

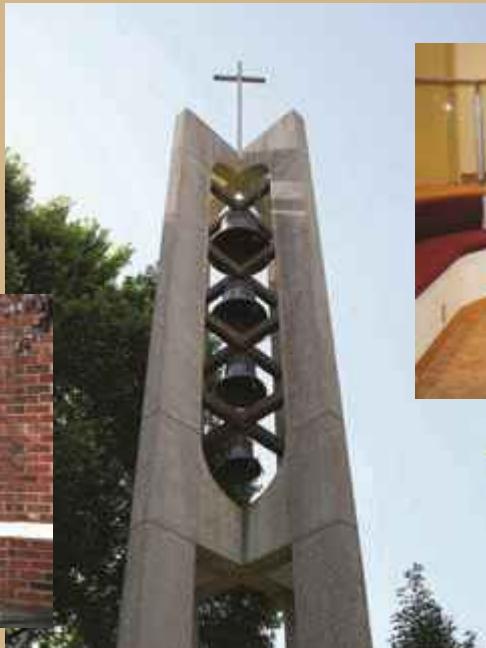
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Eucharistic Celebrations
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am
Weekdays:
Monday-Friday: 6:45 and 9:00 am
Saturday: 9:00 am
Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 7:00 pm



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

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

Reverend Phillip M. Johnson, Pastor
Reverend James H. King, Parochial Vicar
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Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
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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 - 6:00 PM

Grades five thru eight: Tuesday, 6:30– 8:00 PM.

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



Festival of Lessons and Carols

6 choirs

Scripture and songs celebrating

Advent and Christmas

3:00 pm Sunday, December 2, 2018

St. Thomas More Church

See you there!



Eucharistic Ministers:

Each Sunday one Eucharistic Minister goes to the back of the Church to give Communion to anyone unable to come forward to receive. All those able to come forward are to come to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister in the front of the Church.

The new safe environment training program for adults is **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children**. This replaces CAP.

If you have never been fingerprinted for the Diocese of Camden and you have never attended a CAP session, you are considered a "first time user." Go to the Diocese of Camden website and click on the VIRTUS link.

If you have been fingerprinted and/or attended a CAP session, you are considered to have an existing account. Parish safe environment coordinator is Sheila T and contact information is sthomasmore@comcast.net.

"... 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

To Be a Christian Steward— A summary of the US Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

The life of a Christian Steward models the life of Jesus.

It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God." (Romans 8:28)

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the Mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call. We must ask ourselves: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and our Church? Central to our human and Christian vocations, as well as the unique vocation each one of us receives from God, is that we be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours.

The Spirit shows us the way.
Stewardship is a part of that journey.



Important Activities in December— All are invited

A D V E N T

Beginning Sunday, December 2 and ending December 24

Lessons and Carols

3:00 pm December 2 in the Church

Confessions throughout Advent

Saturdays through Advent: 3:00-4:00 PM

Regional Penitential Service

Monday, December 17 7:00 PM

St. Mary's Church

Large number of Confessors present

Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

December 7 7:00 PM

December 8 9:00 AM

Advent Morning Retreat

December 15 9:00 AM

C H R I S T M A S M A S S E S

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Christmas Day

Midnight, 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM

N E W Y E A R ' S M A S S E S

Mary Mother of God

December 31 4:30 PM

January 1 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for DECEMBER 1/2

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30PM	Father King	Music Ministry	P. & N. Kirincic M. Santiago	J. Cepeda	R. & C. Cepeda
8:30 AM	Father King	Music Ministry	B. Lento B. Massey	B. Sorrentino	C. Oatway R. Widmer
10:00 AM	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	D. Staton, E. Beckman M. Huynh	J. Campbell	M. & L. Mueller T. Kenny
11:30 AM	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	M. Gorin, M. Garber A. Thompson	R. Cicotta	W. Quay, M. Carr A. Schwartz

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



For Our Children

Sessions coming up: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 19;
Confirmation I and II preparation classes will be held on December 2, at 11:00 am, lasting 90 minutes.

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY – Tuesday,

Dec.18 4:30 and 6:30 pm. An intergenerational activity is the opportunity for families to participate in the activity at hand. It is an opportunity for our children/students to see Faith in Action. At the 4:30 session the children will present the Nativity Story, narrated and acted by them. At the 6:30 session the “Jesse Tree” will be presented. This is a journey into Salvation History planned by our God through the Old Testament. Man kept distancing from God and God, as a Father, kept hovering, calling back. Still today “the human person keeps running from God to seek its own way. Advent is a time for us to find our way back to GOD so that we may celebrate the real meaning and purpose of JESUS’ Birth in human form.

This year, let's take on Advent Traditions, attempting meaningful family celebrations based on FAITH, and limit extra activates that become a distraction and filling of time, rather than forming a spiritual dimension in the Advent journey. May we try to experience the longing for JESUS' presence in our life and deepening our relationship with HIM, and help us to restore our own “inner home” to welcome HIM at Christmas.

For our children and families may this be THE

BEST Advent EVER

Sr. Clare Sabini



Again this year we will be helping our brothers and sisters in Camden celebrate a more joyful Christmas season by purchasing for them gift cards in any denomination from Shop-Rite, Target or Walmart.

Cards can be sent to:
Sr. Claire Sullivan
18 Ardmore Ave.
Runnemede, NJ 08078

or given to Lois Udicious.
 Thank you in advance for your participation.

Advent Morning of Prayerful Reflection

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Fr. King will be leading an Advent Morning of Prayerful Reflection on Saturday, December 15th. The morning will begin with Mass at 9:00 am and include presentations and time for quiet prayers. Please call the Parish Office (856-424-3212) to register.



Many thanks to all who participated in any way in our Women's Club
“Annual Apple

Cake and More Sale Perhaps you shopped, chopped, mixed, bagged, baked, sold, bought, and/or ate any of our delicious offerings. We appreciate all you did, whatever it was!



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
 Grace Grande r/b Pat Kirincic
 4:30 pm Anne Krenslak
 r/b Frank & Frances Krenslak

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 8:30 am Constance Portella r/b Donald Mignone
 10:00 am Bill Kane r/b Claire & Dick Spence
 Jerry McMenamin r/b AJ & Carol Ariani
 Gayle Beaney Clower
 r/b Ralph & Lois Udicious
 11:30 am intentions of Benedict's Place
 Small Christian Community

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 6:45 am Michael Ray Manzi r/b McGeady family
 9:00 am Bob Moore r/b Sheila

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 6:45 am intentions of Wilfredo Banzali
 r/b Emelita Suarez
 9:00 am Kathleen Hodar
 r/b Dick & Joyce De Michele

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 6:45 am intentions of Norevel Banzali
 r/b Emelita Suarez
 9:00 am Edythe Ryan r/b Diane & Joe Ridgway

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 6:45 am Communion Service
 9:00 am Brigitta McCarthy r/b Marguerite
 Gayle Beaney Clower
 r/b Thursday Morning SCC Group

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 6:45 am intentions of Patrick Julian Banzali
 r/b Emelita Suarez
 9:00 am George Gehring r/b Anne Gehring

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 9:00 am living & deceased members of the Parish
 4:30 pm George Gehring r/b Anne Gehring

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 8:30 am Michael Vigrass r/b family
 10:00 am Bill Kane r/b Henry & Kathy Glover
 Gayle Beaney Clower r/b Carol Koelsch
 Kathleen Hodar r/b Gail & Ron Bizzoso
 11:30 am Kay Frain

Papal Intentions for the Month of November:

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Parish Council Meeting
 Wednesday, December 5, 2018
 7:00 PM
 Parish Hall

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

PRAYERS: THE SICK... Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Geralyn Coticone, John Coticone, Mary Cowan, Margaret Crawford, Angelo DiGiacomo, Chuck Goodwin, Vanita Green, Edward Hubler, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Maureen Kochanek, Stan Kochanek, Ron Kramer, Don Kreal, Marie Manalo, Arleen Pajic, Tom Pajic, Youngmork Park, Fred Petrone, Tina Petrone, Joseph Ryan, Frank Sabatino, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Frank Sines, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Jim Tobin, Ted Uhlman, Linda Van Name, Ann Vigrass, Kathryn Wolfe



THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



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 Morrison, 1st Lt. Col. Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis
 J. Papa, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin



The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and Song that dates to the late 19th century. Come, enjoy and be inspired by Area Choirs singing musical pieces proclaiming Christ's coming!

3:00 PM Sunday December 2, 2018
 St. Thomas More Church

Free Will Offering Mark your Calendar !

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(Refreshments provided by St. Thomas More Women's Club and St. Thomas More Small Christian Communities)

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 First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018 – Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves... Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Commentary:

A supervisor in an office checked the contents of all the employee's desktop computers. Some people on the floor were panicked, since they had a lot of activity on their computers that was not exactly work-related. But some folks in the office were relatively serene in the face of the unexpected inspection. They had nothing to fear. They used their workplaces to do their work and gave their employers a just day of labor. In the season of Advent, the gospels have a lot to say about the coming day of justice, when "people will die of fright" because of what they've done and failed to do. We don't have to be in that number. All we have to do is live thoughtfully, intentionally, and vigilantly, as if every day could be the day of our reckoning.

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 Commentary resonates with me?



Pro-Life Corner: Those who favor euthanasia (mercy killing), speak of the 'right to die', No one needs a right to die; it is a fact of life. What they really want is the right to kill. Pray to end abortion and euthanasia.



† St. Vincent de Paul Yet again, we say



Why Adoration?

1. Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of his grace, his love, his peace.



"Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is God with us, day and night, he is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

2. If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome him, but he remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of bread because he is calling us to faith, that we may come to him in humility. "The Blessed Sacrament is the "Living Heart" of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see." (Pope Paul VI, *Credo of the People of God*)

Adoration takes place in the Chapel every Friday from 9:30 am—12 noon. All are welcome!

Of all the things we have to be thankful for, we must include you, our faithful parishioners! Your regular, consistent generosity to our mission to feed the hungry is so appreciated. And then, you step it up when a special need arises—like Thanksgiving turkeys!!

To everyone who donated a turkey or free turkey coupon, know that there is a family out there that had a holiday dinner they might not otherwise have had. Thank you!



Coping with Grief and Loss during the Holidays

Have you lost a loved one and find the holiday season hard to get through?
St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation and

Compassion enables you to get together with others experiencing the same difficulties. Next meetings are: **December 1st & 22nd at 10:00 am in the STM Hall.**

Contact Marian Kapischke 856 424-2053 *helloducks@verizon.net* or Ann Marie Lento 856-344-7454 *rlento05@comcast.net*.



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