

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Grades one thru four: Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:45PM

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

Thank you to all who have served, are serving, and will serve in the Armed Forces to keep our country free.



St. Thomas More Parish TRUSTEES

Thank you Greta Tyrrell for serving as Parish Trustee over the past 6 years. Per Diocesan Statutes, the limit to serve is 6 years.

Therefore, our New Trustees are Henry Glover and Jeannine McMenamin. We look forward to their guidance and leadership.

The Offertory Collection for Sunday, November 3, 2019 was \$7,954 from 166 givers. We thank you for your generosity to our parish.



“... 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 Corner: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Encouragement

“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.”

2nd Thessalonians 2: 16-17



There are two important Stewardship lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As

God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of your living faith.



St. Thomas More Youth Activity



The Attitude of GRATITUDE

11/24 12:30-2:30 Parish Hall



Featuring Guest Speakers

JOHN CHILLEM is a school psychologist & college wrestling coach. He will explain how gratefulness can change our situations & the effects it has on our minds, bodies, emotions, and relationships.

DARLENE HEMERKA is a civil rights lawyer. She will share her story of how gratitude has helped her persevere with cerebral palsy through law school, working with the government in Washington DC, traveling to Ireland to speak at a conference, white water rafting, living on her own, and much more!



Event Activities: Play a group game called Lemon Scramble. Gain insight on gratitude from speakers & ask them questions. Enjoy a quiet reflection and prayer activity. Socialize with fresh lemonade.

PLEASE RSVP BY 11/17 TO CRISTINA 856-281-0025

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE for NOV. 16/17

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Father Jim	Joanne/Choir Julie	R. Crawford Sr. Sophia G. Tyrrell	F. Eggles	K. Johnson Z. Carmody
8:30 AM	Father King	Ken Len	K. Witts B. Lento	D. Miller	R. Witts E. Shim
10:00 AM	Father King	Becca Julie	M. Huynh K. Glover E. Beckman	D. Mayfield	T. Kenny L. Hutchinson A. Schwartz
11:30 AM	Father Jim	Becca Julie	B. Lore M. Gorin B. Haughwout	B. Sorrentino	T. Dautle Volunteers Needed

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



SESSIONS COMING UP: November 12, 19, 26. Next intergenerational activity is the **Christmas Program, planned for December 17.** Classes are substituted by the program **and all children grades 1-8 are expected to be there**, unless ill. Also, the immediate and extended families are invited and all parishioners as well. It is a moment of reflection and prayer, while experiencing the true meaning of Christmas. It will also be much fun because wherever children are there is joy and fun to be had.

Our present era is one of “skepticism” and “justifications”. When we don’t like something, we just find all kind of excuses for “getting around it” to validate our own reasoning. As this becomes our norm, we don’t even realize we are doing it. God’s way becomes alien to us and we just think we are in the right for we are not doing



anything wrong.... So we think. The readings of this Sunday present two scenarios. The Seven Young Sons who died rather than betraying their Faith in God, hoping in the resurrection from the dead, and the Sadducees who wanted to prove their point: “Life ends when life ends” Jesus tries to prove the Word of Scripture is forever. Did they get the point? It is sort of foolish to try to “get around it”. *So, in forming our children’s conscience, we need to help them become good listeners and doers of Gods’ Word more than our own...for our own should reflect God’s word.*

Morning of Retreat

This Morning of quiet reflection is an opportunity to focus on and deepen one’s personal relationship with God. Taking time away from busyness allows us to reflect on our life and God’s presence and activity in all that we are about. Don’t miss this spiritual opportunity!!

Father Vinny Fortunato, OFM, CAP
Saturday November 16, 2019
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon in the Chapel

Call the Parish Office to Register: 424-3212
Lite refreshments will be available after the 9AM Mass



Looking Ahead

3 PM Sunday, December 8th in the Church
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!

Five area Choirs will be performing
Mark your Calendar!!



Liturgy of the Word for Children

This program is offered at the **10:00 am Mass. All children ages 4 through first grade** are welcome. **No registration is necessary.**

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Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm **Debbie Modesto** r/b Dave & Lin Lyon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:30 am **John Mohan** r/b Teri Conway
10:00 am **Edward Andino**
 r/b Pauline Montes & family
Pia St. Marie r/b Pauline Montes & family
Patsy Kozlowski r/b Flynn family
11:30 am **50th Anniversary Knights of Columbus**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

One Mass Only Today

9:00 am **Bob Kimbly** r/b Mc Geady family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:45 am All Souls
9:00 am **Kyle Haughwout** r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:45 am All Souls
9:00 am **Daniel Keating** r/b Donna & Mike Accetta

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

6:45 am All Souls
9:00 am **Ray DiClaudio** r/b Marian Kapischke

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:45 am All Souls
9:00 am **Brigitta McCarthy** r/b Marguerite Dwyer

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00am Living & Deceased members of the Parish
4:30 pm **Connie Portella & Olga V. Mignone**
 r/b Donald Mignone

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:30 am **John Mohan** r/b Desrochers family
10:00 am **Jim Bones** r/b Teri
Stanley Klaybol
 r/b Kathy & Henry Glover
Jean Cristiano
 r/b Colleen & Don Hudson & family
11:30 am **Jean & Nicholas Pino** r/b family

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
John Francis Johnson
 (Julie Linn's brother)



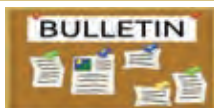
Papal Intentions for the Month of November:

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerges in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

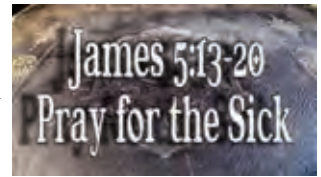


Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is celebrated each **Friday from 9:30 am—12noon.** All are invited to come "spend some time with your Lord."

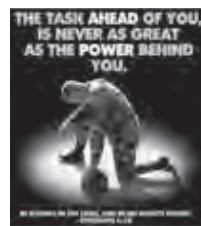
All bulletin items for **November 17th, & 24th and Dec. 1st** bulletins must be submitted to the Parish Office **no later than November 11th.** Submit to: stmsecretary1439@gmail.com.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK... Kristina Acevedo, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran,



Geralyn Coticone, John Coticone, Mary Cowan, Margaret Crawford, Catherine Diana, Angelo DiGiacomo, Chuck Goodwin, Thomas Handler, Dick Haughwout, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Ron Kramer, Don Kreal, Marie Manalo, John Minot, Arleen Pajic, Tom Pajic, 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, Linda Van Name, Ann Vigrass, Kathryn Wolfe



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

2nd Lieutenant Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Captain Anthony R. Cosentino, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lily Hutchinson, USN, Petty Officer 3rd class; Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, 1st Lt. Christopher M. Mawn, SN Christian

Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin



Trick or Treaters (Sheila's grands) visit Parish Office on Halloween!!

Calling All Sandwich Makers! We will be meeting at **9:30 AM November 20th in the Parish Hall.** All are welcome to attend and help "feed the hungry".



Next weekend after all Masses the **Women's Club** will be selling **handmade Scrubbies for \$3.00 apiece.** An item every household needs! Great gift item!! We will have **handmade dish cloths at \$3.00 apiece, also.**

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

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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 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 17, 2019 - Luke 21:5-19

People were speaking about how the temple was adorned. Jesus tells them that a day will come when not one stone will be left upon another in this temple. It will be destroyed. The people ask Jesus when this will happen. What signs will there be? Jesus answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of war and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end."

Commentary:

As we approach the end of the Church year, the liturgy directs our thoughts to the end of time itself. For Jews and Christians this implies victory over all forces of evil, even death itself. A common theme in the writings about this end time is that it will be a time of crisis, a time of decision. Luke's main theme is that it will do no good to try to predict the end time. For followers of Jesus, the important thing is to believe that God will be with them no matter what happens: "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

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 and work to end euthanasia."

If you or someone you know is curious about religious life, visit www.sistersofmercy.org.



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.

SCC Covered Dish Dinner

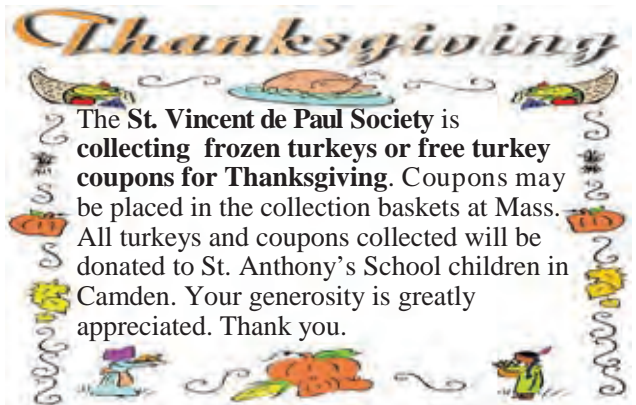
All Small Christian Community members are invited to attend our **annual Covered Dish Supper on Wednesday, November 13th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.** Msgr. Morgan will be our guest speaker.



Women's Club members enjoyed Game Day on Wednesday October 30th.



Prayer Shawl Ministry meets 9:30 am Thursday, November 14th in Classroom #1. All are welcome.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting frozen turkeys or free turkey coupons for Thanksgiving. Coupons may be placed in the collection baskets at Mass. All turkeys and coupons collected will be donated to St. Anthony's School children in Camden. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

I THIRST Addiction Healing Initiative Introductory Workshop 10 AM—1 PM November 16, 2019 Holy Family Church, Sewell,

This initiative is being adopted by the Diocese to meet the needs of those in southern New Jersey who are experiencing the suffering inherent to the addiction epidemic.

To RSVP: Rose.porcellini@camdendiocese.org or by phone: 856-342-4104

For more information:

CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/event/ithirst



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#WHATSMYNAME

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