Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations
-Matthew 28:19

ST. THOMAS MORE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 20, 2019

combined mass schedule

Saturday
Vigil: 4:00pm  STM
5:30pm  SJC
Sunday: 8:00am  STM
9:00am  SJC
9:30am  STM
11:00am SJC
11:30am STM

Holy Days ..........See bulletin details or call the Parish Office
Funeral Masses.................... 10:00am at both locations
Lamb of God Chapel at St. Thomas More................. 24/6

Sacrament of Baptism — Celebrated the first
Sunday of the month at 12:45 p.m. (An instruction class
before a first child’s Baptism is required. Held the last
Sunday of the month at 2:00 in the church. Call the Parish
Office to R.S.V.P.)

Sacrament of First Eucharist — Annually in
the spring. Please contact the Religious Education Office to
learn more.

Sacrament of Confirmation — Annually in
the fall. Please contact the Religious Education office to
learn more.

Sacrament of Marriage — Please contact a
parish priest at least six months in advance. Masses are
typically scheduled on Saturdays at 1:30pm.

Sacrament of Holy Orders — If you are
interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood
or diaconate, please visit www.pghpriest.com.

Sacrament of Reconciliation — Confessions
are heard on Saturdays at 9:00am at STM and 4:30pm at
SJC. For private confessions, call the Parish Office. Other
penance services are offered in Advent and Lent.

Sacrament of Anointing — If you or a loved
one is in need of Anointing, please contact the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care of the Sick — Those unable to
attend Mass who would like to receive Holy Communion,
please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults) — Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
RCIA is offered every year in the fall. It is a beautiful
process of discernment, conversion, commitment, and love.
Please call or email the Parish Office and ask to be directed
to the RCIA Coordinator.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother
of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited
to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother
of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” Jn 2:1-3

To our parishioners and visitors, our friends, neighbors, Catholics and non-
Catholics. We’re so glad you’re here! If you have any questions about the
Mass, church membership, or want to speak with a priest, please call the
parish office at: 412-833-0031 or email us at: parishoffice@stmpgh.org.
Registration information can be found on our website at: www.stmpgh.org
or just stop into the parish office. We invite you to form an ongoing rela-
tionship with St. Thomas More parish through your active participation in
our 50+ ministries! Call today!
The wedding feast of Cana is probably one of the best known passages of Scripture. It relates Jesus’ first miracle, a miracle performed in a time of joyful love at its very beginning, the love of a newly married couple full of hope, faith and promise. Yet, the bride and groom are not the main characters of this story. Mary, who relates to her son the need of the couple for more wine, is not the main character. Nor is it Jesus even though he has the prominent role of making this miracle occur.

The gospel tells us that there were six stone water jars there used for the ceremonial washing. They had already poured themselves out in service, providing refreshment and cool relief for the wedding guests. They were spent, they had given their all. Now they are ready to be filled with water, water that Jesus transforms into the choicest of wines. They were now able to bring an even greater joy to all of the wedding guests.

I would suggest that these six lowly, silent water jars are the main characters here as they serve to reveal the true meaning of service and discipleship. Once we have used the graces God gives us, we come back to be filled again that through his grace we may do even greater things in his name. Filled by Christ, we are empties for Christ and his people only to be filled and sent forth once again to do even greater things. As we accept the choicest wine of divine life in Christ through his word and sacrament, we go forth in mission to one another, our world and our church. We are those water jars, emptied and filled over and over again. May we continue to be poured out for our Church and our world.

Our Parish Library is a wonderful place to enrich your Spiritual life and get to know God better. Stop by soon for some quiet time of reflection with spiritual selections that help draw us closer to the Lord.

Book of the week:
Letter to Gabriel

Normal Library Hours are: Monday and Wednesday after 11:30 Mass and Sundays after 8am, 9:30am, and 11:30am Masses.
BAPTISM

We welcome to our Faith Community:

Kendall Jacqueline Lobb
Elliana Marie Taormina

Please pray for our newly baptized, their parents, and godparents.

WELCOME

Please welcome our New Parishioners:

Mary Anne Lewis
Kate Harrison
Frank and Joan Clause
Darren, Alysia, and Brooks Bucklew
Adam, Christy, Nathaniel, and Carly Lutz

May they feel the warmth of Christ in our parish Community.

DEATHS

Our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Ida Mazzoleni
Kimberly Ann Magulick
Frances Harrington
Esther McElwee
Richard Reimond
Sr. Jacqueline Meyer

Please pray for our deceased and their family members.

WEEKLY READINGS/OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of January 20, 2019

Monday:  Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:  Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:  Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:  Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:  Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Saturday:  2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:  Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Observances for the week of January 20, 2019

Sunday:  2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:  St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr; Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday:  Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Wednesday:  St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Thursday:  St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Friday:  The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Saturday:  Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Adoration Renews our Joyful Witness

The time we spend in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament deepens our Holy Communion and renews our commitment to bring our faith into every aspect of our lives. The Vatican Council II Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents state:

Let them remember also that by prayer of this kind before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament they prolong that union which they have achieved with him in Holy Communion, and renew the covenant which commits them to practice in their lives and conduct what they have received in faith in the celebration of the Eucharist and in the reception of the Sacrament.

Let them strive, therefore, to live their whole lives joyously in the strength of this heavenly food, participating in the death and resurrection of the Lord. Each individual, therefore, should be eager to do good works and to please God, making it his aim to impregnate the world with the Christian spirit and to be a faithful witness to Christ in all things in the midst of human society. (The Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy, Chapter II, #81)

How blessed we are to have Our Lord available to us 24/6 in Lamb of God Chapel. Your “yes” to spend a weekly holy hour with Jesus not only keeps the gift of the chapel going, but also renews your joyful witness of faith.

The Church draws her life from the Eucharist.
~St. Pope John Paul II
**First Friday Devotion**

Please join us on the First Friday of every month immediately after the 11:30 am Mass in the Lamb of God Chapel to pray the rosary and to pray a prayer of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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**Martin Luther King Day**

The office will be closed on Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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**WANTED**

**Students in Grades 6 through 12**

The St. Thomas More Youth Ministry is looking for interested students who are in Grades 6 through 12 to participate in our Musical Passion Play. All practices will be on Sundays. The first practice/meeting will be this, Sunday, January 20, 2019 in the Family Life Center. Practice will be from 3pm – 5pm then fellowship and pizza from 5pm – 6pm. If you cannot make the practice today, please start next week. You can contact me for a schedule and more information at morhoades@yahoo.com. Shows are on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 1:30pm and 7pm. If you do not go to St. Thomas More School, a release form for religious reasons will be given out to give the school in order to get out early on the day of the performance. Participating in the Passion Play will be a great opportunity for you to make new friends, learn more about Jesus and have fun in the process.

If you are interested in joining us, please show up at the first practice or email Maureen Rhoades at the address above for a complete schedule a link to music for practicing for auditions and answer to questions you may have.

Feel free to bring friends from other churches.

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**Beginning Experience**

Please join us February 2, 2019 at Ss. Simon and Jude Parish Life Center (Greentree Rd.) Registration at 8:45. Cost is $20. Register on-line at //beginningexperiencepittsburgh.com/upcoming-events or call 412-531-8772.

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**School Mass on Sunday, January 27th @ 11:30**

Please join us for 11:30 Mass on Sunday, January 27th when our school children, teachers and our principal will be participating in the liturgy as ministers of Holy Communion, The Word, Altar serving, greeting and ushering.

This should be a beautiful Mass followed by an Open House in the school building. Please make time to join us!
STM Religious Education

Upcoming Events
For 2nd Grade

Sun., Feb. 10th ~ Sacramental Meeting

All STM school and Rel. Ed. students and their parent(s) are required to attend this meeting. You will have the opportunity to choose your child’s date for their First Holy Communion Mass.

Please meet in the Family Life Center at 12:30pm

Upcoming Events
For 8th Grade

Sun., Feb. 3rd ~ Confirmation Workshop

All STM school and Rel. Ed. students are required to attend this workshop in preparation for Confirmation. Please meet in the FLC at 12:30pm.

Sun., March 24th ~ IGNITE Retreat

* Follow us on Facebook at: St. Thomas More RE Pgh *

Youth Ministry

Be sure to stay in the know about all YM events, service opportunities, and more by emailing Bernadette Madden, Youth Minister, at maddenb@stmpgh.org asking to be added to the YM email blast.

Text @stmym to 412-368-5594 to get text updates about upcoming events.

www.stmpgh.org/youth-ministry/ has a full fall/winter calendar, links to sign-ups, pictures, and more.

Follow us on Instagram @stmyouthmin

Stay tuned for the Spring Calendars for Middle School Youth Ministry and High School Youth Ministry!

Summit Bible Study for High Schoolers Sun, Jan 20 and Jan 27 @6pm-7:30pm in the Youth Rm.

Girls Group Thursday, Jan 24 @7pm-8:30pm in the Youth Rm.

High School ladies and adult leaders meet every other Thurs for fellowship, laughs, discussion, and growing in our faith. Every time is a little different but always fun, low-key, and an opportunity to build new friendships.

We hope to see you there - especially if you haven’t come before!
Men’s Emmaus Retreat, March 8-10

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God and our Faith Community? Based on the Gospel of Luke 24:13-35, the Emmaus Retreat allows men to step away from everyday life and focus on their relationship with God, family, and friends. Hundreds of men from our parish have discovered the impact it can have on faith, marriages, parenting, and other aspects of our lives. The next Emmaus Retreat will be held March 8-10 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. The cost of the retreat is $150, including meals and lodging. No men are turned away and assistance is available. Registration is open through the retreat weekend. Applications are available in the church entrances or on the St. Thomas More website. For more information, please contact Jake Pauley at (412)266-1925 or jakepauley1976@gmail.com.

MoreFest 2019

June 19 -22, Wednesday to Saturday
Come one, come all to our first committee meeting.
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:30 in the Utopia room of the Family Life Center.
Bring a friend or 2 or 3! See you all there!
Mary Beth Pierson – events@stmpgh.org

Free Income Tax Assistance: - by VITA at the Bible Chapel—300 Gallery Drive in McMurray. Weekdays starting Monday, Feb 4, 2019—Friday, April 12, 2019, 8:30am—2:00pm. No appointments. First Come, First Served. You must bring: Last years return, ID for yourself and spouse, Soc. Sec. numbers/birthdates for dependents, all W-2 and 1099 docs, 1095 Health care statements and property tax receipts. Questions? Call the IRS at 800-829-1040 or IRS.gov and type VITA in the search box. Please do not call the Bible Chapel.

Addiction Recovery Ministry

will begin with an anointing Mass for those in recovery on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at Saint Paul Cathedral. Bishop David Zubik will be the principal celebrant. All are welcome.

Book Discussion Group

Monday, Feb, 11th

Carnegie’s Maid, a historic novel by Marie Benedick is the topic for the Feb. 11, meeting of the STM Book Discussion Group. Clara Kelley, an Irish farmer’s daughter, enters the US and assumes the role of another Clara Kelley who has vanished. Thus, through lies and pretending, a woman ill equipped to be a ladies maid, enters the household of Andrew Carnegie. Her mistress is icy and rules her sons, Andrew and Tom, with an iron fist. In time, Andrew realizes Clara’s business talents. Her influence may have spurred Andrew Carnegie from ruthless industrialist into the first true philanthropist.

Meetings are the second Monday of the month in the Family Life Center from 10 A.M. until noon. All are welcome.

Library Book Sale

St. Thomas More Parish Library will be having a book sale in the breezeway after all Masses during the month of February. No set price, we will just ask for a donation. Some books are like new and suitable for gift giving.

Please stop by and support our beautiful library. Remember the dates, February 3, 10, 17, and 24.

The library is also open Mondays and Wednesdays after the 11:30 mass. We will have the same books available for sale in the library during those times.

Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast

February 9th, 9am to Noon

Ladies, come to the Magnificat Pittsburgh prayer breakfast on Feb. 9, from 9 am to Noon at the Double Tree by Hilton, Cranberry Twp. Hear the story of conversion of Sr. Mary Gianna Thornby, DLJC. She grew up with little faith but experienced conversion after surviving the shootings at Columbine High School. Hear her Columbine experience and her journey to a loving God, conversion to Catholicism, and to final vows in 2018 as a religious sister. She serves at The Ark & The Dove in Gibsonia.

Cost of the breakfast is $23. To register, call Kay, 724-772-6749 or Pam, 412-461-8906 or go to www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.

Registration deadline is Feb. 1.
Hospitality Training  
Family Life Center  
Tuesday, January 22nd  
6:00pm

PLEASE JOIN US! - All are welcome

Fr. Alex Wroblicky will be joining us on site here at St. Thomas More for a wonderful presentation that we can all benefit from. You won’t be disappointed if you attend!

Workshop highlights: The Tradition of Hospitality, Christ’s presence in us demanding a “right” response, Building a faith community that feels like a family.

There will be refreshments—so come fellowship and make new friends.

You will leave this workshop feeling inspired and empowered as a Disciple of Christ.

Please consider joining one of our Hospitality Ministries!

Ushers  
Greeters  
Welcome Committee

Please call Deb in the Parish Office for more information.  
412-833-0031 x230

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE!

Hosted by Holy Apostles Parish at St. Albert The Great Church at 3171 Churchview Ave., in Baldwin on Enjoy uplifting praise music, prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration. Join us for a Spiritually Uplifting Adoration Service, motivational contemporary worship music provided by Holy Apostles praise band, and Fr Tom Galvin who will join us as presider and inspirational speaker. The theme for January’s Festival of Praise will be based on the scripture passage Philippians 2: 5-11 where Saint Paul tells us that, although Jesus was God, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death -- the supreme servant. This celebration will be based on Jesus, and helping individuals to encounter him. Light refreshments to follow. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

The prayer shawl ministry is in its 6th year. Presently there are 20 active members. They actually have a few members who are unable to attend meetings, but send their items in. The ministry has distributed 125 prayer shawls and 20 lap robes. In addition to personal requests, they provide prayer shawls at the Anointing Service, St. Gemma Mass, for Appalachia, and Catholic Hospice. They have also knitted and crocheted approx. 150 hats and scarves for Catholic Charities, Appalachia, Red Door and St. Vincent DePaul. They have made 50 purple scarves to be worn by Youth Ministry when they travel to D.C. and 500 pocket prayers, and approx. 70 bibs given as gifts to babies being baptised at St. Thomas More. They do not have a budget but survive mostly on donations. This is a lovely group of women who share beautiful fellowship and prayer. For more information on joining the prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact the parish office.

BOY SCOUTS NEWS—Any Boy Scout in Grade 7 or 8 who is interested in earning their Catholic Religious Emblem, there will be a meeting for you and your parent(s) on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at either 1:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. at St. Louise de Marillac Church. Boy Scouts and Venturers in High School that are interested in earning their Catholic Religious Emblem – there will be a meeting for you that same day at either 2:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Location: Bishop Leonard Room directly below the church. Email your response with choice of time to: Ellen Haywiser at ehaywiser@gmail.com. Thank you.

YEAR-END TAX STATEMENTS—The 2018 year-end tax statements are due to mail to homes this week. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.
St. Thomas More and St. John Capistran invite you to our Valentine’s Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 9, 2019
St. Thomas More Family Life Center
Doors open at 6:45 p.m.
Buffet dinner (chicken piccata, pasta marinara, pork sliders and sides) begins at 7:15 p.m., dessert (cake and “Pittsburgh” cookie table), music, dancing, fun photo props
BYOB or cash bar (beer and wine) will be available
Church will provide mixers, plastic glasses and ice
If you’d like, feel free to bring a small appetizer for your table
$25 per person. This is a 21 and over event
Tables of eight people are available
Singles and Couples Welcome

Please contact Sandy Boring with any questions at sboring@verizon.net or 412.835.3393. Contact Mary Repischak at repischak52000@yahoo.com or 412.292.6648 for donations to the cookie table or the basket of cheer.

Reservation form (Due by February 4)

Name ____________________________ Phone# __________________
Email address __________________________

[ ] Yes, I will host a table of eight people. I will be responsible for inviting guests, coordinating payment of $200.
[ ] Yes, I will attend. My party consists of ____ person(s) at $25.00 per person. Enclosed is my check for $_____. In addition, please seat me with the following who have separately responded ________________________________

Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More Church
Please send checks and reservations forms by Monday, February 4th
Sandy Boring, In Care of the Parish Office—126 Fort Couch Road, 15241
If you suspect child abuse, please contact:

- St. Vincent de Paul Society @ STM Safety Net & Stability Services
- Retreat Center/St. Paul's Retreat Center/Spiritan Center
- Refugee Services
- Marriage Prep
- Marriage (troubled)/Retrouvaille
- Food & Clothing Assistance/SHIM
- Divorced/Separated Counseling
- Aging Support/Catholic Charities
- Addiction/Catholic Charities/Main
- Carol Janus/Sat. Receptionist
- Colleen Pauley/Receptionist
- Mary Beth Pierson/Catering & Events
- Debra Dell/Parish Life Coordinator
- Jennifer O'Rourke/RE Receptionist
- Lynne Lynch/CRE
- Daniel Kovacic/Minister of Music
- Rev. Mr. William G. Batz/Deacon
- Fr. Jim Bedillion/Chaplain
- Fr. Jim Chepponis/Sr. Parochial Vicar
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LOCAL SUPPORT RESOURCES

Catholic Charities/Main
Addiction—National Catholic Council
Aging Support/Catholic Charities
Counseling—Individual, Marital, Family
Crisis Support/Resolve
Divorced/Separated—Beginning Experience
Food & Clothing Assistance/SHIM
Healthcare for the uninsured
Marriage, Family and Life
Marriage (troubled)/Retrouvaille
Marriage Prep
Refugee Services
Retreat Center/Spiritual Center—Bethel Park
Retreat Center/St. Paul’s—South Side
Safety Net & Stability Services
Self Sufficiency Programs/SHIM
St. Vincent de Paul Society @ STM
St. Winifred (Mt. Lebo) Food Pantry
Substance Addiction Ministry/Mike H.

If you suspect child abuse, please contact: Diocesan Victim Assistance

ANNOUNCED

MINISTRIES

Annulment—Pam Batz
Altar Servers—Dave Barone/Jake Pauley
Altar Society—Carolyn Andzelik
Art and Environmental—Rita Belback
Athletic Association—Jake Pauley
Bereavement—TBD
Blood Bank—Sara Hunter
Book Discussion Group—Shirley DiMatteis
Centering Prayer—Mary Fay
Children’s Liturgy—Megan Cummins
Cursillo Movement—Anne Perella
Emmaus, Men—Stephen Mahler/Allen Sherwood
Emmaus, Women—Theresa Zingrone
Eucharistic Adoration—Mary Henkels
Eucharistic Ministers—Jill Tauch/Marlene Kish
Finance Council—Vita Fontana
Gift Card Program—Bill Trozzo
Good Shepherd (3-5 year olds)—Mary Fay
Greeters/Hospitality—Robin Weissert
Hearts with Hammers—Joe Schuck
Helping Hands—Parish Office
Lectors—Gayle Chalker
Library—Kaye Houston
Legion of Mary—Toni Aceto
Lunches for the Hungry—Ann Rhodes
Marriage Ministry—Carol & Joe Schuck/Anna & Rick George
Marthas (Funeral Luncheons)—Mary Beth Pierson
MOMs/Family Ministry—Karen McElhaney
Money Counters—Sue Vodzak
Mores Men—John Stone/Tom Jones
Music Ministry—Daniel Kovacic/Music Minister
Pastoral Council—Deacon Bill Batz
Pastoral Outreach—Marlene Kish
Prayer Shawl Ministry—Tess Eggert
Pro-Life Ministry—Carolyn Sopher-Martin
RCIA—(Becoming Catholic)—Mira Rossman
St. Paul’s Retreats—Jay & Judy Shock
St. Vincent de Paul Society—Richard McNemar
Two’s Together—Carolyn Sopher-Martin
Ushers/Hospitality—Paul Bildstein
Worship Committee—Michele Petrovich

If you are interested in participating in a ministry here at STM, please contact Deb Dell in the Parish Office at x230. We’d love to have you, and you will find that serving in ministry is awesome!

FINANCIAL REPORTING 1-6-19

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If you require assistance in an area not listed in the bulletin, please call or visit the parish office (412-833-0031). A list of additional resources is available at the reception desk.

Parish office hours are Mon.-Fri. 9am-4pm
Saturday, 11am—4pm

Gift Cards are available in the Parish Office, Monday through Friday from 9am-4pm and Saturday from 11am-4pm. Gift cards are also available at Mass in the Baptismal Font Lobby. Thank you for supporting the church through your participation in the Gift Card program.