun - try must yearn and must sigh, seek - ing Je - ru - sa - lem,  
 in whom, and through whom are all; of whom, the Fa - ther; and

wea - ry ones rest; God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.  
 not sev - ered there, nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.  
 voic - es of praise thy bless - ed peo - ple e - ter - nal - ly raise.  
 dear na - tive land, through our long ex - ile on Bab - y - lon's strand.  
 in whom, the Son; through whom, the Spi - rit, with them ev - er One.

**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

**Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

**Organ Postlude**

Fugue in C

*J.S. Bach*

**Silent Devotion Upon the Conclusion of Mass**

*Pew booklet p. 35*

***Please depart the church in silence, in reverence to the Blessed Sacrament, and in respect for those who wish to remain and pray in our Lord's presence.***

***All are welcome at Coffee Hour the Parish Hall after the Mass, accessed by exiting the main church and re-entering the lower level.***

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### Personnel for This Weekend's Masses

	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.	Sunday 7 p.m.
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Michael Wurtz, CSC	Fr. Eric Bergman	Fr. Nathan Davis
<b>Deacon</b>	N/A	N/A	Deacon Joshua Davis
<b>In Choir</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Servers</b>	Eric Hartman	Ben Kaczor, Simon Glidewell, Thomas Bergman, Michael Kile, Kristian Kasmarcik	Eric Hartman
<b>Lector</b>	Eric Hartman	Sarah Kaczor	Steve Bartnicki
<b>Musicians</b>	N/A	Paul Campbell, Parish Choir	Paul Campbell
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron Morgese	Devin Day David Bergman	Paul Giehl N/A
<b>Counters</b>	N/A	Phil Huffman, Josie Roman	N/A

Please note, a new volunteer rota will be distributed this coming week.

### Mass Intentions, Week of 9/25

Sat 5:30 p.m.	Frank DeMartino.
Sun 10 a.m.	For the Parish (SI)
Sun 7 p.m.	Peter Justin Todd
Mon 7 a.m.	Kelly Lindquist & family (SI), Ian Lindquist
Mon 11 a.m.	Van Beek family (SI)
Tues 7 a.m.	Kelly Lindquist & family (SI), Ian Lindquist
Wed 11 a.m.	Kelly Lindquist & family (SI), Ian Lindquist
Wed 5:30 p.m.	Joseph Alphonse Normand
Th 7 a.m.	Peter & Mary Judge (SI)
Fri 7 a.m.	Kelly Lindquist & family (SI), Ian Lindquist
Fri 11 a.m.	Ann DeMartino.
Sat 8 a.m.	Mary Snair (SI)
Sat 5:30 p.m.	Angie Marino
Sun 10 a.m.	Carol Ann Pirolli (SI)
Sun 7 p.m.	For the Parish (SI)

### Youth Group Today

Being the fourth Sunday of the month, the Youth Group (ages 12+, and their invited guests) will meet for an outing or activity after the 10:00 a.m. Mass today, September 25.

### Building Fund Collection Next Weekend

Being the first Sunday of the month, next weekend we will receive a second collection for the Building Fund, as we continue to retire the debt incurred in our 2012 renovation. Thank you for your contribution.

### Talk After Mass Next Sunday

Fr. Bergman's cousin Will Stalder – a former minister of the Kirk of Scotland who recently came into the Catholic Church with his whole family – will visit the Parish on Sunday, October 2. Please join us at Coffee Hour for a talk by Mr. Stalder about his journey into the Church. Light refreshments will be served.

### First Friday & Saturday Devotions Oct. 7-8

Our next First Friday / First Saturday devotions will begin with Exposition, Solemn Evensong, and Benediction (sung by our Maria Kaupas Academy Upper School Choir) on Friday, Oct. 7 at 4:30 p.m.. 24-Hour Adoration will continue until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Adorers are needed Friday 5-6 p.m., and Saturday 7-7:30 a.m.; please call Kathleen at 570-947-7027.

### Catholic Men's Conference Oct. 8

The 7th annual Diocese of Scranton Catholic Men's Conference is planned for Saturday, October 8, 2022, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre. Please contact Michael Kilmer, Conference Chairman, at 570-746-0100, or [michaelkilmer71@gmail.com](mailto:michaelkilmer71@gmail.com).

### Capuchin Sisters Discernment Day Oct. 22

The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth will hold a "Nazareth Day" at the Convent in Tunkhannock for girls grades 8-12 on Saturday, October 22; call Sr. Margaret at 570-836-2737. Visit [www.capuchinsisters.com](http://www.capuchinsisters.com).

### "Knight at the Races" October 22

Council 12572 of the Knights of Columbus will offer a "Knight at the Races" on **Saturday evening, October 22** at Greenwood Hose Company, Moosic. Admission is \$8 and includes hot dogs, whimpies, and pizza. Horses are \$10 per horse; must be 21 or older. Tickets: [ScrantonKnights.com](http://ScrantonKnights.com), or call Chris Esposito at 570-885-9389.

### Italy Pilgrimage with Maria Kaupas Academy

Join Father Bergman and our Academy students on a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Orvieto, June 3-13! The \$3600 cost includes airfare, lodging, all meals, private guides, and more. Only forty spaces are available. For more information or to register please visit <https://prorometours.com/maria-kaupas/> or contact ProRome Tours at [office@prorome.com](mailto:office@prorome.com) or (434) 953-1112.

### Order of Alhambra

The Order of Alhambra – a Catholic organization of Catholic men and women dedicated to providing assistance and support to intellectually disabled individuals – is seeking donations. Checks may be made payable to Alhambra Caravan #4 and mailed to: Donna Magni, Vice Grand Commander, 17 English St. West Wyoming, PA 18644. For more information please contact Donna at 570-357-0507. Thank you!

### Coat Tree Needed for Guests

A coat tree is needed to help furnish the Bloch House, where visiting clergy stay. Please call Kathleen: 570-947-7027.

### Weekly Friday Prayers

All are welcome to join a group of laity gathering Fridays at 1:00 p.m., praying in reparation for an end to abortion, for family members who have left the Church, and for peace in the world.

### 2022 Bishop's Appeal

God bless all of you who have so generously responded in support of the 2022 Bishop's Appeal. If you have yet to give, take a pledge card or visit [ordinariate.net/bishops-appeal](http://ordinariate.net/bishops-appeal).

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

A friendly congregation of Catholic Christians in Scranton, Pennsylvania with a mission to reconcile people of all walks of life to the Catholic Church through Beautiful Worship, Authentic Fellowship, Robust Teaching, Compassionate Outreach, and Joy in Sharing the Good News

## Welcome!

Welcome to Mass at St. Thomas More! We are glad you are here. Newcomers are invited to fill out a Visitor Card and drop it in the offering basket, or hand it to Fr. Bergman at the conclusion of Mass. On Sunday mornings, please join us for coffee and fellowship afterward.

## Contact Us

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St. Joseph Church

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*Website:* [www.stmscranton.org](http://www.stmscranton.org)

### Office Hours:

Generally, M-F, normal daytime hours.  
It is always best to call before dropping in.

## Leadership

**Pastor:** The Rev. Eric Bergman

**Deacon:** The Rev. Mr. Joshua Davis

**Staff:** Paul Campbell, Sandra Campbell,  
Carmina Chapp, Katy Kadonoff

### Pastoral Council:

Trevor Grant, Eric Hartman,  
Peggy Olivieri, Grace Peletier,  
Eugene Pirolli

### Finance Council:

Todd Glidewell, Richard Goberdon,  
William Jones, Avrilana Kile,  
Michael O'Donnell

## Serve!

### Outreach at St. Thomas More

St. Thomas More is a church that “talks the talk and walks the walk,” committing thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours every year to ministries that reach out to the least, the last, and the lost, including Pennsylvanians for Human Life, the St. Francis Soup Kitchen, Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Social Services, Peter’s Pence, Catholic Home Missions, and many others.

## About Us

St. Thomas More Parish is a friendly, growing, and thriving Catholic congregation in Scranton, Pennsylvania with a mission to welcome people of all walks of life to the Catholic Church through beautiful worship, authentic fellowship, robust teaching, compassionate outreach, and joy in sharing the Good News. We are a community that strives each day to live out the Catholic faith in the modern world with integrity and joy.

Our founding members and our priest were members of a local Episcopal parish who all came into the Catholic Church as an intact congregation in 2005, but our membership has expanded in both its numbers and its diversity ever since, as we have welcomed people of many other backgrounds into our fellowship: Lifelong Catholics, lapsed Catholics rediscovering the Church, Protestants exploring the Catholic faith, and those with no church background, wanting to learn more about Jesus.

Given the history of our founding, our embrace of the Catholic faith is not an unreflective adoption of our parents’ religion, but a joyful homecoming after long and thoughtful discernment. So whatever your background – whether Catholic, Protestant, lapsed, or non-Christian – your questions will be welcomed and honored in our community. Yet we believe the great questions of life do indeed have satisfying answers, available to all in the Catholic faith. We hope you will join us in this journey of seeking after Truth – and finding it!

## Reach!

### Evangelization at STM

Given our unique history (see “About Us,” above), our congregation is deeply involved in efforts to share the Good News of the fullness of the Catholic Faith with our separated Christian brothers, especially those of the Anglican tradition from which we ourselves have come. We offer our form of the Mass not simply to grasp what is familiar, but to welcome others to the Catholic faith with a tradition they know and love.

## Celebrate!

### Worship at St. Thomas More

- **Masses:** Saturday Vigil, 5:30 p.m. | Sundays, 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. | M-T-Th-F, 7:00 a.m. | Wed 5:30 p.m. | Sat 8 a.m. | Confessions 30 minutes prior to Masses.
- **Daily Office:** Daily Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m.; Daily Evening Prayer, 4:30 p.m.
- **Evensong & 24 Hour Adoration:** First Fridays & Saturdays; 4:30 Evensong Fridays, Adoration until 4:30 Saturdays.
- **Choir Rehearsals:** Adults & Teens: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Grades 2-8: Maria Kaupas Academy rehearsals

## Grow!

### Christian Formation (Sept.-May)

#### Children & Youth

- Thru age 10: Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
- Ages 11-12: Confirmation Class, 8:30 a.m.
- Ages 13+: Teen Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.
- Ages 12 & up: Youth Group, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

#### Adults

- Seasonal Adult Education: Sundays in Advent & Lent after 10 a.m. Mass w/ light potluck lunch
- Inquirers Class for non-Catholics with questions or seeking Confirmation, Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

## Connect!

### Fellowship & Parish Life

- Coffee Hour after Sunday a.m. Masses
- Potluck lunches after 10 a.m. Masses 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month, celebrating that month’s birthdays & anniversaries.
- Neighbor Nights (games & movies in the Parish Hall, for members, guests, + the neighborhood): 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 6 p.m.
- Ladies’ Lunch & Study Group, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month, 12 noon
- Parish Picnic, Epiphany Dinner, Anniversary Celebration, All Saints Costume Party, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, St. Thomas More Feast, & many other annual fellowship celebrations.