

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!

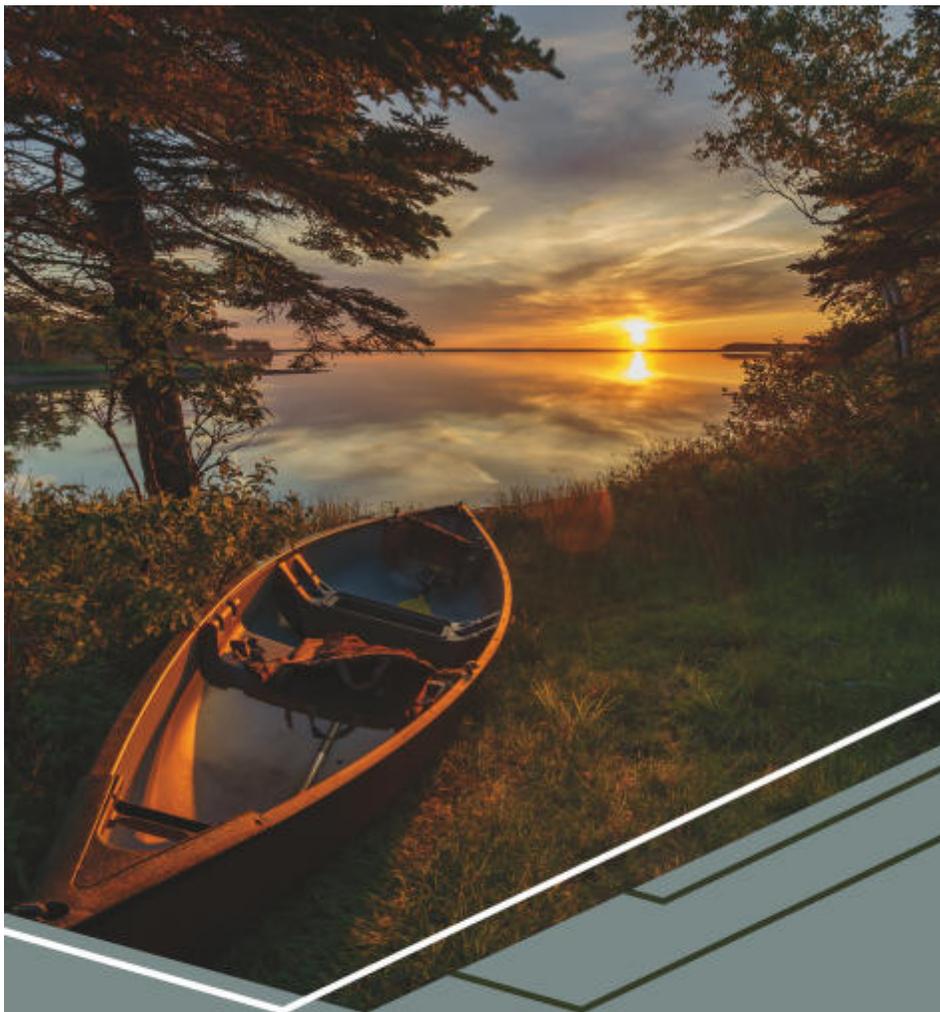
Religious Education

— **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!



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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“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

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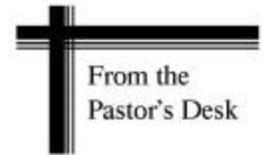
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Call the parish office if you need assistance.

Dear Parishioners,

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

Increasingly, our society sees death as a solution to our problems. Death is not the solution. Death is the problem.



The dominant culture of our society promotes death. The Catholic Church promotes life. The battle lines are drawn.

There are four specific examples where the sanctity of life is currently under attack in the United States. They are abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment and embryonic stem cell research.

The bishops of the United States recently drafted a policy statement which reads: "If fundamental rights such as the right to life are based on abilities or qualities that can appear or disappear, grow or diminish, and be greater or lesser in different human beings, then there are no inherent human rights, no true human equality, only privileges for the strong."

Since 1973 there have been more than 61 million legal abortions in the United States of America. Each time an abortion occurs at least one human being dies. This human being is made in the image and likeness of Almighty God. Killing an unborn child is a false solution to an unplanned pregnancy.

In 1976 the United States re-instated the practice of capital punishment. Since then more than 1516 people have been executed in our country as of July 2020. At present more than half of the states, the federal government and the United States military allow executions as a form of punishment. There are several thousand people in the United States who are on death row awaiting execution. Killing prisoners is a false solution to solving the crime problem. We are the only country in the Western hemisphere that executes people.

Euthanasia, mercy killing, is becoming increasingly accepted in our society. There are proposals to withhold food and water from elderly and sick people. There is another name for this practice. It is called starvation.

A few years ago there was a bill in the Maryland legislature to turn off the heat in the rooms of dying patients. There is another name for this practice. It is called freezing.

These are Draconian measures. The former governor of Colorado stated that elderly people have an obligation to die. Killing elderly and sick persons is a false solution to the health care problem.

Embryonic stem cell research is an enormous problem. The American bishops recently stated in the aforementioned document: "No commitment to a hoped for 'great good' can erase or diminish the wrong of directly taking innocent human lives here and now. In fact policies undermining our respect for human life can only endanger the vulnerable patients that stem-cell research offers to help. The same ethic that justifies taking some lives to help the patient with Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease today can be used to sacrifice that very patient tomorrow.

From the moment of conception all 46 chromosomes are present in the baby. Nothing is added. The embryo is a human being. The baby develops in the mother's womb.

For the first nine months of life a person lives in his or her mother's womb. For the rest of our life we live outside of the womb. We are using embryonic stem cell research as a false solution to finding cures for diseases.

The bishops further stated: "It now seems undeniable that once we cross a fundamental moral line that prevents us from treating any fellow human being as a mere object of research, there is no stopping point. The only moral stance that affirms the human dignity of all of us is to reject the first step down this path.

Our society is choosing death. The Catholic Church is choosing life. What did God say about this: "I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life..." (Deuteronomy 30:19)

On Friday, January 29th, several hundred thousand people prayerfully and peacefully marched in Washington at the annual Pro-Life March.

In Christ

Handwritten signature of Rev. Msgr. James J. Turner



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	01/25	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Robert A. Kearney
Tuesday	01/26	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Intentions of Audrey Fleischmann
Wednesday	01/27	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Alfred Rozanski
Thursday	01/28	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Mary Crew
Friday	01/29	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Dorothy Woods
Saturday	01/30	
4:30 p.m. Mass		Lionel Shiyghan-Ntani
Sunday	01/30	
10:00 a.m. Mass		For the Parishioners

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn’t a human being alive who hasn’t acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. “Why did I act that way?” is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God’s grace we now see the light. ©LPi

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need some **younger people** of the parish to step –up and volunteer their services in keeping our worship space beautifully decorated throughout the year. The 70+ folks who have been decorating the church are not longer physically able to climb ladders and move heavy items from one area to another. Their wisdom and knowledge, however, will be available to assist you. Please call the parish office, if interested.



FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!

THANK YOU to everyone for doing works of mercy and praying for us. It is so much appreciated and mean a lot to Skip and I.

I know God has given me his grace & continued strength to move forward. May God bless you all as He has blessed me.

Linda Depew

PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for our Parishioners

and Friends, especially: Jim Gay, Clare Doyle, Charlie Bailey, Rita Petrucci, Gloria Gonzalez, Leslie Vitrano (Barbara Peach’s daughter), Blessings Lewis, Gertrude Eromosele, Maureen Maguire, Bill Kahler, Dolores Kelly, Joe Rupinski, Washington Gonzalez and Barbara Peach.

Readings for January 31, 2020

Dt 18:15-20

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]

1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28



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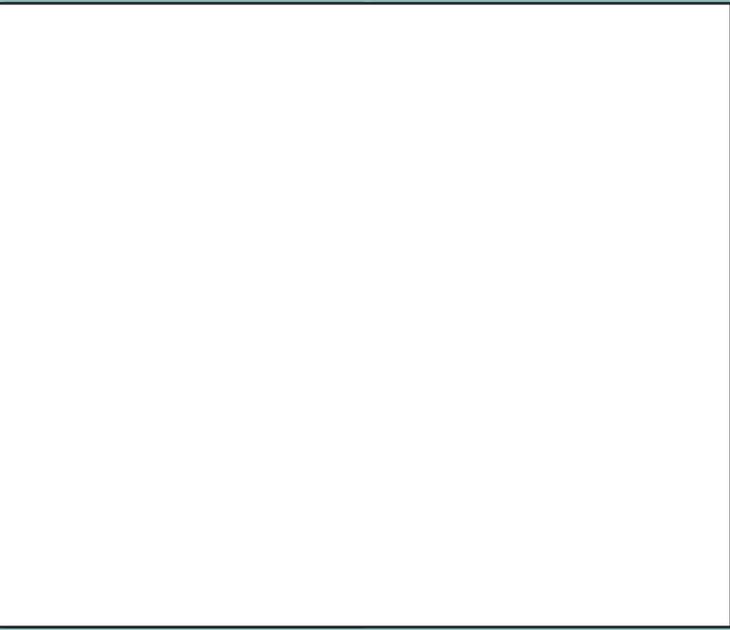
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