

Saint Thomas More Parish

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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Bible Study Group – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. (Sept.-June)

Men's Fellowship Group—2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.

Parish Council — 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, September, and November, at 7:00 p.m. All Parishioners are welcome!

Religious Education

— **Grades K-12** classes are held on Saturdays from Sept-May 3:00 to 4:15 p.m.

— **Why Catholics (for Adults)** Sundays from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

Rosary Group—after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

PLEASE JOIN US!

“NEW” Mass Schedule

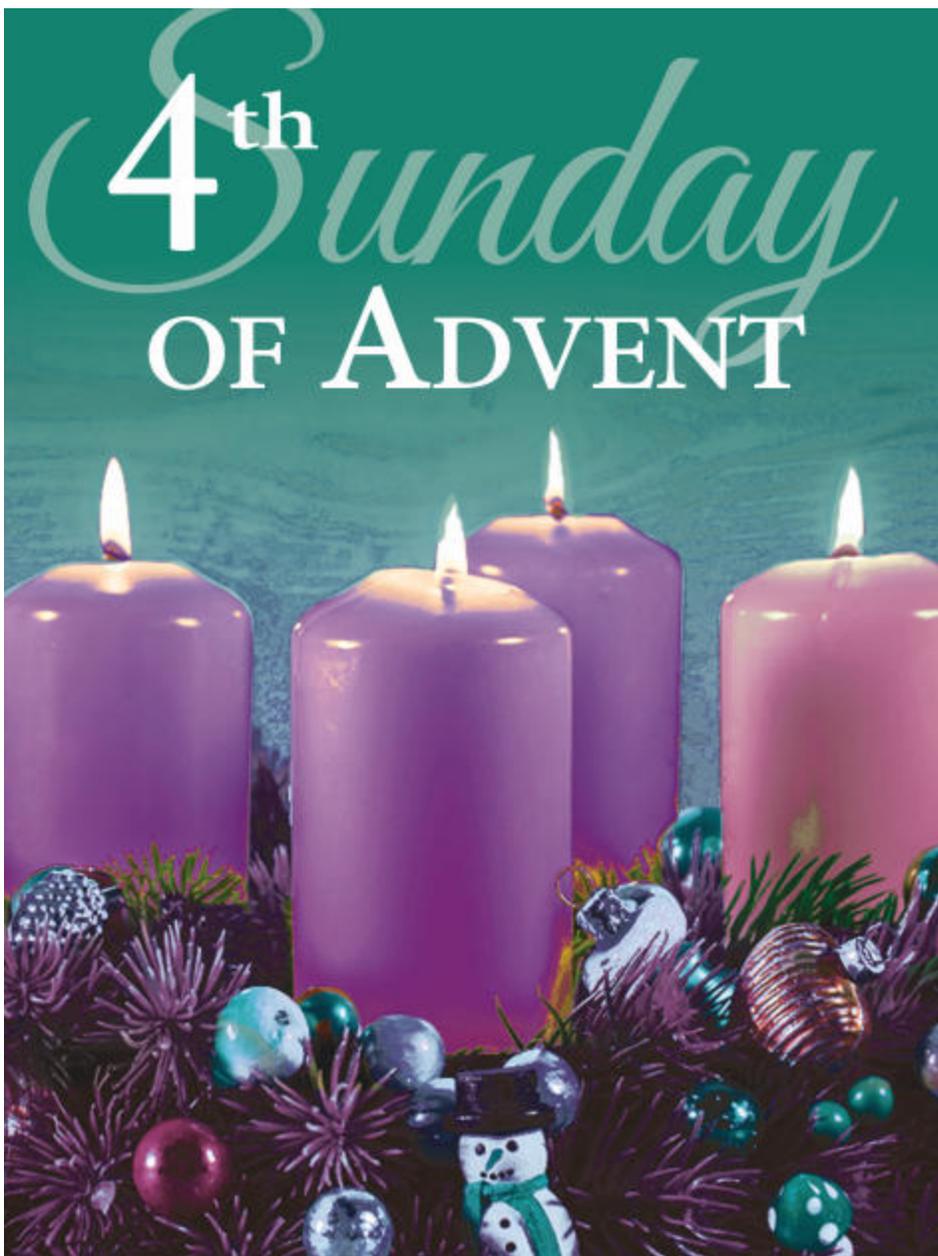


**WE ARE OPEN FOR
INDOOR MASS**

FACE MASK IS REQUIRED

**Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

Please join us!



Rev. Msgr. James P. Farmer, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Michael P. McCoy, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Michael Baxter, Deacon

Mrs. Jane G. Brown, Music Minister

Mrs. Ana R. Trujillo, Coordinator of Religious Education

Ms. Maria A. Boling, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Mrs. Carole Small-Charles, Receptionist

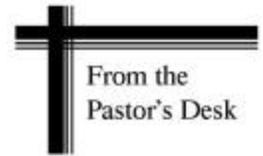
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Call the parish office if you need assistance.

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus is the reason for the season. As we conclude the Advent season we focus upon the hope that Jesus brings to the world and to each of us personally. He is with us in all circumstances.



We are so blessed to know that God is with us all of the time. No matter what difficulties we face in life, God is with us. If we have health problems, if we get laid off from our job, if we have family problems, God is with us.

Christmas is the celebration of love. Jesus loved us so much that He left heaven and came to earth so that when we leave earth we can go to heaven and be with Him.

“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:1-7)

This is the story of Christmas—Christmas is the celebration of the nearness of Jesus to us.

During the Christmas season people exchange gifts with loved ones; the greatest gift we will ever receive is the gift of Jesus. He is the gift of salvation. He is the gift of joy—He is the gift of eternal life. Jesus is the reason for the season.

Thank you for your many gifts to St. Thomas More parish during this year. We deeply appreciate your financial support, your donations to the needy in our area, your gifts for the Giving Tree, Pregnancy Center, the poor box and your talents.

On behalf of our entire staff, we wish you a Blessed Christmas. May the Child Jesus bring the gifts of Peace and Joy to you this Christmas Season.

In Christ



<i>December 13, 2020</i>	
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Many thanks to all those who continue to mail in their donation and donated give online.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



**JANUARY
JANUARY 8, 2020**

Due to the Feast Day of Mary,
Mother of God and
New Year's Day.
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!
In February 2021 and forward, we will return to the
1st Friday of the month!

Readings for December 27, 2020

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1
Col 3:12-21
Lk 2:22-40

PRAYER REQUESTS **Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends, especially:**

Jim Gay, Clare Doyle, Charlie Bailey, Rita Petrucci, Gloria Gonzalez, Leslie Vitano (Barbara Peach's daughter), Blessings Lewis, Gertrude Eromosele, Maureen Maguire, Bill Kahler, and Dolores Kelly.



We Pray in Faith that all who have died may be welcome into the peace of God's Kingdom.



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	12/21	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Madeline & Orlando Liberatore
Tuesday	12/22	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Fran Meeks
Wednesday	12/23	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Dominic Corriere
Thursday	12/24	
5:00 p.m. Mass		For the Parishioners
8:00 p.m. Mass		James & Josephine Farmer
Friday	12/25	
10:00 a.m. Mass		Harry Miller
Saturday	12/26	
4:30 p.m. Mass		Carolyn Sigler
Sunday	12/27	
10:00 a.m. Mass		For the Parishioners



**Many thanks to all those who
donated items to our
Giving Tree Project this year.**

**Your generosity is
always astonishing!**

Thankful Conversation

*The Thread Something is very gently, Invisibly, silently
pulling at me—a thread... a stirring of wonder makes
me catch my breath when I feel the tug of it...*

Denise Levertov

It is August of my 70th year in Notre Dame. I have been gently, wondrously thinking about a lot of those threads in my life—the threads before and since August 6, 1950. I think of memories of 12 years of my youth in Wernersville, PA that included Saturday catechesis and reception of the Sacraments at St. Isaac Jogues Jesuit Novitiate. My siblings and I nicknamed our Novice teachers “Baby-teeth” and “Cookie” etc! Then we live for six years in Philadelphia before I entered the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. I still marvel at the education I received at West Philadelphia Catholic Girls High School where I met the impressive SNDdeN.

Ministries I have served still inform my very being. Did I ever dream they would include Scotland, Nigeria, Mexico and the Title I Program in Baltimore City (Parochial and Public Schools)? Currently, life-giving service includes volunteer pastoral ministry with my beloved St. Thomas More Parish and Notre Dame Associates.

Messengers I feel so grateful for have led me on my journey. This thread I like to think of as the Holy Spirit in my life. I could name so many messengers beginning with my family, friends, teachers, mentors and caregivers... especially my Sisters of Notre Dame who have loved, nourished and counseled me. And put up with my many stories!

My brother John (RIP) and I often talked about the sacredness of each person’s story. We would recite the verse of the hymn “Precious Assurance”: “This is my story, this is my song...” My parish began to sing too! I sang it with the nursing home residents where I minister for the parish! My story is full of grateful memories, incredible ministries and God-sent messengers. There is not as yet a closing. As I write I am mindful of those who entered with me 70 years ago. Some are in the Cloud of Witnesses; some still carrying out the mission of Jesus along with us SNDdeN. God bless us all!

Sister Kathleen Haughey, SND

Wellness Screening and communications to those attending Mass.....if you do not feel

well, live with a family member that is experiencing COVID like symptoms, have been in close contact with a person who either has COVID or is suspected of having COVID within the past 14 days, is awaiting the results of a COVID test yourself or has otherwise been ordered to quarantine or isolate, you should not to attend Mass until such time as you and family members are feeling better or it has been more than 14 days since they were last in contact with a person presumed to have COVID. Thank you!

**LIVE THE LITURGY -
INSPIRATION FOR THE
WEEK**

Does the world realize that it is waiting? As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that “more” needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp?



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