

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 8, 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.

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



Second Collection this weekend: Retired Fund for Religious

For 30,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who benefit from the **Retirement Fund for**

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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.”**

“... 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

St. Mary, Cherry Hill Christmas Party 12 noon December 10

\$7 minimum donation requested, lunch will be provided. **Call or text Karen Young (609)707-4989; email kawyoung@gmail.com for more details.**

The Offertory Collection for Sunday, December 1, 2019 was \$8,756.76 from 166 givers. We thank you for your generosity.



Stewardship Corner: 2nd Sunday of Advent

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” Matthew 3:10

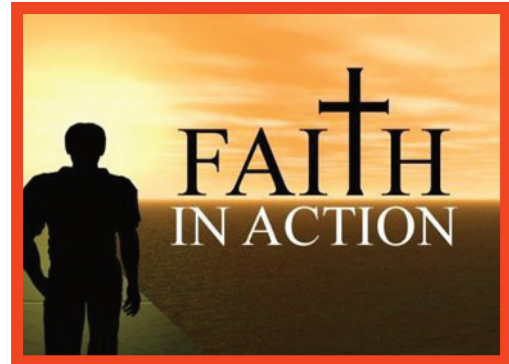


Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk? Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us.

What we do with them is our gift back to God. **What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?**

Faith in Action Team

In March 2019 the Diocesan Convocation “Joy of the Gospel” was held in Atlantic City. This convocation brought together pastors and representatives from every parish in the diocese for the purpose of encouraging creative ways for the local parishes to proclaim the Gospel in the future. Each parish group returned to their home parish and continued to meet and plan ways to enliven their local communities.



Our representatives chose the name FIAT standing for “Faith in Action Team.”

Activities have included:

- Initiating the Pentecost Prayer Intention Cards
- Phone outreach to reconnect with parishioners & welcome new members
- Recommending the hiring of a part time Youth Minister
- The 20/20 postcard campaign to change abortion laws in NJ

The FIAT group now consists of the following members: Shirley Kane—Point Person Sister Ann, Lorraine Kennedy, Kimberly Friend, Cristina Chillem, Ken Wislocky, Kim Wislocky, Dan Miller, Lena Galati, Minh Huynh, John Chiarvallotti, Chris Baeckstrom, Christine Betson-Smith, Joanne Wachman.

The Faith in Action Team met Monday October 28th and invited Donna Ottaviano-Britt to address the gathering. Donna is the Director of the Office of Discipleship & Leadership in the Diocese. She reviewed with those in attendance the objectives of the Diocesan Convocation.

After much discussion of the needs of St. Thomas More parish the members formed 3 working groups:

Youth Ministry

Welcoming/Hospitality

Social Justice

These work groups will be sharing their plans and initiatives in the near future and inviting parishioners to join with them in their mission.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 8, 2019

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for Dec. 14/15

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Father King	Jerry Joe	J. Welsh P. & N. Kirincic	D. Miller	Volunteers Needed
8:30 AM	Father Jose	Ken Len	J. & L. Duffy	M. Maggart	E. Shim R. Widmer
10:00 AM	Father Jim	Erin/Choir Julie	E. Beckman M. Huynh M. Santiago	J. Campbell	A. Librojo A. Schwartz I. Vascisin
11:30 AM	Father King	Erin Julie	M. Garber B. Haughwout H. Protzman	B. Sorrentino	W. Quay Z. Carmody T. Dautle

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



SESSIONS COMING UP: Dec. 10, and 17. Then we go to 2020, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28
 December 17 is the Christmas Program, at 7:00 pm in the Church. All children are expected to be present. This is an intergenerational activity which means that the immediate and extended families are invited and all parishioners as well. It is a moment of reflection and prayer, while recalling the true meaning of Christmas. It will also be much fun because wherever children are there is joy and fun to be had. The Women's Club is providing refreshment in the hall afterward.

This Sunday's readings are so packed with WISDOM.

There is enough for a life time of reflection. The Wisdom of God is already in all of us. God's presence in each of us provides all the wisdom of life we need. Whether we believe or not, accept it or not, or even deny this truth, nothing can change this fact: we are God's house and tabernacle, God lives



in us and we already possess God's Wisdom. We just need to learn to tap into it and it takes great humility, faith, persistence and prayer, meditation, contemplation. What an AMAZING truth to know that we are inhabited by God. We can rejoice with the first reading from Isaiah, be welcoming as in the letter to the Romans or just plainly open up to God's presence and allow for this to change us. John did not approve the double standards lives or the people who came to him for Baptism. *In Wisdom may our actions reflect the Wisdom of God in our life..*

Festival of Lessons and Carols, 3 PM Sunday, December 8, 2019 In the Church

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and Song that dates to the late 19th century. Come, enjoy and be inspired by Area Choirs singing musical pieces proclaiming Christ's coming!



Mending Brokenness: Spirituality and Therapeutic Approach to Death, Loss and Grief "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted" (Matthew 5:4).

2:30—3:30 pm Saturday, December 14, 2019
St. Thomas More Parish Hall

Death of a loved one and the loss that comes with it inflict brokenness in deep places in the life of the bereaved. The scar it leaves behind is a testament of the quality of love and relationship the bereaved has with the deceased. Sometimes the brokenness and the scar interfere with receiving comfort and the healing process. Grief work is a family process that stretches along life span and family life cycle. Periodically, the hot button is pushed and the scar is opened. You are not alone. Help is near. **Rev. Fr. Charles Muorah, PhD, STL, LMFT, with his 29 years of pastoral and 13 years of professional counseling experiences helping people to live the best quality of their lives comes to share with us his profound pastoral and grief counseling expertise.** "When someone you love becomes a memory ... that memory becomes a treasure".

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 8, 2019



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
Kathy Haughwout r/b family
- 4:30 pm Genevieve & Fred Pfeiffer
& John & Agnes Walsh r/b Walsh family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 8:30 am Happy Birthday, Annamarie Ibay
r/b Mom & Dad
- 10:00 am Francis Lo Castro r/b Wachman family
Jean Cristiano r/b Henry & Kathy Glover
Angelo Giarletta r/b Mary Ann & Pat
- 11:30 am Jenny Barber r/b Jim & Pat Beaney

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 6:45 am Rita McCauley
- 9:00 am Happy Birthday, Marian Kapischke &
Sr. Ann r/b Thursday Evening SCC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 6:45 am Fr. Patsy Amabile
- 9:00 am Julia Anderson r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 6:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE
- 9:00 am Intentions of Esther Christofe
r/b Anna Sarazin

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 6:45 am John Mohan r/b Thursday Evening SCC
- 9:00 am COMMUNION SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 6:45 am Fr. Patsy Amabile r/b Fr. James King
- 9:00 am intentions of Lucy Ibay
r/b Thursday Evening SCC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 9:00am Living & Deceased members of the Parish
- 4:30 pm Harold Willeman
r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 8:30 am Logan Gartin r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass
- 10:00 am Jack & Fran Boesch r/b Kay Uhlman
Harold Willeman
r/b Kathy & Henry Glover
Rita Berberich r/b Carol Koelsch
- 11:30 am Brigitta McCarthy
r/b Marguerite Dwyer

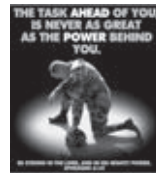
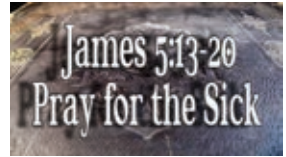
Papal Intentions for the Month of DECEMBER: That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Please pray for the repose of the soul
of
Michael Clark
(Rich Clark's brother)



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

Report Sexual Abuse

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement. **For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588.**



HOUSE OF CHARITY
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for at least four volunteers to assist with our House of Charity Campaign. It would be very helpful to our staff to have a team in place to help with the coordination of this campaign in order to ensure we are as successful as possible. Please note that volunteering does not include gift solicitations. We truly appreciate your consideration.

**If you are interested please contact the parish office.
856-424-3212 or sthomasmore@comcast.net**

We are looking for volunteers who are:

- Respectful of confidentiality
- Detail oriented
- Can dedicate 2-4 hours each week
- Available to assist with coordination of in-pew weekend

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 8, 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 Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2019 - Matthew 11:2-11


When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

Commentary:

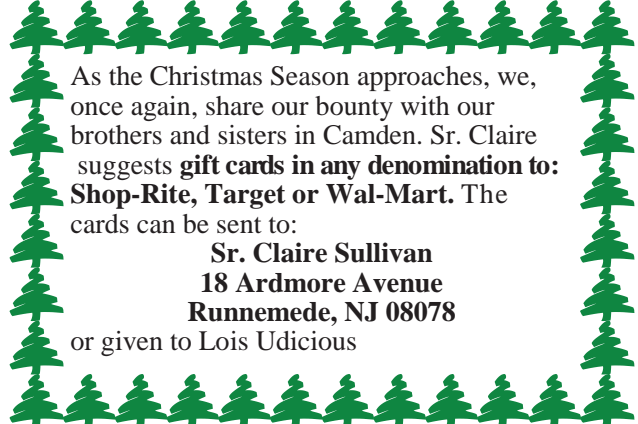
From the dark of prison and on the brink of death, John asks an urgent question: "Are you the one...or should we look for another?" Jesus honors the question by providing an answer; moreover, his answer is specific and concrete - the blind see, the lame walk, etc. John's question must become our own: Is Jesus the One for us, or are we really looking for another?

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: One thing is certain: When the time has come, nothing which is man-made will subsist. One day, all human accomplishments will be reduced to a pile of ashes. But every single child a woman has conceived will live forever, for he has been given an immortal soul made to God's image and likeness.



As the Christmas Season approaches, we, once again, share our bounty with our brothers and sisters in Camden. Sr. Claire suggests **gift cards in any denomination to: Shop-Rite, Target or Wal-Mart.** The cards can be sent to:
Sr. Claire Sullivan
18 Ardmore Avenue
Runnemede, NJ 08078
 or given to Lois Udicious



A D V E N T S C H E D U L E

Advent Lessons and Carols
 Sunday, December 8 3:00PM
 St. Thomas More Church

Confessions throughout Advent
 Saturdays 3:30-4:00 PM

Regional Penitential Service
 Monday, December 9 7:00 PM
 Christ Our Light Parish

Large number of Confessors present

CHRISTMAS MASSES

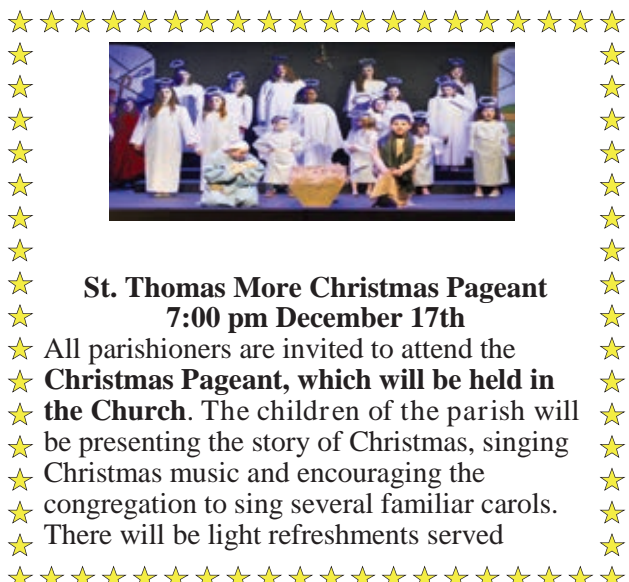

Christmas Eve
 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Christmas Day
 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Mary Mother of God
 December 31 4:30 PM

January 1 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM

St. Thomas More Christmas Pageant
7:00 pm December 17th

All parishioners are invited to attend the **Christmas Pageant, which will be held in the Church.** The children of the parish will be presenting the story of Christmas, singing Christmas music and encouraging the congregation to sing several familiar carols. There will be light refreshments served



St. Thomas More Parish New Year's Eve Movie Night
 Dinner at 6:30 pm. movie to follow
 All are invited—Reservations are requested to plan for dinner
 Donation \$15.00 - Desserts welcomed



Contact: Marianne Gorin 856-346-1811; Marian Kapsichke 856-424-2053; Joe Centonze 856 424-3809



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#WHATSMYNAME

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