

# *Saint Thomas More Catholic Church*

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*We exist for one reason: to come to know and be formed by the Word of God and the Message of Jesus. When we gather in prayer and worship, in service and community, we assemble as disciples and friends with the Lord in our midst. Rooted in our Roman Catholic tradition, we are proud of our parish heritage and hopeful for our future.*

*Second Sunday of Advent - December 9, 2018*

## **Parish Staff**

Fr. Thomas Fallone, J.D.  
Pastor  
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Fr. Joe Davis  
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Pat Schell  
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Mark Davis  
Music - Organist

Frank Miles  
Trustee

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Trustee

## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Wednesday  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

## ***Celebration of the Eucharist***

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm (*Please note there will be no 7 pm Mass on holiday weekends.*)

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 8:15 am

Holy Days: Vigil 7:00 pm; Holy Day 8:15 am and 12:10 pm

## ***Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)***

Saturday: 3:30 pm or by appointment

## ***Eucharistic Adoration***

Every First Friday of the Month following the 8:15 am Mass and concluding with Benediction at Noon

## ***Additional Sacraments***

Baptism: Please call or email the Parish Office. Arrangements should be made at least 8 weeks in advance of the desired date.

Marriage: Please call or email the Parish Office. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance of the desired date.

## ***Join the St. Thomas More Family***

New parishioners can register at any time! Please call or stop by the Parish Office between 9 am - 2 pm, Monday through Wednesday, or send an email to info@stmnj.org. We'd love to welcome you!!



**Blast From the Past(or)  
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 9, 2018**

All the characters are in place. On the Second Sunday of Advent, the Gospel proclaims names prominent in the Passion: Pontius Pilate, Annas, Caiaphas and Herod. Well, that seems weird. These players are clearly miscast. We associate them with Cavalry, not Bethlehem. Can you imagine having Clint Eastwood play Ghandi? Who but Patrick Swayze could star in *Roadhouse* (objectively the greatest film of all time)? George C. Scott simply defines Patton. Could anyone but Kam Fong play Chin Ho? C'mon, what are Pilate et al doing in an Advent Gospel? Taking a breath and stepping back, we realize that all is not lost. In fact, Pilate's presence in early Advent foreshadows victory; the joy of this Expectant Season reminds us that the shadow of the Cross is cast over the light of the Manger. Everything is in place. Last week, I read that NASA's InSight vehicle touched down on Mars. To the untrained eye, the dusty pictures and images were unclear if not a depiction of disaster. But all the super-smart kids at NASA were jubilant! They were ecstatic with joy at their victory and the fruit of their efforts. Everything worked and was in place for success. So too the shady characters of Advent might signal disaster to some. But to the ones who wait for the Child, the Incarnation is definitive in joy and peace. Everybody is perfectly cast in this drama of salvation.

God Bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



***Thank You for Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure!***

Weekly Collection for December 1-2: \$6,553.25



***Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners***

Calling all single parishioners! Please join us for our monthly gathering on Wednesday, December 12th at 12:30 pm at Rocco's Restaurant, 30 Cook Avenue, Madison. Our luncheon is a no-host fellowship gathering. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



***Women's Guild Bake Sale***

Thank you to all who made the recent bake sale such a success. We raised just under \$650! Hope to see you at our next sale in the spring.



**Monday, December 10: Blessed Adolph Kolping**

8:15 am- Terry Manelski

**Tuesday, December 11: Saint Damasus I**

8:15 am- Robert Purcell

**Wednesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:15 am- Fred and Joan Gensicke

**Thursday, December 13: Saint Lucy**

8:15 am- Venus McGraw

**Friday, December 14: Saint John of the Cross**

8:15 am- Brian Marshall

**Saturday, December 15: Blessed Mary Frances Schervier**

8:15 am- Gloria Sweeney

5:00 pm- Kathryn Schurtz and Joseph Kearney

**Sunday, December 16: Third Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am- James and Peggy Lavin

11:00 am- Thomas Briscoe

7:00 pm- Kay Brewer

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week in memory of Thomas Briscoe.

*If you are a family member or friend of the person being remembered at a Sunday Mass, please feel free to approach an usher and offer to bring up the gifts.*



***Bishop's Annual Appeal***

As the year comes quickly to an end and many are planning on how to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the support given to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These are your neighbors, your friends, our senior priests and seminarians and urban school students. All of us can play a part in the Bishop's Annual Appeal - as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission - and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Bishop's Annual Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or on-line at [www.2018appeal.org](http://www.2018appeal.org). If you are 70 ½ or over and have an IRA, you can receive a tax benefit by instructing your IRA investment manager to donate your required minimum distribution to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please consult your tax or financial advisor for more information.



## Advent/Christmas Season Schedule

### **Altar Server Training**

*Saturday, December 15 - 9 am*

All children Grade 3 and up are encouraged to become an even more active part of Mass by joining this important ministry.

### **Community Cleaning and Decorating Day**

*Saturday, December 15 - 10 am*

Parishioners of all ages are invited to help clean and decorate the Church for Christmas.

### **Advent Penance Service**

*Wednesday, December 19 - 7 pm*

Opportunity for individual Confessions will follow the service.

### **Arrival of the Christmas Flowers**

*Saturday, December 22 - Time TBD*

All are welcome to take part in incorporating the beautiful flowers into our Church decor.

### **Christmas Eve Masses**

*5:00 pm, 8:00 pm and Midnight*

### **Christmas Day Masses**

*9:00 am and 11:00 am*

(Please note there will be NO 7 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.)

### **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

*Monday, December 31 (Vigil) - 7 pm*

*Tuesday, January 1 - 8:15 am and 12:10 pm*