



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 31, 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 - 6:00 PM

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

**Lenten Seder Service:** Rabbi David will preside at our Seder Meal on **Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.**

In celebrating the Seder we discover the spiritual roots which our Faith has in Judaism.

**All attending must register at the Parish Office by Friday, April 5th. The registration fee is \$15. There is a 60 person limit for the Seder meal. Call or come into the parish office to register (424-3212). Spaces are filling up quickly. Don't delay in calling to reserve your space!**



### St. Thomas More 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 14th after the 11:30 am Mass.

All children of the parish, ages 1-10, are invited to participate in an Easter Egg hunt on the Parish grounds. **To ensure that there are enough supplies for all the children present, RSVP by April 8th. 424-3212.** Prizes will be given to all participants and a good time will be had by all. The Easter Bunny is looking forward to seeing you there!

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



The collection for Sunday, March 24, 2019 was \$6,686.00 from 194 donors. We thank you for your continued 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:

*“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.”* Joshua 5:12



Over the 40 years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land, the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years, but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

## **Easter Schedule –2019**

### **Intergenerational Activity: Stations of the Cross**

7:00 pm Friday, April 5, 2019

*All Religious Education students– grades 1–8, parents, families and all Parishioners are encouraged to attend*

### **\*\*Regional Penance Service: Monday, April 8, 2019\*\***

7:00 pm St. Thomas More

### **Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 14, 2019**

**Masses: Saturday, 4:30 pm**

**Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am**

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

**Sunday, April 14th** after the 11:30 am Mass

### **Chrism Mass, Tuesday April 16, 2019**

4:00 pm Our Lady of Hope,  
Blackwood

### **Sacred Triduum**

#### **Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019**

“Mass of the Lord’s Supper” 7:00 pm

Adoration at the Repository in the Chapel until 10:00 pm

#### **Good Friday, April 19, 2019**

(A day of fast and abstinence)

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion—3:00 pm

#### **Holy Saturday, April 20, 2019**

Blessing of bread and food baskets– 12 noon

#### **Easter Vigil, April 20, 2019**

8:00 pm

**\*\*Please note: This is the only Mass on Holy Saturday\*\***

#### **Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019**

8:30 am, 10:00 am, & 11:30 am

Please take advantage of these opportunities to deepen your experience of the Love of God in Christ and His Sacrifice on the Cross resulting in His Triumphant Resurrection.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 31, 2019

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE for APRIL 6/7

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30PM	Father King	Music Ministry	K. Wislocky P. & N. Kirincic	J. Cepeda	C. & R. Cepeda
8:30 AM	Father King	Music Ministry	K. Witts Sr. Clare	D. Miller	E. Shim R. Witts
10:00 AM	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	E. Beckman M. Huynh D. Staton	K. McFadden	A. Librojo T. Kenney R. Moyer
11:30 AM	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	M. Garber B. Lore B. Haughwout	R. Ciccotta	K. Mackey Z. Carmody M. Carr

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



**Sessions Coming Up:** April 2, 9, 16, 30.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH THE OUR FAMILIES – FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019 7:00 PM I THE CHURCH.** The older generations have memories of the family attending the Stations of the Cross at the parish. It was “the thing” families did because of their FAITH. We, the children, followed along, sometimes feeling bored, perhaps sometimes taken by awe, and sometime not understanding, but we were there and today we look back at those “memories” as part of what built our FAITH. We cherish does memories. What memories do our children have of their FAITH growing up? What will they have to lean on if not Faith? This coming Friday evening, April 5, our Religious Education families are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross, which are being prepared for the specifically for families and parishioners of all ages. INVITATION OPEN – FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 7:00 PM

The last two weeks our 8 graders went on pilgrimage to the Shrines of St. John Neumann and St. Katharine Drexel, two saints of our who lived and died in Philadelphia. We are lucky to have these two saints just round the corner. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders went to visit our Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden. The participants of both group showed much interest, and this certainly helped to create memories for them. In reflecting about the “Lost Son” he remembered the good things he had had at home. The good memories help him to decide to return to the Father’s house. **This is our job with our children. to enrich their memories with spiritual and religious experiences. Who else will if not parents, extended family and parish?** The world around us has other things in mind. It is world rich in idols, of all kinds. But for us, what difference are we making in our children’s lives? Are we builders with the “Father” or are we whiners like the older son, blaming and under mining the good others do and not going to the party? The party goes on, whether we choose to go or not. Let’s not deny ourselves out of pride.



**St. Thomas More Volunteer Days at the Cherry Hill Food Pantry for the month of April are:**

**Tuesday, April 9th: 5:30—7:30pm**

**Thursday, April 11th: 10:30 am—1:30 pm**

**Tuesday, April 16th: 5:30 –7:30 pm**

**Thursday, April 18th: 10:30 am—1:30 pm.**

**14 volunteers are needed for each date.** Please call Elaine: 856-428-8431.

**Cherry Hill Food Pantry Mall Walk to Fight Hunger! Sunday, April 7th, 2019. Indoors at Voorhees Town Center (Echelon Mall). Register online at [cherryhillfoodpantry.org](http://cherryhillfoodpantry.org)**



**Confirmation Class makes a Pilgrimage to the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul.**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 31, 2019**



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

**9:00 am** living & deceased members of the parish  
**4:30 pm** Martha Willeman r/b Nick & Pat Kirincic

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

**8:30 am** Janet Lisitski r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley  
**10:00 am** Ted Uhlman r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso  
**11:30 am** Gayle Beaney Clower  
 r/b Diane Slotkin & family

**MONDAY, APRIL 1**

**6:45 am** intentions of Laura Greco  
**9:00 am** Happy 90 th birthday Gary Scarpa  
 r/b Marian Kapischke

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2**

**6:45 am** Lillian Creedon & Lillian Reader  
**9:00 am** Joseph, Jr. & Lorraine Kapischke  
 r/b Marian Kapischke

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3**

**6:45 am** Special Intentions  
**9:00 am** for those preparing to receive Sacraments  
 at the Easter Vigil

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4**

**6:45 am** for all sick parishioners  
**9:00 am** intentions of Rose Kenerlay & family  
 r/b Mary Von Lintig

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

**6:45 am** for an end to abortion and euthanasia  
**9:00 am** Helen Harkins r/b Teri Bones

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

**9:00 am** living & deceased members of the Parish  
**4:30 pm** Bernadette Johns r/b Linda Mandruk

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

**8:30 am** Ted Uhlman r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass  
**10:00 am** Janet Lisitski r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso  
 Frank Camma r/b SCC Friends  
**11:30 am** Gayle Beaney Clower  
 r/b Ann & Don Sullivan

**Papal Intentions for the Month of March:** That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

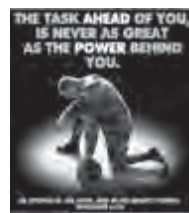
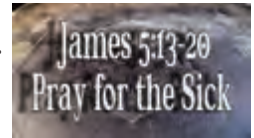
**Please pray for the repose of the soul of:  
 Norman Wolfe**



**During this Lenten season, come join your fellow parishioners every Friday from 9:30am—12noon for Eucharistic Adoration.** Honor the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves “the contemplation of the mystery of Christ truly present before us.” **All are encouraged to attend.**

**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, Angelo DiGiacomo, Chuck Goodwin, Thomas Handler, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Jack Kenny, Ron Kramer, Don Kreal, Marie Manalo, Arleen Pajic, Tom Pajic, Youngmork Park, 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, PFC Sonny Morrison, 1st Lt. Col. Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin



**FOOD DRIVE April 7th, 2019**

Here in South Jersey, 1 in 6 people, and 1 in 5 children, suffer from food insecurity, which means they might not know where their next meal is coming from. In response, the Diocese of Camden is organizing the sixth annual “faithFull Food Drive.” Bags will be available the weekend of March 30th/31st to be taken home and returned filled the weekend of April 6th/7th. **All food donated to St. Thomas More parish will be given to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry.**



**Do you want to fast this Lent?**

- FAST** from worry; **FEAST** on divine order.
- FAST** from complaining; **FEAST** on appreciation.
- FAST** from negatives; **FEAST** on affirmatives.
- FAST** from unrelenting pressures; **FEAST** on unceasing prayer.
- FAST** from self-concern; **FEAST** on compassion for others.
- FAST** from personal anxiety; **FEAST** on eternal truth.
- FAST** from discouragement; **FEAST** on hope.
- FAST** from facts that depress; **FEAST** on thoughts that uplift.
- FAST** from lethargy; **FEAST** on enthusiasm.

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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 Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 13, 2016 – John 8:1-11

The scribes and Pharisees attempt to trick Jesus by bringing to him a woman caught in adultery. The law says that such women should be stoned to death. What would Jesus say?

“Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, Jesus straightened up and said to them, ‘Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.’ Again, Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one...When Jesus saw that no one condemned the woman he said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.”

#### Commentary:

This Gospel is centered not so much on the woman or her sin of adultery as it is on a personal encounter with Jesus. Encountering Jesus always exposes the truth - both the woman and the crowd learn the truth about their own sin. They and we are not that different. We are all sinners who need to encounter Jesus, ask the truth about ourselves, and receive Jesus' mercy.

#### 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?



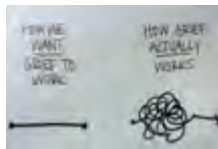
**Pro-Life Corner:** “All the wars ever fought, all the holocausts ever perpetrated, all the plagues that ever raged, all the bombs that ever dropped, all the families that ever laid waste to the land, put together, have not killed the number of human beings wiped out by abortion.” Fr. Frank Pavone

#### **St. Thomas More Consolation Ministry**

*“Journeying Through Grief”*

Guided by Kenneth C. Haugh's series: A Time to Grieve; Experiencing Grief; Finding Hope and Healing; and Rebuilding and Remembering.

**Come listen, share, and heal—Saturday, April 13th; May 4th, 11th & 18th 2:30—3:30pm.  
Contact: Ann Marie Lento: 856-344-7454.**



*“Many people overlook or are surprised by the physical side of grief. It is very real and it bears attending.” Alla Renee Bozarth*

#### **Summer in the City!**

This program offers teens in grades 9—12 the opportunity to experience Catholic Social Teaching through hands-on activities, community living, and group discussions about poverty, the dignity of the human person, and solidarity. **For more information or additional information:** [camdendiocese.org/youth-ministries/summer-in-the-city](http://camdendiocese.org/youth-ministries/summer-in-the-city).

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**St. Thomas More 2019 House of Charity– Bishop’s Annual Appeal is \$119, 648.00. As of this time we are at 6.4% our goal. We are grateful for any and all donations to this Appeal.**

**There will be a second collection on the weekend of April 6/7 for the Church in Africa.** This collection helps support the ministries of the Catholic Church in Africa. Please be generous to this collection.



If you or someone you know is curious about the religious life:

[www.sistersofmercy.org](http://www.sistersofmercy.org)



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