

# March—Faith & Justice Newsletter

*We ought to speak, shout out against injustices, with confidence and without fear. We proclaim the principles of the Church, the reign of love, without forgetting that it is also a reign of justice." -Blessed Miguel Pro*



## Simple Living - God's Vision of Abundant Life, April 13, 7 - 8 pm, St. Thomas More

St. Thomas More will host an interactive event where you'll learn and discuss with parishioners about what Simple Living is and how it is an integral part of our faith. In this one-hour session you will be able to understand how we can begin the process of simplifying our lifestyles, while enriching our spiritual lives. Please register in advance if possible - call 856-424-3212 or email [stthomasmore@comcast.net](mailto:stthomasmore@comcast.net).



## Save the Date - Gun Violence Prevention May 22, 7 pm, St. Thomas More

We will have speakers from Moms Demand Action, including a gun violence survivor. They will talk about the human cost of gun violence and what we can do about it.

## Calix

Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. The New Jersey Chapter meets every Monday evening at 8 PM online to share our faith, and be a source of inspiration and encouragement for each other to grow in community and spiritual maturity. See the attached flyer. <https://camdendiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Calix-Society-Invite.pdf>

## Angel Tree - Plans for Christmas 2023

We wish to share this uplifting and inspiring note from “Jon”, an Angel Tree parent who greatly appreciated our parish’s generosity and outreach and wishes to help ‘pay it forward’. Parishioners had purchased gifts for children whose incarcerated parents wished them to receive a Christmas gift and note expressing their parent’s love for them. Read the full letter below.

## Letter from Angel Tree Parent



Dear Christine,

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 11 regarding your Church's participation in the Angel Tree program in donating a gift to my daughter this past Christmas. I wish to express my gratitude to everyone at The Church of St. Thomas More who helped

make this possible. This was my first Christmas away from home, and I wanted my daughter to know that I love her and that I haven't forgotten about her. It meant a lot to me that through the generosity of the parishioners at St. Thomas More, I was able to show her that love, joy and hope we all want to feel at Christmas through the surprise visit and presentation of the Angel Tree card and gift to her.

I was very moved by your kind letter and photograph of her receiving her gift. I think of the time and energy that went into making that moment possible and I am truly grateful that despite my current status as a Federal prisoner, there are those who care enough about families like ours to make this act of charity. This difficult time has brought our family closer together and has shown us how much Christ loves us through the love we have for each other, and our fellow Christians.

Please accept the enclosed donation as a measure of gratitude for your Church's time and resources into helping families like ours. I think of other families who are less fortunate than I am, and I want to "pay in forward" for families who have less, so another separated family may feel the love and Joy of Christ the way ours did this year. Thank you again for your kindness and charity.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Jon

**“We love to have volunteers who can help with Angel Tree calls and deliveries. Not too soon to let us know”.**