

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
 3:00-4:00 pm or any time by
 appointment

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

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Email address for bulletin items:

stmsecretary1439@gmail.com.

**Please submit all items for the
 bulletin by 2:00 pm Monday.**

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 22, 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.

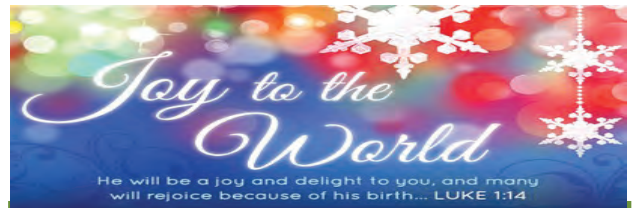
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Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 4 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

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

Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Christmas Day

10:00 AM and 11:30 AM

NEW YEAR 'S MASSES

Mary Mother of God

December 31 4:30 PM



HOW TO CELEBRATE THE OPLATKI TRADITION

The tradition of the Oplatki originated in Poland during Early Christian times.

The Oplatki are enjoyed by families, typically right before

the Christmas Eve meal. The entire family will gather around the table with the Oplatek. Generally the eldest member of the family will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member with a blessing. This blessing can simply consist of what you desire for your loved one in the upcoming year – whether it be good health, success, or happiness. The purpose of this act is primarily to express ones unconditional love and forgiveness for each member of his or her family.

If you are interested in this tradition, please stop by the Parish Office during business hours to pick up an Oplatki (wafer).

“... 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: 4th Sunday of Advent

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”



Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. **As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.**

Festival of Lessons & Carols



Praising
God by
Word &
Song



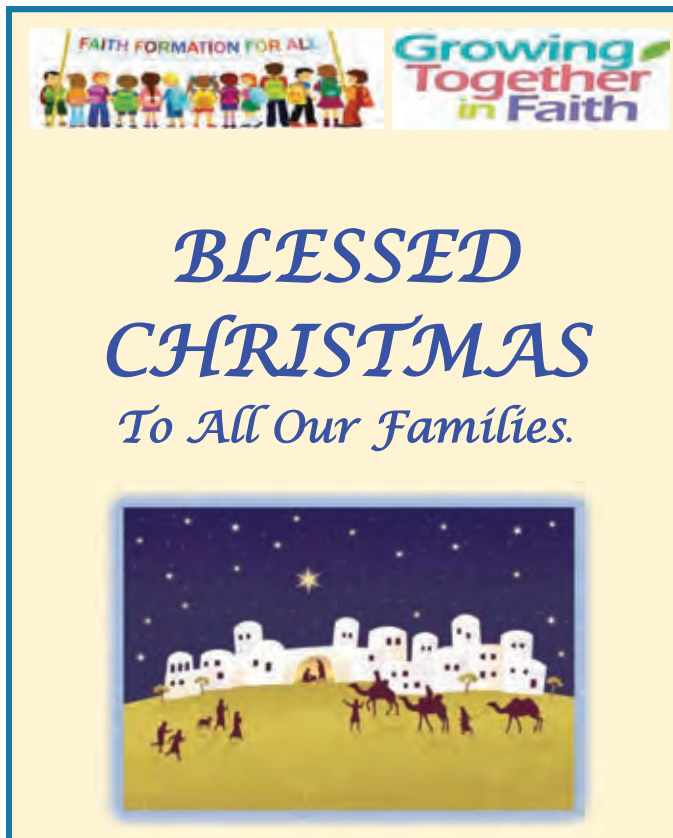
Blessed
Christmas
to All

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 22, 2019

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for Dec. 28/29/31/JAN 1

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Father King	Carmen Joe	I. Rellosa D. & L. Lyon	J. Cepeda	C. & R. Cepeda
8:30 AM	Father King	Len	K. Witts B. Lento	V. Marchesani	R. Witts E. Shim
10:00 AM	Father Jim	Marta/Elena Len	E. Beckman K. Glover M. Santiago	D. Mayfield	T. Kenny C. Oatway A. Kuzinski
11:30 AM	Father Jim	Rhea & Riva Len	H. Protzman B. Lore J. De Michele	R. Ciccotta	I. Vascisin K. Mackey Z. Carmody
DEC. 31 4:30 PM	Father King	Carmen Joe	J. Welsh R. Carwford T. Petrone	D. Miller	R. & R. Sharma K. Johnson
JAN. 1 10:00 AM	Father Jim	Jerry Eugene	J. Galati M. Huynh T. Librojo	L. Galati	A. Schwartz L. Hutchinson A. Librojo
11:30 AM	Father Jim	Cristina Eugene	M. Garber B. Haughwout A. Thompson	M. Dwyer	K. Mackey Volunteers Needed

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



To the Parishioners of St. Thomas More Church, from the Cathedral Kitchen:

“Thank you so much for the many hours of service that the parishioners of St. Thomas More Church have dedicated to Cathedral Kitchen over the past year. The sandwiches that you make, and the time that you take to deliver them, is an enormous help to us: it keeps our costs down so that we are able to provide more food and other services, such as job training and dental care, to our dinner guests.

Thank you again for your continued support of our mission here in Camden. On behalf of the board, staff and dinner guests at Cathedral Kitchen we would like to extend our best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.”

Sandwich making dates for 2020 are: February 19; March 25th; April 22nd; Sept. 16; Oct. 21st; & Nov. 18th.

Thank you all for helping in November to make 439 sandwiches and a box of utensil packages. Since starting in 2011, we have delivered 18,165 sandwiches to the Cathedral Kitchen. **A special “thank you” to the Women’s Club and St. Vincent DePaul who initiated this ministry and a huge “thank you” to Grace & Joe Sklencar who have totally funded this corporal work of mercy for the last several years.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 22, 2019



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
Brian Bones r/b Teri
4:30 pm **John Papotto** r/b Josie, Dee & Gino

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:30 am **Jimmy Horlacher** r/b Carol & AJ Ariani
10:00 am **Evelyn Gratzik** r/b daughter, Maria
John Mohan r/b Dave & Ellie Mayfield
Daniel Keating
r/b Kathy & Henry Glover
11:30 am **John & Helen Banitvoglio** r/b children

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:45 am **Carl Carite**
9:00 am **Caroline Panna** r/b Ron & Angela

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm **Julia Anderson** r/b Teri Bones
6:00 pm **Jerry McMenamin** r/b Jeannine

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 am **Jim & Brian Bones** r/b Teri
11:30 am **Sara Centonze** r/b son

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

NO Masses today

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

One Mass Only Today

9:00 am **Ana Fernandez** r/b Cobin family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00am Living & Deceased members of the Parish
John Ryan r/b family
4:30 pm **Jacqueline Gallant** r/b Mc Aneny family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:30 am **Debbie Modesto**
r/b Steve & Marsha Jander
10:00 am **Mildred & David Royster**
r/b Royster & Dempsey family
Sr. Dan r/b Teri Bones
Paul August Eichfeld, Jr. r/b Febus famly
Dan Keating r/b Thursday Evening SCC
11:30 am **Gayle Beaney Clower** r/b family

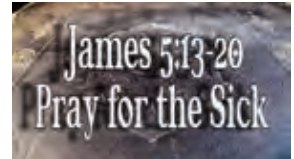
Papal Intentions for the Month of DECEMBER:

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.



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

Catholic Charities Vehicle Donation Program and Tax Deduction 2019



Please donate your unused vehicle to the Catholic Charities (Diocese of Camden) Charitable Auto Resources for Services (CARS) vehicle donation program. The CARS program accepts **any type of vehicle, running or not**, including cars, vans, SUVs, trucks, boats, mobile homes, motorcycles, golf carts, scooters, etc.

Free towing and an IRS tax deduction form will be provided for your donation. Call 1-877-586-9227 and mention that you are donating your vehicle to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden. All proceeds from the CARS program benefit needy individuals and families in parishes throughout the 6 counties of South Jersey.

Thank you for your donation.

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.”



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 22, 2019

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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, December 29, 2019 - Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

"An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.' Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, Out of Egypt I called my son."

Commentary:

Joseph couldn't be expected to raise his child and tend his family in an environment of danger and hostility like the one Herod's reign created. A good family must be nurtured and sustained in an atmosphere of love and security. If that meant becoming refugees in a foreign land, so be it. Today, millions of families around the world have been forced to make the same choice because of hostile governments, crumbling economies, and the lack of freedom to pursue their own beliefs and values. In this land of freedom and opportunity, we have the chance to welcome these families or to share our goods and support with them as they make their way to a better future. It would have been tragic if Joseph had taken his family all the way to Egypt, only to find the doors barred against him.

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: Let's keep Christ in Christmas. This Christmas let us not forget the first coming of Christ, so we won't regret His Second coming. May God's blessings be with you. Merry Christmas!



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.**

**NEW
YEAR'S
EVE**

**St. Thomas More Parish New Year's Eve Dinner & A Movie Night
6:30 pm Tuesday, December 31, 2019**



Mercy Rule



When the game is on the line, you want people you can count on— in baseball and in life. In the midst of a challenging season, Cody Miller learns that he's not the best pitcher...or best teammate. Meanwhile, Cody's dad is losing to an unscrupulous lobbyist scheming to take over the family business.

Bots Cody and his dad think their only option is to fight their problems on their own. It's not until they learn to rely on friends, teammates, and— most importantly—their faith and family that they discover their battles can truly be won. **MERCY RULE** is a film that embraces the value of mercy, patience, sacrifice, and trusting in God.

All are invited—Reservations are requested to plan for dinner. \$15 donation. Sign up sheets in the Gathering Space.

Please bring a dessert to share.

**Contact: Marianne Gorin: 856-346-1811
Marian Kapischke: 856-424-2053; helloducks@verizon.net
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#WHATSMYNAME

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