

St. Thomas More Church

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Eucharistic Celebrations
 Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am
 Weekdays:
 Monday-Friday: 6:45 and 9:00 am
 Saturday: 9:00 am
 Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 7:00 pm



Rite of Reconciliation
 Saturdays: 3:30-4:00 pm or any
 time by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration
 9:30 am—12noon
 Fridays in the Chapel

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 Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
 Julie Linn, Music Ministry
 Kathleen Witts, Youth Coordinator
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 21, 2018

PARISH MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

Mission (Purpose)

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we the Catholic Community of St. Thomas More respond to our call to holiness.

Vision (Goals)

Empowered by Baptism, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and formed by the Word of God and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we live out our Mission by working together:

- To structure prayerful, vibrant, participatory, Sunday worship experiences.
- To provide Life Long Faith formation for all age levels.
- To care for the young, the old, the sick, the hurting and the needy, both inside and outside our parish.
- To promote faith sharing, prayer, support, learning and listening to one another as a model for nourishing and sustaining our faith community.
- To welcome back, with hospitality, those who have left our faith community.

VISITATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, if a family member is seriously ill or facing/recovering from surgery and would like to see a priest or receive the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is also available to those who are homebound on an ongoing basis.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please make arrangements for Baptism in advance through the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a preparatory session.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry will attend a marriage preparation program called Living in Love. Call office for appointment.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of formation for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not received First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

For more information, please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104.

RCIA Team: Sister Ann Byrnes and John Mohan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sunday, during 10 a.m. Mass

Grades one thru four: Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.

Grades five thru eight: Tuesday, 6:30– 7:45 p.m.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish office to register.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 4 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088

Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing

The Women's Club Annual Game Day is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24th at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Please bring your favorite game and a bag lunch. Dessert, coffee and tea will be provided. Hope to see you there!



Curious about the Diaconate ? About becoming a Deacon?

On camdendeacon.org you will find various articles, programs and practical suggestions all aimed at helping those discerning a possible call to serve in ordained ministry as a permanent deacon.

There is a link that will enable you to "Meet our Deacons", a blog with informative articles, as well as other resources which open up a greater opportunity to learn more about our faith and service.

Deacon John Harrington, who served here at St. Thomas More Parish, has had **serious health issues in recent months**. We know he would appreciate your prayers for improved health and healing. **His address is: Deacon John Harrington, 4009 South West 26th Ave., Cape Coral, Fl. 33914**



The collection for Sunday, January 14, 2018 was \$ 8,397.00 from 177 donors. As always, thank you for your generosity.

"... if My people, who are called by My Name, are sorry for what they have done, if they pray and obey me and stop their evil ways, I will heal their land."
2nd Chronicles 7: 14

Stewardship Reflection— 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Stewards Follow

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:17



Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good **Stewardship** of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.



50th Anniversary Events

A Year of 'Celebrating God's Faithfulness', and a special time of reaching out to welcome others to our parish family.

Novena for Anniversary Year: November 8, 2017
Festival of Lessons and Carols: December 3, 2017

Living in Love Retreat for Couples
(All Couples of the Parish)

Friday, February 2, 2018

Parish Mission Fr. Simeon Gallagher
(All adults of the Parish)

February 12-15, 2018

Easter Egg Hunt
(All children of the parish ages 1 thru 10)

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Parish Family Communion Breakfast
(All families of the Parish)

Sunday, April 15, 2018
Speaker: Msgr. Thomas Morgan

5 K Run and walk
(Parishioners of all Ages)

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Parish Picnic
(All Parishioners)

Sunday, September 16, 2018

50th Anniversary Mass & Dinner
Bishop Sullivan –Presider
(All Parishioners invited to attend)

Sunday, October 21, 2018
11:30 AM

Please Join Us for Each Anniversary Event

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 21, 2018

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for JANUARY 27/28

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Father Johnson	Christy Joe	P. & N. Kirincic G. Tyrrell	J. Mohan	I. & C. Fulton
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Carmen Len	B, Lento, B. Massey	M. Maggart	M. & R. Widmer A. Kuzinski
10:00 am	Father Johnson	JoAnne/Choir Julie	D. & L. Lyon M. Santiago	J. Campbell	K. Johnson M. Mueller A. Librojo
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Kristin & Elena Julie	M. Gorin, M. Garber B. Haughwout	D. Haughwout	D. Ha M. Carr

The Ministry schedule can be found at the St. Thomas More website: <http://stthomasmorenj.org>



For Our Children

Classes coming up: January 23, 30
Confirmation Prep Classes I – 7th Grade and II 8th grade
January 21, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.
Required for all 7th and 8th graders.

First Penance Parents Meeting, Sun. Jan. 21, after 10:00 am Mass.

Confirmation Parents/Children Meeting, Sun. Jan. 28, after 10 am Mass

The readings for the second Sunday in Ordinary Time, year B, remind us of God’s calling for each of us. Most people wonder why there are no more Sisters in teaching in the Catholic Schools? Why there are so few young priests? Why? Why? Why?

Two years ago I was at the Boston Harbor. Tall buildings and the high ships all came together. There was much wind and my habit was blowing..... it got some attention. A couple of young moms with their teen daughters started to call out: “Sister, Sister, how nice to see a sister in our area! How come we don’t see as many sisters these days? How come there are all lay teachers in our Catholic Schools?” One of the mothers continued saying how she remembered going to Catholic School and the fond memories she had of those years and the Sisters there.

I answered their anxious questions by saying that priests and sisters come from families like theirs, and parents need to foster vocations in their homes. Young women, like the one present there need to consider their possible vocation.....” There was a moment of silence and then one the mother said: “Is that what it is?” I said “YES that is what it is”... They turned around and just walked away in the blowing wind.

Parents, how willing are you to encourage your children to service in the Church in the priesthood or consecrated life? YOUTH, how willing are you to answer God’s prayer to YOU; “Come follow me?” “Jesus needs you.”

STM Youth

Upcoming Activities! Save the dates!

Feb. 3/4 : Souper Bowl of Caring-Donations collected after all Masses

Feb. 17th: Ronald McDonald House Breakfast—serve breakfast to the families at Ronald McDonald House.

What is STM Youth? All 5th—12th graders are welcome and encouraged to participate in the STM Youth Groups (YG). Youth Group is filled with Faith, Friends and Fun! Come try it out. You do not need to attend everything to be in the Youth Group— Come when you can.

5th—8th– The Junior YG is designed to enhance the formal Religious Education. Service is there to help the 7th & 8th graders with service hours and begin a lifestyle of serving.

9th—12th - The Senior YG gives you the opportunity to continue to learn your faith and LIVE your faith through service, social and spiritual activities. If there is an activity or project you would like to do with Youth Group, please let Katie know.

Do you have a busy schedule but would like to do service? The Cathedral Kitchen is always in need of utensil packets, and placemats.

www.cathedralkitchen.org/volunteer.

Utensil Packets: assemble packets that include a plastic fork, paper napkin, salt and pepper packet (we can get for you) in a sealed sandwich baggie. We also add a mint! Any amount is welcome.

Placemats: Decorate paper placemats for our guests that celebrate holidays and/or seasons. You may use basic white paper placemats or regular construction paper of any color. Any amount is welcome.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 21, 2018



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 am living and deceased members of the parish
Margaret Harkins
r/b Dom & Marie Sacca
4:30 pm Pat Brink r/b Don Brink

SUNDAY—JANUARY 21

8:30 am Frances Hawksley
r/b STM Women's Club
10:00 am Brian Bones r/b Teri Bones
Daniel Williams, Sr.
r/b Elaine Beckman
Gary Langan r/b Joe Ryan & family
11:30 am Fran Boesch r/b husband, Jack

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

6:45 am intentions of Sr. Clare Sabini
r/b Sr. Jerilyn
9:00 am Birthday wishes for Cindy Z

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

6:45 am Joseph Ezerski r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Peggy Harkins
r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

6:45 am Margaret Ezerski r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am People of the Parish

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

6:45 am Michael Ezerski r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Special Intentions in Gratitude
Jane Kenney
r/b Don & Mary Anne Cunningham

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Lillian Reader r/b Lillian Creedon

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 am living & deceased members of the Parish
4:30 pm Frances Hawksley
r/b Barbara & Charles Cerquitella

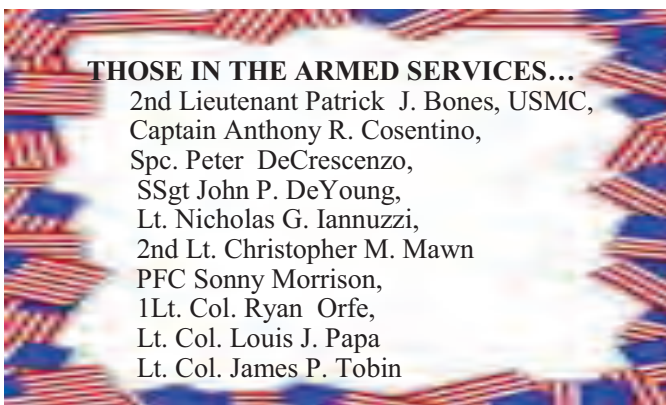
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:30 am Phil Petrone
r/b Mary Lou & Harry Horlacher
10:00 am Gary Langan
r/b Carol & Andrew Sloan & family
Gloria Sorrentino r/b Bob Sorrentino
11:30 am Tom LaCasse r/b Jack Boesch

Papal Intentions for the Month of January: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...Pat Beaney, Francesca Capra, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Frank Colbert, Sean Colbert, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Geralyn Coticone, Mary Cowan, Margaret Crawford, Pasquale DiFronzo, Angelo DiGiacomo, Carol Erlam, Harry Gindele, Sue Hagan, Thomas Houston, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, Stephen Kaye, John B. Kennedy, Peggy Kiefner, Maureen Kochanek, Stan Kochanek, Don Kreal, Leila Lore Leavengood, Mildred Leber, Mary Ellen Lepre, Al MacElrath, Marie Manalo, Vince Marchesani, Wayne Mauri, Sr., Joe Mazzagatti, Jerry McMenamini, Youngmork Park, Hilda K Pellerito, Eleanor & Chick Perrotta, Fred Petrone, Tina Petrone, Pauline Rosberg, Joseph Ryan, John S., Barbara Salpas, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Frank Sines, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Maria Storms, Samuel Stafford, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, George Sweeten, Christopher Tama, Stephanie Tama, Marcy Toub, Ted Uhlman, Kathryn Wolfe, Linda VanName, Ann Vigrass.



The new class of Altar Servers will be installed at the 10:00am Mass next Sunday, January 28th. Please remember all of our servers in your prayers as they serve at the altar for Mass.



Funster News

Funster trips are open to ALL parishioners & Friends Please join us on our next overnight outing June 18-21, 2018 to Lake George with visits to Lake Placid and Saratoga Springs. The cost is \$775 per person (based on dbl occ) which includes 3 nts at newly renovated Surfside on the Lake, 3 breakfasts, lunch and dinners plus one dinner show and much more. Contact Lin 856-795-4396.

Second Collection this weekend for the Church in Latin America. Please be generous to this collection.

Second Collection next weekend: Catholic Schools

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Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for Proclamation of the Gospel the following Sunday. Faith Sharing helps ordinary people connect their faith with everyday life experiences.

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 28, 2018 - Mark 1:21-28

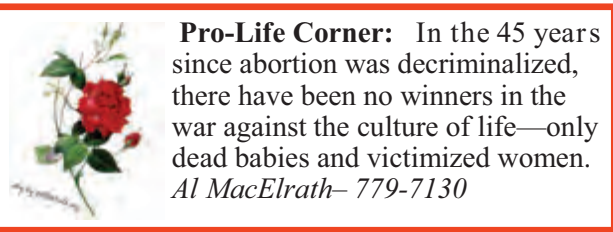
Then they came to the Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God. Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

Commentary:

The most important question Mark's Gospel asks is "Who is Jesus?" Jesus taught with authority. Jesus' presence changed situations. Jesus' actions matched his words. The scribes were another story. They knew well the Hebrew Scriptures. They were learned men. However, their words were empty because their actions did not match their words. They did not live what they preached. For us, it is important to live what we preach. Then our teaching will be in accord with God's Will.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. What is God saying to me in this Gospel passage?
2. What word or phrase in this Gospel speaks to me?
3. What word or phrase in the Reflection resonates with me?



Pro-Life Corner: In the 45 years since abortion was decriminalized, there have been no winners in the war against the culture of life—only dead babies and victimized women.
Al MacElrath— 779-7130

The Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching continues with **Sr. Diane Guerin, RSM** presenting on **Monday mornings January 22 & 29 at 9:45 AM in the Parish Hall.**



Come As You Are
Malvern Men's Retreat
March 16, 17, 18, 2018
Contact: John Galati
856-207-1111

St. Thomas More 50th Anniversary Event **Marriage Enrichment Program** **"Smart Loving"**

A life-altering workshop for couples of all ages, with special appeal for younger couples, and uniquely popular with men. The evening will help couples to prioritize their relationship in the midst of a busy and hectic world.

"Smart Loving" offers positive and affirming insights and fun couple exercises to help us love smarter not harder by prioritizing being in love. When we prioritize our marriage, we set ourselves up for success.

Friday, February 2, 2018
7:00pm Parish Hall
Call the Parish Office (424-3212) to register

CCHS Admissions Information Night **Feb. 1st from 7 –9pm**

Whether you are an 8th grader still making your decision about high school or a 6th or 7th grader planning for your future, please join us to learn more about the admissions process, curriculum, arts, and athletics at Camden Catholic High School. **RSVP at www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents, call Admissions office at 856-663-2247 ext. 136 or email janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org.**

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