



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

## HOMOSASSA, FLORIDA

7040 S Suncoast Blvd.  
Phone: (352) 628-7000  
E-mail: [Info@MyStThomas.org](mailto:Info@MyStThomas.org)

Homosassa, FL 34446  
Fax: (352) 628-4723  
[www.MyStThomas.org](http://www.MyStThomas.org)

**A warm welcome** to everyone, parishioners and guests, whether coming from near or far. I am so happy you could join us today, as we reflect on the Word of God and partake of the Eucharist. My hope is that you feel at home at St. Thomas. ~ **Fr. Glenn**

### MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: 8:00 am (Monday Friday);  
Saturday 8:00 am: Communion  
Service Only  
First Saturday Mass: 8:00 am

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
(Parish Choir)

### HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS

Consult our bulletin or parish website:  
[www.MyStThomas.org](http://www.MyStThomas.org)  
First Friday Adoration: 8:30 am to Noon  
Saturday: Reconciliation (Confession)  
3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

***It is our pleasure to serve you!***

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Friday - Sunday: Closed

### PASTORAL STAFF MEMBERS

**Rev. J. Glenn Diaz, Pastor**

Assisting Clergy:

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Sobiesiak  
Deacon Mark Manko

Robert Adams: Maintenance

Karen Ballaban: Comms. Specialist

Robin Furciato: Coord. of Religious Ed.

David Martin: Custodian

Joseph McEvoy: Pastoral Assistant

Michelle Kim-Painter: Music Director

Alfred Papino: Bookkeeper; Cantor,  
& Lead Accompanist

Pauline Papino: Sacristan

Karen Robben: Office and  
Communications Manager

*Father*  
ONE GOD

and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

*Ephesians 4:6*

*Son*  
THE WORD

became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

*John 1:14*

*Holy Spirit*  
THE ADVOCATE,

the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name ~ he will teach  
you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

*John 14:26*

*THE HOLY TRINITY*

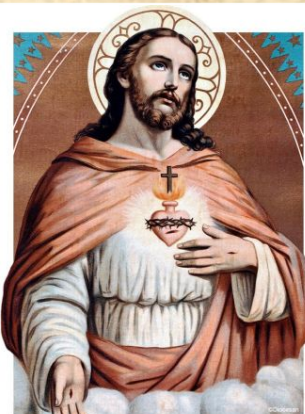
© Diocesan

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023**

# TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

**4 June 2023 / Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Year A**

**Fr Glenn / written on 24 April 2023**



*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

1. June is the month of the **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**. Its solemnity falls on June 16th this year (Friday after Corpus Christi Sunday). In honoring the Sacred Heart, we are honoring the compassion and love of Christ: his human heart, moved with pity for his flock; his divine heart, pierced for the sins of his people. From the pierced heart of Jesus, blood and water poured out, "the wellspring of the Church's sacraments."

2. We celebrate today the solemnity of the **Most Holy Trinity**. We believe that there are three divine persons in one God. Our Trinitarian God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) cannot be understood apart from their unity. The essential component of being in relationship with our Trinitarian God is to allow that relationship to impact all that we say and do. For your homework today, I encourage you to google a 15th century icon made by the Russian painter Andrei Rublev known as "The Hospitality of Abraham," depicting the three angels who visited Abraham and Sarah. This famous image is often referred to as the Icon of the Trinity. Check out how the Trinity is depicted in these figures.

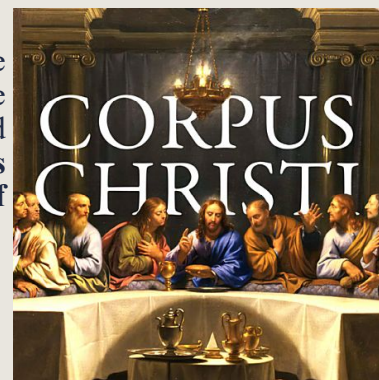
3. During our baptism, we were sealed by the **sign of the Holy Trinity**. Through our baptism, we became adopted children of God, so can now call God our Father. Through baptism, we became brothers and sisters of Christ, co-heirs of the kingdom of heaven. Through our baptism, we became living temples of the Holy Spirit, so that through grace we may be able to participate in the divine life. We have received an indelible mark of the Holy Trinity from the moment of our baptism. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we renew our faith in our One and Triune God. For this reason, we begin and end our celebration of the mass always "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

**We celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, next weekend, June 10 and 11.** This solemnity celebrates the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus in the consecrated elements of the Eucharist.

At all weekend Masses, we will distribute communion under both species of bread and wine. Communion from the chalice will be available from the Deacon and two Eucharistic Ministers. We encourage you to drink from the chalice, but it is purely voluntary.

Corpus Christi Sunday also marks the beginning of the second phase of the National Eucharistic Revival (NER), where the focus is at the parish level. We will have a Eucharistic procession at the end of the 8:00 am Sunday Mass, and incense will be used during this Mass. **Weather permitting, we will process with the Blessed Sacrament outside, a public display of our faith and belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.**

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."  
(John 6:54)





# ST. THOMAS MINISTRIES & JUNE CELEBRATIONS



As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity, we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this, our lives can then overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

**Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.**

Through the generous support of our parishioners, St. Thomas's St. Vincent de Paul Society in May was able to help people in need. Our SVdP Visitation Case Workers received 87 calls, served 72 households, and made 26 home visits which provided support for 72 individuals. Our volunteers delivered 209 pounds of pantry food and spent \$3,854.81 for utilities, food, clothing, etc. Our teams donated 160 hours and traveled 724 miles in service to those in need.

Our SVDP phone number for assistance is 352-628-3366. If you know someone who needs help, please tell them to call us.

**We need more volunteers** to do home visits or help with our money and food collections. All interested parishioners are invited to attend our meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 4:30 PM in St. Martin's Hall or call Bill at 352-232-1071 or Pauline at 401-241-9404.

*Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 7.*

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

At the vigil mass on May 20, Carole Damiano was received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. ***Congratulations, Carole!***

Al Papino, pictured to the right of Carole, was her sponsor. Carole's husband, Frank, is standing behind and to the left of her.



**The Women's Guild held their annual Tea Party in St. Martin's Hall on May 17, 2023.**

If you did not make the Tea Party and want to join this ministry, please call Brenda Jeffres at 352-422-7755. The

Women's Guild does not meet from

June –August. The September meeting date and time will be announced in advance in our weekend bulletin.

Olivia Bruce Kosling (past president) and Brenda Jeffres (newly elected president) are pictured to the left.

St. Thomas is fortunate and grateful to have

these amazing women participate in the Women's Guild Ministry.

***Thank you!***



## JUNE CELEBRATIONS



Fr. Glenn and the entire St. Thomas Pastoral Staff wish much happiness, joy, and congratulations to all our parishioners enjoying a Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, and/or the Birth of a Baby/Grandbaby this month.

May God bless you with His infinite love, comforting peace, and heavenly joy throughout the coming year.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, June 4

**8:00 am: Abby & Benny Puma †**

Requested by: Loving Family, the Pumas

**10:30 am: To our loving son,**

**Donovan Stapleton †**

Requested by: Charles & Andrea Stapleton

#### Monday, June 5

**8:00 am: All Deceased Military and  
Military Chaplains †**

Requested by: Helen & Gene Koczur

#### Tuesday, June 6

**8:00 am: Vita Tartamella †**

Requested by: Jane Prefer

#### Wednesday, June 7

**8:00 am: Charles Baldi †**

Requested by: Pete Kanis

#### Thursday, June 8

**8:00 am: Josephine Brooks †**

Requested by: Patricia & William Brooks

#### Friday, June 9

**8:00 am: Fr. Eddie Chinch**

Requested by: Olivia Kosling

#### Saturday, June 10

**4:30 pm: Al & Pauline  
Papino's 44th Wedding  
Anniversary**

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**



#### Sunday, June 11

**8:00 am: Mark Nehrbas †**

Requested by: List Family

**10:30 am: Parish Family**



### DAILY READINGS, SAINTS, & OBSERVANCES

#### Sunday: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13;  
Jn 3:16-18

#### Monday: Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6; Mk 12:1-12

#### Tuesday: Memorial of Saint Norbert, Bishop

Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 & 7bc,  
8-9; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-2,  
3, 4-5; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Saint Ephrem of Syria, Deacon and Doctor of the  
Church Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10;  
Mk 12:35-37

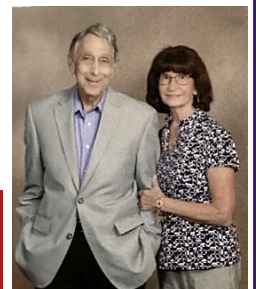
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tobit, 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8;  
Mk 12:38-44

#### Sunday: Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17;  
Jn 6:51-58

### THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS

are donated  
in celebration of the  
**54th Wedding Anniversary**  
of  
**David & Tina Maffia**



**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**



### LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers all those in our parish family  
who are ill, especially:

Karl Wolf, Ethan Grayshan, Rita & Art Frisbie, Virginia Kanis, Scott Klaben, Kerrie Schmidt, Mike Jablonsky, Stephanie St. Clair, Mary Ann DeSimone, Charles Terreault, Gordon Gould, Christine Gicola, Skip Guss, Elizabeth Dostal, Anthony Cimorelli, Ron Rothe, Marguerite Corrao, Rusty Ryal, Norma Galvin, Wendell Miller, Joseph Hertrich, Michelle LaGreca, Sutton Hotard, Charles Harvey, Betty Parker, David Cheevers, Joseph & Gail Carey, Deacon Vince Small, Raymond Huffman, Tony Caposieno, Wade Wolfe, Samantha Wasley, Don Harnett, Nick Russo, Frank Watson, Peggy Lingrosso, Pat Cleary, Mary Ann Zack, Arria Wheeler, Kathy Farrell, Jim Crouse, Andy Lunk, Sarah Phillips, Peggy Paul, Sheila Greifenkamp, Pat Allard, Philip Porter III, Phyllis Fylak, Sandy Mueller, Richard and Lorraine Kwiecienski, Sandy Marecki, Linda DeWitt, Ruthann Pullen, and our Website Prayer Requests.

**To add or remove someone from our parish prayer list, please contact the parish office.**



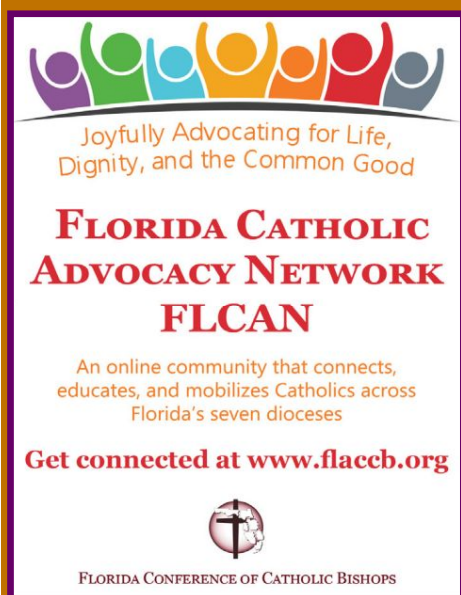
## FLCAN & THE CATHOLIC THEOLOGY SHOW

### DO YOU KNOW?

The Florida Catholic Advocacy Network (FLCAN) is a statewide, online community established by the bishops of Florida that exists to connect, educate, and mobilize Catholics across Florida's seven dioceses on public policy issues pertaining to life, dignity, and the common good.

### Why should Catholics participate?

Pope Francis reminds us, "Each son and daughter of a given country has a mission, a personal and social responsibility." As Catholics we are called to participate in public life and to apply Gospel values to our political activities as a joyful public witness to the Church's social teachings. FLCAN provides the opportunity to speak on behalf of the poor, the disabled, the sick or dying, the unborn, the elderly, families and children, immigrants, the imprisoned, and others in need. By raising our voices together, we strengthen the presence of the Catholic faithful in the public square.



### What do subscribers receive?

#### FLCAN subscribers receive via email:

- Action alerts on key bills at both the state and federal levels that allow for quick and easy messaging to elected officials
- Reports, summaries, and educational materials that identify legislative proposals affecting issues important to our faith
- Calls to prayer for the people of our state and nation, and for our elected leaders

Please consider joining the  
Florida Catholic Advocacy Network (FLCAN).  
Get connected at [www.flaccb.org](http://www.flaccb.org)

### ~ FOR YOUR INFORMATION ~



### THE CATHOLIC THEOLOGY SHOW!

#### A PODCAST WITH DR. MICHAEL DAUPHINAIS

Presented by Ave Maria University, Dr. Michael Dauphinais, Chair and Professor of Theology, sits down with colleagues and friends to discuss Catholic theology. Ave Maria is a Catholic University located in Southwest Florida. This Catholic podcast covers themes such as the value of a Catholic higher education, religious liberty, how to pray, the philosophies of Thomas Aquinas and more!

#### Listen on Your Favorite Podcast Network



Apple  
Podcasts



Google  
Podcasts



Spotify

## FROM THE DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG & USCCB

**Thank you and congratulations to Bishop Gregory L. Parkes!** On June 5th he celebrates his 11th anniversary of being a bishop. We are so grateful for his leadership and pastoral care! Bishop Parkes was appointed a bishop by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. His first assignment was the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee.



**First Catholic  
college in Florida**

Courage to be more.



Scan here

### SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY

Saint Leo University is ranked one of the best universities in Florida. The University offers an unparalleled liberal arts education grounded in rich Catholic traditions. More than 1,800 Saint Leo students live and study at the beautiful lakeside campus in east Pasco County.

Bishop Parkes, a member of the Saint Leo University Board of Trustees, has asked that the attached ad with QR Code be included in all parish bulletins. If you would like to share details on the University with potential Saint Leo students, please refer them to this link for more information: <https://www.saintleo.edu/future-students>



**RELIGIOUS  
FREEDOM  
WEEK**

Religious Freedom Week takes place June 22 – 29 every year. It begins with the feast day of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, includes the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, and ends with the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. The theme for this year is *Embracing the Divine Gift of Freedom.*

### Let us pray this prayer for the protection of religious liberty:

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society. We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome— for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us— this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

~United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

**During Religious Freedom Week (June 22-29), we will post a graphic daily on our Facebook Page [@MYSTTHOMAS.ORG](https://www.facebook.com/MySTTHOMAS.ORG)**  
**During this week, Catholics are encouraged to pray and act each day for religious freedom.**



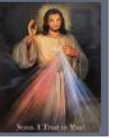



## EVENTS & COLLECTIONS // FATHER'S DAY // ONLINE GIVING

Please refer to the Daily / Weekend Mass and Reconciliation Schedule located on the front cover.

**THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**  
is prayed every weekday following the 8:00 am Mass.

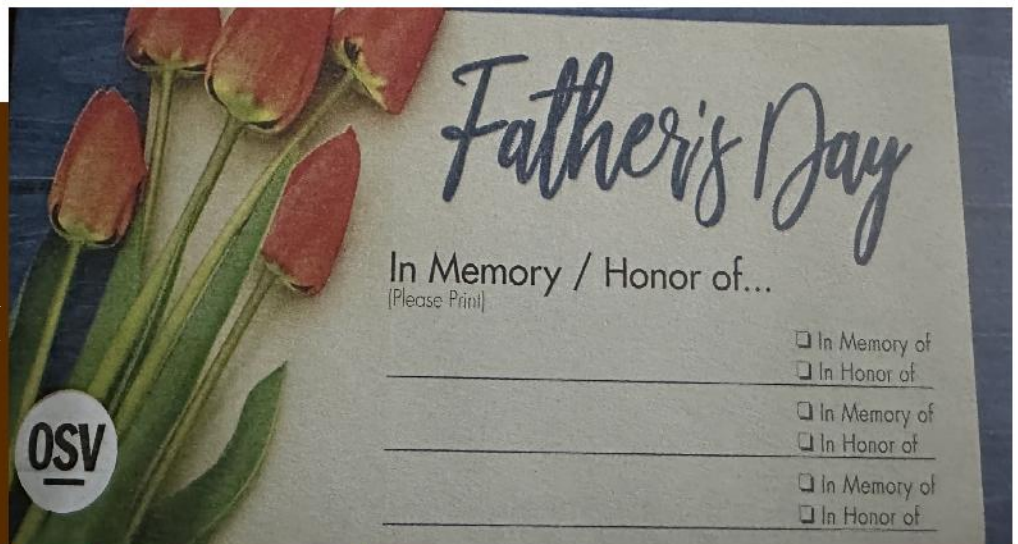
*Together We Pray!*



<b>Sunday, June 4:</b> <b>Collections: Parish Building Fund, Pregnancy &amp; Family Life, and Father's Day.</b>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass
<b>Monday, June 5:</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study "The Psalms"
<b>Tuesday, June 6:</b>	8:45 am 11:00 am	Holy Face Devotion Respect Life Ministry Meeting
<b>Wednesday, June 7:</b>	4:30 pm	SVdP Meeting
<b>Thursday, June 8:</b>  <b>NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival</b>	8:30 am—9:30 am 9:45 am 1:00 pm	Holy Hour of Adoration Flame of Love Prayer Group Bereavement Meeting
<b>Saturday, June 10:</b>	8:00 am 10:00 am—1:00 pm  3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt.	Communion Service Only YFF Stewardship Project - Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park Reconciliation
<b>Sunday, June 11:</b> <b>Collections: Catholic Ministry Appeal &amp; SVdP Money Collection</b>	8:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am—2:30 pm	Mass Mass Love More Ministry - Team C Leader: Sandy Campise

### FATHER'S DAY MASS ENVELOPE COLLECTION is this weekend (June 3/4).

Please place the envelope, with your donation, in the collection basket during this weekend's second collection. *Thank you!*



**ONLINE GIVING**  
FAST | SIMPLE | SECURE  
 **ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH**  
HOMOSASSA, FLORIDA



Online giving is an easy, safe, and secure way to support our parish!  
To set up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit [give.mystthomas.org/give](http://give.mystthomas.org/give) or scan this QR code  
We are grateful for your support!



Diocesan is proud to now be printing  
**St. Thomas the Apostle's  
 Sunday Bulletin**



You are invited to help support our Parish!  
 For opportunities to advertise, please call 800-997-4986



**Wilder-Funeral Home**  
 Jeff Macrini, Funeral Director  
 628-3344 US Hwy. 19, Homosassa Springs

**HOOVER FUNERAL HOME**  
 Homosassa Springs  
 352-628-3237  
 "Locally Owned & Operated"

**Boulerice**  
**ROOFING**  
 & SUPPLY INC.

New Roofs  
 Reroofs  
 Repairs  
 Free Estimates  
 Robert • Barry  
 352-628-7445  
 866-319-2952

**AIR CONDITIONING  
 & HEATING**  
 American Standard®  
 HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING



**JOHN NOVAK, INC.**  
 AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING

- Family Owned and Operated
- As a practicing Catholic family and business we treat you with integrity and professionalism.
- Servicing all major brands
- Commercial/ Residential
- Ice Machines

Hernando:  
 352-754-1890

Citrus:  
 352-341-1179



State Cert #  
 CAC0636926



**BRIJBAG  
 LAW**

CAR ACCIDENT ♦ PERSONAL INJURY  
 FREE CONSULTATIONS - VIRTUAL OR IN OFFICE  
 5329 COMMERCIAL WAY  
 SPRING HILL, FL 34606

HERNANDO ♦ PASCO ♦ CITRUS  
 WWW.BRIJBAGLAW.COM  
 352.358.5880



**CBJD**  
 THE CENTER FOR BONE & JOINT DISEASE  
**THE CENTER FOR  
 BONE & JOINT DISEASE**  
 (352) 596-0900  
 10221 Yale Avenue  
 Brooksville, FL 34613  
 CenterForBoneAndJoint.com

Craig Bennett, M.D. - General Ortho  
 Jared Salinsky, D.O. - General Ortho  
 George Kardashian, M.D. - Hand/Elbow  
 Juan Raposo, M.D. - Revisions/Spine  
 Kirill Ilalov, M.D. - Spine  
 Dragomir Mijic, D.O. - Shoulder  
 Dolfi Herscovici, D.O. - Foot/Ankle  
 Korey Yngstrom, D.O. - Hip/Trauma  
 Kenton Panas, M.D. - Sports Fellowship Shoulder  
 Christopher Reyher, M.D. - Physiatry/General  
 Huy Nguyen, M.D. - Physiatry/General  
 Alexander Pappas, D.P.M. - Podiatrist



Get this bulletin emailed  
 to you every week.

Simply go to  
 www.DM.CHURCH/4431

...or scan →



DISCOVERMASS

The Nature Coast's Premier  
**ESTATE  
 PLANNING**  
 Law Firm

**HENGESBACH &  
 HENGESBACH**  
 ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW

WILLS | TRUSTS | PROBATE | ELDER LAW



Spring Hill Office: (352) 683-1963  
 www.naturecoastlaw.com

**catholicmatch®**  
 Florida



CatholicMatch.com/goFL

**AAA  
 ROOFING**

Call The "Leakbusters"

Crystal River 563-0411  
 Inverness 726-8917  
 Ocala 352-840-0445

email: aaarroofingfl@yahoo.com  
 web: aaarroofingflorida.com

24 Times  
 Best of the Best  
 Bonded &  
 Insured

State Lic. CCC057537

Free  
 Estimates  
 Fax 352-563-0001

*The Businesses listed above make this bulletin possible.*  
**Please support them when you can.**

Sign up to get our bulletin in your email each week. Go to **DiscoverMass.com/subscribe**

