

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
 3:30-4:00 pm Saturday
 or any time by appointment

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

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7pm Feb. 25th

Come Join the Fun!
Tickets: \$4 for adults;
\$2.50 ages 6—12; \$1
ages 1-5 includes
pancakes, sausage,
applesauce, beverage,
dessert and music!



**Tickets will be on sale
after all Masses Feb. 15th & 16th & 22nd &
23rd. Come join the Mardi Gras!**



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.

**The collection from
February 9, 2020 was
\$ 7, 432 from 159 donations.**

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: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time True Stewardship

*"For I tell you unless your righteousness exceeds
that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never
enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5: 20*



The Scribes and Pharisees
lived according to the
letter of the law and they
used this to elevate
themselves above other
people. Jesus is clear—

true **Stewardship** is about the love that you have in
your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply
following church rules out of obligation, not love,
does not put you in the path to heaven. Attending
Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow
parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a
modern-day Pharisee.

Lent Small Christian Communities



Facilitators and Meeting Times

Deacon Bob & Liz Scarpa
Monday Evening—7:00PM

Pat Beaney
Tuesday Morning—9:30AM

Shirley Kane/Chris Betson-Smith
Wednesday Morning-9:30AM

Mena Kramer
Wednesday Evening-7:00PM

Ann Marie & Bob Lento
Thursday Afternoon-2:00PM

Jean Ho Chinese Speaking SCC
Saturday Afternoon—3:00PM

Sister Ann
Monday Evening—7:00PM

Lois Udicious/Gail Bizzoso
Tuesday Afternoon—1:00 PM

Marylee Garber- -Wednesday
12 Noon Benedict's Place

Marianne Gorin/Marian Kapischke
Thursday Morning—10 AM

Kathy Glover
Thursday Evening-7:00PM

Call Sister Ann (424-3212) for more information or to sign-up!

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for FEB. 22/23

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Father Bleiler	Becca Joe	Sr. Sophia G. Tyrrell R. Crawford	F. Eggles	S. & D. Russo
8:30 AM	Father O'Neill	Andy Julie	K. Witts Sr. Clare	B. Sorrentino	A. & R. Witts
10:00 AM	Msgr. McGrath	Elena, Kristin, Ava, Isabella/Choir Julie	K. Glover E. Beck,am J. Galati	L. Galati	A. Chiaravallotti L. Hutchinson K. Johnson
11:30 AM	Msgr. McGrath	Cristina Julie	H. Protzman M. Gorin A. Thompson	R. Ciccotta	A. Kuzinski R. & R. Sharma

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



SESSIONS COMING UP: February 18, 25 **FIRST PENANCE** – Sat., Feb 29, 2020

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2020

Shove Tuesday, February 25, 2020. On this day scheduled classes have been cancelled and every family is invited to attend the Pancake Dinner. It is a moment to be with the parish family. There will be activities for children so that parents may intermingle and get to know other families and become present to them. Parishioners interacting is a necessary component in forming a Parish Community and we all have a calling toward it.



This week at the daily Mass we heard about Solomon, King David's son who followed him on as King of Israel. Solomon asked God for the gift of Wisdom. God was so pleased about it that He promised Solomon to grant him that and more and Solomon indeed was one of the greatest kings the

world has ever had. True wisdom has insight, foresight, far-sight, inner-sight, intuition introspection, and perception. But the magic KEY to share in God's wisdom is humility. The readings this Sunday are packed with wonderful things, even on overload. As the reading from Paul says, "We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory. We can only find this Wisdom in Holy Scripture. The more we pray with Scripture the more we gain this Wisdom. We can be the example for our Children, showing them the way to acquire true Wisdom for their life long.



2020 APPEAL: "WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?"

Your support of the 2020 *House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal* ensures the vitality of essential Diocesan ministries and programs that sustain the healing, teaching and redemptive Presence of Jesus Christ throughout Southern New Jersey. It allows us to help our neighbors.

Your gift matters to your neighbor.

"Who is my Neighbor?" Support the 2020 **House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal**

www.camdendiocese.org/hoc

**St. Thomas More Parish Goal :
\$120,246.57.**

**To date we have received 45 pledges totaling
\$28, 358.00 which is 23.6% of our goal.**

SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 19, 2020

**St. Thomas More Progressive Dinner
5:30 pm Aldo Lamberti's**

**Tickets are \$50 each and will be sold after
all Masses March 28 & 29th and April 4th
& 5th.**



"Closeness to the poor, the refugee, the immigrant, the sick, the exploited, the elderly living alone, prisoners and all God's other poor, will teach us a different way of [being], one which is more Christian and generous."
**Pope Francis Homily at St. Patrick's Cathedral
September 4, 2015.**

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 16, 2020



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00am Living & Deceased members of the Parish Intentions of Lori Ibay r/b Mom & Dad
4:30 pm Anne Jennings
 r/b Steve & Marsha Jander

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30 am Sister M. Sylvia Giraldo, LSIC
 r/b Franciscan Sisters
10:00 am Intentions of Joseph Ibay r/b Mom & Dad
 Dick De Michele r/b Gary Gadren
11:30 am Fr. Jim Dabrowski r/b Joyce DeMichele

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

ONE MASS ONLY TODAY

9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

ONE MASS ONLY TODAY

9:00 am Xenia, John & Paul Mitchell
 r/b Greta Tyrrell & family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

ONE MASS ONLY TODAY

9:00 am Lois, Elmer & Bobby Tyrrell
 r/b Greta Tyrrell & family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

ONE MASS ONLY TODAY

9:00 am Vincent E. & Vincent John Tyrrell
 r/b family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:45 am Bill & Betty Turner r/b family
9:00 am Brian Bones r/b Teri Bones

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
4:30pm Pat Brink r/b Don Brink

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30 am Sr. M. Sylvia Giraldo, LSIC
10:00 am Fr. Jim Dabrowski r/b Wachman family
 Dick De Michel r/b Pat & Paul Schneider
 Arlene Calacci r/b Wachman family
11:30 am Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Roseann Caggiano
 (Beverly De Masi's sister)
Francis Sines



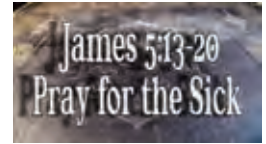
Papal Intentions for the Month of February: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

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.”



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Kristina Acevedo, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, RoseAnn Caggiano, 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, Raffelina Iannelli, 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, Sarah Warner.



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, Senior Airman Kris Knaup, 1st Lt. Christopher M. Mawn, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin

Religious Education “Works of Mercy” Day
Monday, February 17, 2020 from 12 noon—5:00 PM
Stop in or Stay All Day!



This event is open to **all Religious Education students—particularly those in 7th & 8th grade Confirmation Prep. classes**. There will be a variety of projects set up. **Participants are asked to please bring a loaf of bread, a pound of lunchmeat and a pound of cheese**. All other supplies will be provided.

Grief Work: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4 Presentation by Fr. Charles Muorah 2:00– 4:00 pm, March 7, 2020, St. Thomas More Hall. Explore with Fr. Muorah how the death of a loved one profoundly effects those left behind and what to do to help yourself heal.

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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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 23, 2020 - Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles." "You have heard it said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brother only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same?"

Commentary:

Jesus asks his followers to live by a higher law than the Mosaic code, replacing strict justice with deep concern for the welfare of others. Christians must rise above an ordinary human standard that says we love those who love us in return. Christianity challenges us to love our enemies. Jesus calls us to follow his example. His life mirrors God's love for all creation. We are to love not because others deserve love but because as Christians—followers of Christ, sons and daughters of God—it's our nature to love.

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: Let's not pretend that abortion isn't about the mass slaughter of innocents. Nothing is more innocent than a baby who cannot speak for himself/herself. The only voice they have is your. Pray and work to end abortion.

On Sunday, March 29, 2020, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Washington Lake



Park (626 Hurffville- Crosskeys Rd, Sewell, NJ 08080) for our 8th annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at 1 p.m. followed by our 5k run/1 mile family walk. Come out to pray and race! The day will end with a picnic and family fun. Help us enjoy the day as we raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations for our diocese. We need our parishioners, all ages, to say yes to this intergenerational day. We need YOU. For more information, and to register for the event, visit www.camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations

Cherry Hill Food Pantry Mall Walk to Fight Hunger! Sunday, March 29, 2020 at Voorhees Town Center (Echelon Mall); 1:00 pm Entertainment and Registration; 2:00 pm Mall Walk starts. For more information: cherryhillfoodpantry@gmail.com or call Janet 856-912-2353



As part of the Adult Faith Formation Offerings the parishioners of St. Thomas More visited Temple Emanuel. Rabbi Jerome David gave a tour of the Temple and also explained tenets of the Jewish Faith.



SANDWICH MAKERS! St. Thomas More Hall at 9:30 am, this Wednesday, February 19th. Join us!



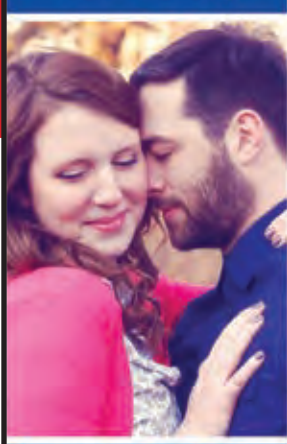
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#WHATSMYNAME

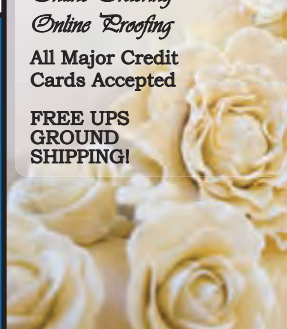
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