

St. Thomas More Church

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 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
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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 23, 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



HOUSE OF CHARITY
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We help our neighbors.....when we help prepare holy priests for the future of His Church

Your *House of Charity* gift helps our young men and our seminarians to become “men of prayer”, helps guide them as they discern if they are called and then helps prepare them to stand “in the person of Christ” and serve their bride, the Church, through their preaching and teaching, and, most of all, by celebrating the Sacraments.

“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 53 pledges totaling 33,183.00.



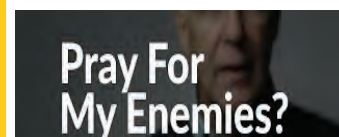
The collection from February 16, 2020 was **\$ 7,825 from 156 donations.**

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: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewards Pray



“But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.... Matthew 5: 44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of **Stewardship** is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for “our enemy”. When we pray for others, even “our enemies”, maybe it softens their hearts as well.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



**February 25th
5 - 7 p.m.**

**\$4 for Adults,
\$2.50 Ages 6-12,
\$1 Ages 1-5**

**Price includes: Pancakes,
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music**



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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for FEB. 29/MARCH 1

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Msgr. McGrath	Carmen Joe	I. Rellosa R. Crawford K. Wislocky	J. Cepeda	C. & R. Cepeda
8:30 AM	Father Bleiler	Ken Len	MJ Wilson B. Massey	S. Widmer	R. & M. Widmer
10:00 AM	Msgr. McGrath	Celine Len	E. Beckman K. Glover M. Santiago	D. Mayfield	T. Kenny C. Oatway A. Kuzinski
11:30 AM	Msgr. McGrath	Celine Len	H. Protzman B. Haughwout J. De Michele	D. Haughwout	I. Vascisin T. Dautle Z. Carmody

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



SESSIONS COMING UP: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Sessions and Activities in Religious Education/Formation coming up February, March April.

SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020. On this day scheduled classes have been cancelled and every family is invited to attend the Pancake Dinner. 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.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020 – ASH

WEDNESDAY Service at 4:30 pm in the Church – This is for all our families who have children in the RE program and for all parishioners who choose to attend. It is an **Intergenerational Activity** which means that our children get to experience and understand some practices of our faith, beyond the Sunday Liturgy, which will continue to connect them to our believing community, throughout their life, beyond the years of religious education.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020 -FIRST PENANCE for our Second graders at 10:00 am in the Chapel. Parents and extended family invited to come and stay for the short service.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020 AT 11:00 AM – Confirmation Preparation meeting with parents and children in the parish hall.



Congratulations Sarah Weber, whose design for the t-shirt contest was the winner. Order forms are available in the Gathering Space and through the Rel. Ed. Program.

“Journeying Through Grief”

St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation

This ministry offers a time and safe place for those who have experienced loss to gather with one another to share stories and listen to the stories of others. **Meeting dates: March 14th, 21st, & 28th in the Parish Hall. All meetings run from 2:30 pm—3:30 pm. Contact Ann Marie Lento 856-344-7454; rlento05@comcast.net or Marian Kapischke: 856-424-2053; helloducks@verizon.net**

Stations of the Cross are held in the Chapel at 7:00 pm every Friday night during Lent. All are encouraged to attend.



WE ARE CALLED

Join our faith community—and more than 14, 000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. **Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl from the Gathering Space on Wednesday, February 26th.** During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

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.

All are invited to attend.

A Free will Offering will be taken

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 23, 2020



Mass Intentions for the Week

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 r/b St. Thomas More Parish
10:00 am Fr. Jim Dabrowski r/b Wachman family
Dick De Michele r/b Pat & Paul Schneider
Arlene Calacci r/b Wachman family
11:30 am Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

ONE MASS ONLY TODAY
9:00 am Joe Gallagher r/b Teri Bones

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

ONE MASS ONLY TODAY
9:00 am Sandra J. Curley-Edstrom r/b Joe Ryan & Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 am Marcelina Graves r/b Amy Osborn
4:30 pm SERVICE
7:00 pm intentions of Sisi Tyrrell on her 17th birthday r/b family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

ONE MASS ONLY TODAY
9:00 am Rosa Lombardo r/b Joe Ryan & family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

ONE MASS ONLY TODAY
9:00 am Tony Lombardo r/b Joe Ryan & family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

9:00am Living & Deceased members of the Parish
Brigitta McCarthy r/b Marguerite Dwyer
4:30 pm Fr. Jim Dabrowski r/b Teri Conway

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:30 am Dick De Michele r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass
10:00 am Holly Kensicki-Lind r/b Flynn family
11:30 am Fr. Jim Dabrowski r/b Marguerite Dwyer

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.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

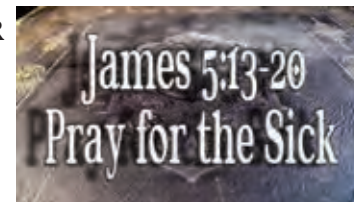
This program is offered at the 10:00 am Mass. All children ages 4 through first grade are welcome. No registration is necessary.



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, 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, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Jim Tobin, Linda Van Name, Ann Vigrass, Sarah Warner, 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, 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



Lent begins this Wednesday. Mass and Service times for the Holy Day are: 9:00am & 7:00 pm Mass; 4:30pm Service. Ashes will be distributed at the Masses and the Service.



If you could ease someone's hunger merely by taking a walk, would you do it? Here's your opportunity to do just that!

Cherry Hill Food Pantry Mall Walk to Fight Hunger! Sunday, March 29, 2020 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



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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 Lent, March 1, 2020 - Matthew 4:1-11

At that time, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." Jesus said, in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." (Jesus is tempted two more times but does not give in to the temptations.) Finally, Jesus said to the devil, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left Jesus and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Commentary:

The tempter shows up at our houses regularly. His pitch is pretty benign at first: "Wouldn't you prefer a new sofa to this lumpy old thing? How about a wider-screen TV?" Covetousness stirs. Of course, we'd like those things. So we keep listening to this fellow who certainly has our best interests at heart. His next words might seem just a shade more dangerous: "Don't you think your family should be treating you better? They don't seem to appreciate everything you do for them." We feel the rush of resentment and indignation. Of course, the tempter is right. We deserve more than we're getting from the people in our lives. Finally, he lays his hand on the most sensitive area of our hearts, the hidden wound we've carried since childhood. It could be vanity or insecurity, pride or self-righteousness. This wound is different in each of us, but the tempter knows its precise dimensions. "I could feed this need in you, if you'd let me move in as a permanent guest," he says. If we haven't thrown him out yet, this is our last chance to do it.

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: When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive, to breathe, to think, to enjoy, and to love. Over 62, 500,000 babies have never had that privilege because their mothers

chose abortion.

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.

Worldwide, an estimated 68.5 million people across the globe are displaced from their homes due to violence, poverty and political persecution.



An **immigrant** is someone who chooses to resettle in another country, seeking a job, an education, or reuniting with family.

A **refugee** is someone who had been forced from their home country because of war, violence, or persecution.

An **asylum seeker** is someone who is also seeking international protection from dangers in their home country, but whose claim for refugee status hasn't been determined legally.

We have a duty toward our brothers and sisters who for various reasons, have been forced to leave their homeland: a duty of justice; of civility; and of solidarity. Pope Francis



Welcoming Team: Our main goal, along with everyone at St. Thomas More Church, is to seek out new ideas to promote a welcoming culture in which new church members, those who are returning to our Catholic faith, and current parishioners feel welcome and connected to our church.

True hospitality is a spiritual discipline that reminds us of how we ourselves have been received by Christ. It's the responsibility of each one of us at St. Thomas More Church to reach out, even just a little bit, to the people around us, both those we recognize and those we don't.

Let's also pursue new ideas on how to become a more welcoming parish together. A suggestion box has been placed in the Gathering Space with paper and pens. Please submit your ideas as soon as possible. May our hearts always be open to being an instrument of God's welcoming love!

Welcoming Team: Sister Ann Byrnes, John Chiaravallotti, Kimberly Febus, Minh Huynh, Shirley Kane, Lorraine Kennedy, Joanne Wachman



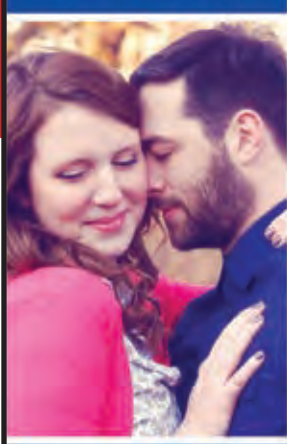
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#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson



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