Rev. Lawrence Kozak, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Hugh Dougherty, Pastor Emeritus
Saint Thomas More Parish

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<th>SATURDAY EVENING MASS:</th>
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<td>SUNDAY MASSES:</td>
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<td>DAILY MASS:</td>
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<td>CONFESSIONS:</td>
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<th>WEDDINGS:</th>
<th>Arrangements for marriage are to be made at the Rectory at least six months in advance. Attendance at Pre-Cana instructions is mandatory.</th>
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<td>BAPTISM:</td>
<td>Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays, with due preparation of the parents. Parents should contact the rectory to schedule an appointment with the Priest.</td>
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From Father Kozak:

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This Sunday we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, or as it is otherwise known, **Candlemas**. In the Church, this day is uniquely celebrated by the blessing of candles. The reason for this is that Christ, who is the light, enters the Temple, the place held sacred by the Jewish people. The light of Christ is now physically present in the Temple of worship. This same light is given to us in our Baptism, the candle we receive symbolizes the Presence of the Crucified and Risen Christ, who makes our very bodies His temple!

We are charged with keeping the flame of faith burning brightly. All of us have obscured that light by our sins and defects of character. Our humble recognition of this leads us to the confessional, where Christ cleans and purifies those things which obscure the light. Even if that light is merely smoldering because of the gravity of our sins, absolution in the Sacrament of Confession restores the flame. Adoration amplifies it and enable the light of Christ emanate from us so that we draw the rest of the world to Christ in the Church. The more the light of Christ strengthens, the more the darkness of the world is revealed. Each of us must commit ourselves to repentance and virtue. Repentance is our transformation and an example to the world that we can be forgiven for any sin. Virtue signals to the world that only the grace of Christ can change our frustrating sins and defects, and that His peace is available to us no matter what the circumstances of our life might be, good or bad, health or suffering, Christ gives us His peace!

May God reward you!
The Presentation of The Lord
February 2, 2020

Masses of the Week

Monday, February 3
St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
St. Ansgar, Bishop
8:30 AM  Joan Claypoole
Req.: Werkely Family

Tuesday, February 4
8:30 AM  Joan Brady
Req.: Connie Yanos

Wednesday, February 5
St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
8:30 AM  Thomas Galloway
Req.: Carol Duffy

Thursday, February 6
8:30 AM  Joseph Hutt
Req.: Family

Friday, February 7
St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
8:30 AM  Joseph Hutt
Req.: Family

Saturday, February 8
St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin BVM
8:30 AM  Dan Pizzi
Req.: Ann Pizzi
5:30 PM  John T. Belisari
Req.: His Children

Sunday, February 9
8:00 AM  People of the Parish
10:30 AM  John & Rita Manion
Req.: Fiato Family

Parish Calendar of Events

Monday, February 3
8:30 AM  Mass
11:00 AM  Adoration
7:00 PM  Rosary

Tuesday, February 4
8:30 AM  Mass
6:00 PM  Children’s Choir
7:00 PM  Adult Choir
8:00 PM  Guitar Group

Wednesday, February 5
8:30 AM  Mass
9:00 AM  Adoration
1:30 PM  Prayer Service at Kadima

Thursday, February 6
8:30 AM  Mass

Friday, February 7
8:30 AM  Mass
9:00 AM  Adoration

Saturday, February 8
8:30 AM  Mass
5:30 PM  Mass

Sunday, February 9  KOC Breakfast
8:00 AM  Mass
10:30 AM  Mass
4:00 PM  Parish Movie
UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2  Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale
February 3  Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
February 3  KOC Meeting
February 5  Prayer Service Kadima
February 9  Parish Breakfast
February 9  Parish Movie Night
February 11  Mass at Manatawny Manor
February 19  Mass at Kadima
February 29  First Reconciliation
March 2  Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
March 2  KOC Meeting
March 4  Prayer Service Kadima
March 7  First Saturday Rosary
March 10  Mass at Manatawny Manor
March 12  Movie/Book Club
March 18  Mass at Kadima
March 21  Confirmation Retreat
March 28  First Holy Communion Retreat

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Next Week’s Scripture – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading  Isaiah 58:7-10
Second Reading  1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16(73)

St. Thomas More Parish
Plastic Bag Collection

We are in need of plastic bags for an outreach project for next year. Please bring any type of plastic bag to the social hall and place in the basket provided. Examples of bags needed: Giant grocery bag, Boscov’s, Target or Kohls shopping bag.

Manatawny Manor Ministry

Each Tuesday at 11:00 AM our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion give of their time for our Parishioners at Manatawny Manor. Come and see how rewarding it is to bring Communion and prayer to these Parishioners.

We will celebrate Mass February 11th at 11:00 AM, Please join us!

Kadima Nursing Home

A Prayer Service for Residents of the Kadima Nursing Home in South Coventry Twp. On the first and third Wednesdays of the month beginning at 2:00 pm the Rosary is recited. February 5th is the next Prayer Service date.

We will celebrate Mass Wednesday, February 19th at 1:30 PM, please join us.

February Outreach

Through February 9 we will collect for the Coventry Pantry who serves over 120 Families (400+ individuals) in our own OJR School District. There is immediate need for the following items:
* Peanut Butter * Jelly * Fruit Cups
* Canned Pasta * Beef Stew * Tuna * Chicken
* Mac & Cheese * Pasta * Spaghetti Sauce
* Laundry Detergent * Dish Soap
* Tissues & Toilet Paper

Please bring your donations no later than February 9th.

PLEASE NOTE: NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE BEGINNING 1/23

As of January 23rd, Confessions will be heard Thursday night from 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM,
Saturday at 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM, and before every Mass, Sunday and Daily. Come and lay your burdens at the feet of Christ who desires to forgive you in this great Sacrament! This will be our schedule moving forward.
Saint Thomas More - Movie/Book Club Book
All are welcome to join the Saint Thomas More Book and Movie Club for discussion, prayer and snacks. The Club meets monthly on every second Thursday, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and at 7:00 p.m. March 12th Book - The Biggest Lie In The History of Christianity by Matthew Kelly: April 10th Movie - Solanus Casey: Priest, Porter, Prophet: May 14th Book - His Angels at Our Side by Father John Horgan.

STM Ladies Auxiliary
Bake/Pretzel Sale
February 2
After Sunday Masses

PARISH MOVIE

The Book and Movie Club with the Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to join them on Sunday, February 9, at 4:00 p.m. for the movie Life is Beautiful. We will have sign-up sheets in the Narthex for all who wish to attend. This is necessary to get a count for intermission pizza, juice/soda, and snacks. People should bring their lawn chairs for a comfortable seat. Life is Beautiful is about a Jewish couple, during World War II, who were sent to a concentration camp. They are separated and the father shelters his son of the horrors of his surroundings by convincing his son their time in the camp is a game. This movie won 3 Oscars.

Happy Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas!

Did you know about the extensive eBook collection on FORMED? This week's FORMED Feature is a children's book on Saint Thomas Aquinas by Raïssa Maritain.

Saint Thomas gave not only beautiful sermons and books, but also his heart, his devotion, and his love. Initially written for children, but a delight for grownups as well, these pages show the beauty and holiness that belonged to Saint Thomas Aquinas: the patron saint of all those, young and old, who love the truth with their whole hearts, and who wish to know and serve it well.

PROGRAMS FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING
NFP is a scientific method of postponing or achieving pregnancy based on the awareness of a couple’s fertility. Classes for engaged or married couples are scheduled regularly. For registration information, call the Family Life Office at 215-587-5639.

“RETOUVAILLE” is a program that helps couples in a hurting marriage put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. For information, call 1-800-470-2230.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS
Support programs are held throughout the Archdiocese. To receive a listing, call 215-587-5639.

BEREAVEMENT PROGRAMS
A directory listing parish/cluster Bereavement Programs is available. Call 215-587-5639.

COURAGE is a spiritual support group for homosexual men and women seeking to live according to the Church’s teaching on sexuality. For information, call 215-587-4505 (Philadelphia) or 1-856-964-3401 (Camden). Confidentiality is assured.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION (Pre-Cana)
Couples who are planning to be married are encouraged to attend a marriage preparation program at least 4-6 months prior to the wedding. Schedules are available at the rectory.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Television Mass, Sunday mornings at 5:30 a.m. WPVI-Channel 5! Rebroadcast each Sunday at the following times: 9 a.m. & 5 p.m. DT-2 Channel 6 digital 10 a.m. La Salle University channel 56.

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