

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!

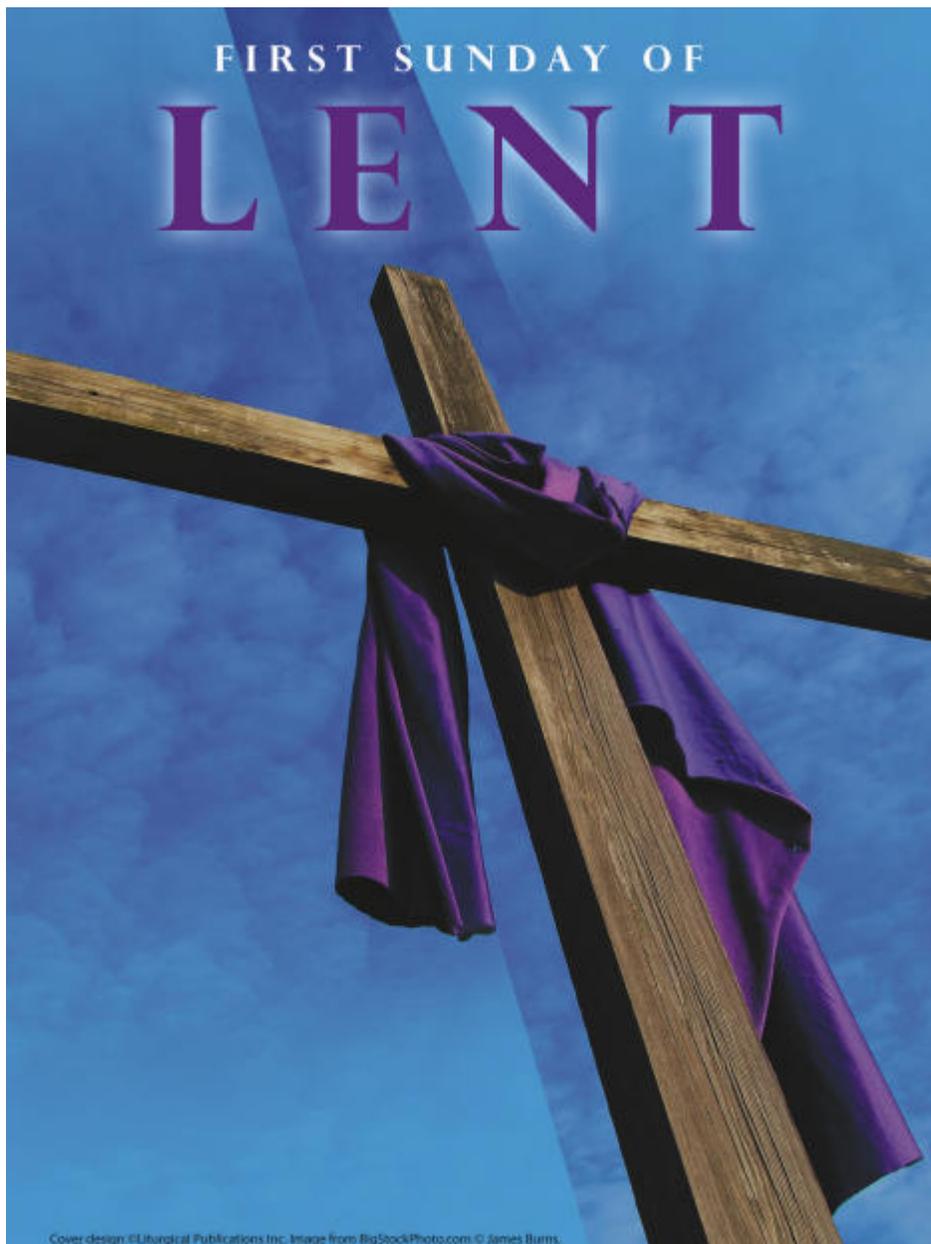
Religious Education

— **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!



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“NEW” Mass Schedule



**WE ARE OPEN FOR
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**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

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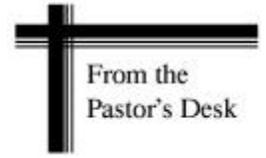
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Call the parish office if you need assistance.

Dear Parishioners,

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

Jesus said: "So you had not the strength to keep awake with me one hour." Matthew 26:40



Lent is a 40 day opportunity to draw closer to Jesus. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the spiritual practices which we emphasize during Lent.

Pope St. John Paul II said: "Lent is a time of profound truth which begins Conversion, restores hope, and by putting everything back in its proper order brings peace and optimism."

Time is a precious commodity. None of us have enough time to do everything we want to do. During Lent give Jesus some of our time. Can we give Jesus one hour a day?

Please consider going to daily mass, praying the rosary, going to Stations of the Cross on Friday, joining the online Lenten Gospel Reflection, or reading a chapter of the Bible.

Time indicates priorities in life. Let us give Jesus some of our time. Let us make Jesus a priority.

How much time do we spend watching television each week? How much time do we spend on the internet each week.

In Christ

Rev. Msgr. James J. Turner

	February 14, 2021	
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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.

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, Bill Kahler, Dolores Kelly, Joe Rupinski, Washington Gonzalez, Nicholas DiLiello (Lillian's brother), Tyler Rush (Lillian's Grandson), Josette George (Lillian's cousin) and Bishop W. Francis Malooly.

Readings for February 28, 2020

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT OUR PARISH



This Lent, we invite you to join us for spiritual opportunities to rekindle your relationship with our Lord. All are welcome!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Table with 2 columns: Day/Time and Intention. Rows include Monday 02/22 (Theresa Rupinski), Tuesday 02/23 (Edmund A. Bianchi), Wednesday 02/24 (Betty Burns), Thursday 02/25 (Maureen Maguire), Friday 02/26 (Robert Bond), Saturday 02/27 (For the Parishioners), and Sunday 02/28 (Eleanor Thobe).

Thankful Conversation

What a friend we have in Jesus....

Our thankfulness conversation begins with God bringing together what appears to be an unlikely couple: Innocent, a single medical student from Nigeria, and Rebecca, a social worker mother of two. When we married, Innocent accepted, as it turned out, becoming the only father involved for two of Rebecca's sons from a previous marriage.

Sometimes it seemed, that all we had in common, was our Catholic faith, our Catholic educations, and our devout families of origin, plus similar goals of working in the medical field, and to send our "flock" through Catholic schools. We both were students and worked during those early years. When it came time to send the first two boys to elementary school, and before we knew of STM (not so far away,) we assumed our only course of action was to send them to the local public school, which we did.

The family had grown to three boys and two girls, and we found it tough to manage the tuition and living expenses. Having made friends with a STM Deacon, he asked me "Why didn't we join STM?" (The Deacon's big selling point was that my uncle-the Bishop, was in residency there.) We'd be able to see him more often and it was a joy to do so.

We started our third son in CSS, another nearby Catholic school, and a trusted angel-inspired STM parishioner, suggested we might ask for tuition assistance. The Lord revealed His mercy in sending this helpful friend.

Time went on, and with lots of prayer, hard work, and the learning of financial help available to us, our journey was eased, and we grew in faith and trust that God would bring us through. We were able to become more involved in parish life, enjoy Married couple retreats, and instill in our children the proper response to "give back" blessings to others. We now have been married 32 years. We are extremely grateful to God for all the blessings and graces He has bestowed on us and on our children.

Anyway, raising the first two boys was quite different and more difficult because, we feel many habits were already learned in public schools (re: school behaviors and studying habits). We feel, because our first two attended CSS only a short time, they didn't have the beneficial foundation necessary. Most public school teachers do not give homework. Our other three children that had primarily Catholic school education were more prone to come straight home for study and homework completion.

The peace the home received from the CSS students was invaluable for all family members.

Innocent and Rebecca



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

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert! ©LPi

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