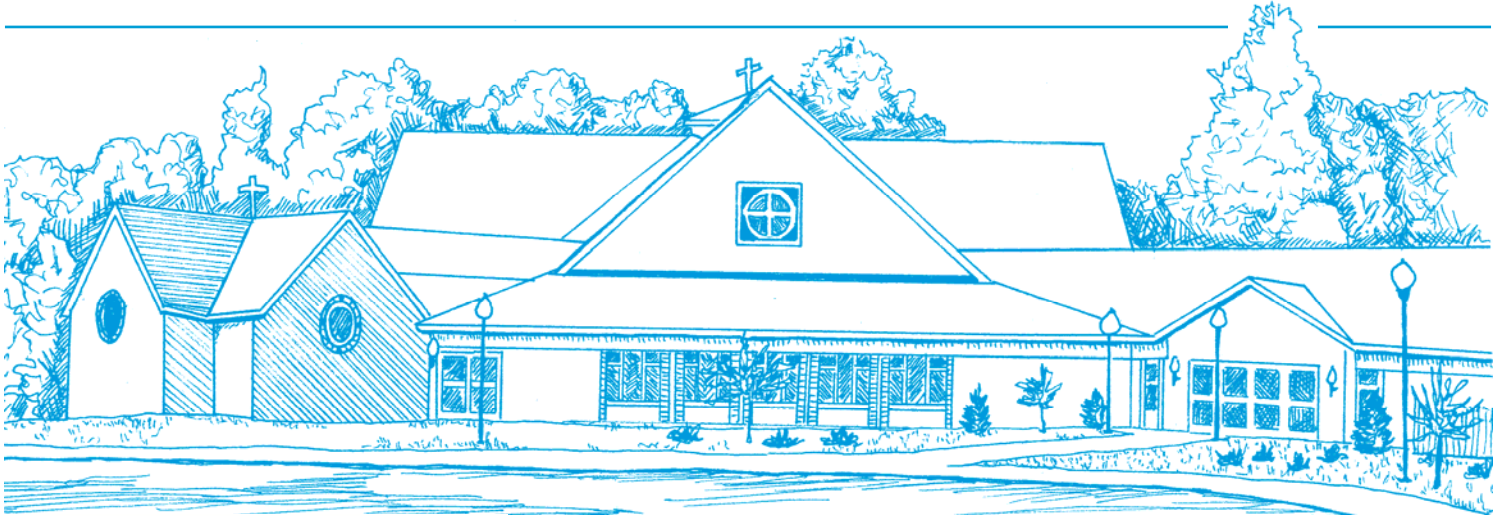


# Saint Thomas More Catholic Church



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## NEW MEMBERS

Please register to become an active member of the parish. Registration forms are available in the commons, on our website, or by calling the Parish Office.

## ARE YOU RELOCATING FROM ST. THOMAS MORE?

Ask for the Parish Departure Blessing for you and/or your family at any Mass. Contact the Parish Office for details or to request a date.

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
Saturday 5:30 PM  
Sunday 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM  
Daily Mass & Holy Days  
See inside Bulletin for details

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To prepare to receive a sacrament, please fill out a sacrament request form. Forms are available on our website or by calling the parish office at 237-5911.

- **R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** Adults interested in learning more about Catholicism or becoming Catholic enter a team-led, community-centered program of inquiry and preparation designed to support each individual's spiritual journey. Please contact Deacon Fred at 237-8855 or [deacon@stmva.com](mailto:deacon@stmva.com) for information.
- **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Baptism of young children takes place around Thanksgiving, July 4th, and Easter. Please contact Deacon Fred at 237-8855 to make arrangements.
- **RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST:** Reconciliation every Saturday at 4:00 PM. Children wishing to receive Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time please contact Deacon at 237-8852 to make arrangements.
- **CONFIRMATION:** Confirmation of youth takes place during the Easter Season after two years of preparation. Please contact Deacon Fred at 237-8852.
- **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** To plan a sacramental marriage, please submit a sacrament request form and Fr. Richard will contact you.
- **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If you or a member of your family is ill or planning surgery, please contact Fr. Richard or the Parish Office to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

**USE OF PARISH FACILITIES:** If you would like to reserve a room or rooms for a particular activity please fill out a room request form. Forms are available on our website, in the commons, or by calling the parish office. Please submit the form to the parish secretary who will secure a prompt response for you and post it on the parish calendar.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*"We the people of Saint Thomas More Catholic Church  
are Children of God; brothers and sisters of Christ,  
called to be loving, forgiving & reconciling with one another.  
We are dedicated to living out the Gospel message  
through prayer, example and service to those in need.  
We are a Faith Community building a community of faith." (01/06)  
Please remember St. Thomas More Parish when you make or update your will!*

## MUSIC AND WORSHIP

### Music & Worship Chairperson:

Carolyn Prince (401-3308)

### Liturgy Committee

Everyone is invited to come and be a part of the Liturgy Committee. We meet on the *First Sunday of each month in Classroom H* at 9:30 AM. Your ideas are always welcome!! For more information please contact Carolyn Prince at [c21cprince@aol.com](mailto:c21cprince@aol.com). The next meeting is this Sunday, February 5th!!

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

**FEBRUARY 22, 2012**

**12:05 PM**

**7:00 PM**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age or older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.



The flowers on the altar today are donated by Ed and Sally Cass in honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

## JUSTICE AND PEACE

### Fantastic Blood Drive!

THANK-YOU DONORS – we collected 54 units of blood with 5 first time donors! Many thanks also to the wonderful volunteers and all the folks who donated food & drinks – you are appreciated! Our next blood drive will be in May.

### Hearts & Hands for Haiti!

Feb 11 & 12<sup>th</sup>

### Really Big Book, Yard & Bake Sale

Saturday 7am – 7pm

Sunday 8am – 1pm

*Join us this Saturday for the 5:30 Mass along with the drums of "Club Conga" followed by a fabulous Haitian Dinner!*

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OUR  
TWINNED PARISH IN HAITI  
OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY

Please bring all sale items to the parish hall by **Tuesday** & all baked goods to the kitchen by **Friday!**

### HELP IS NEEDED:

Set-up on Wed, Thurs & Fri at 6pm

Workers at the sale Sat 7am – 7pm & Sun 8-1

Take down Sunday afternoon

If you can volunteer for a few hours contact Anne Nilles at 237-8851 or [socialministry@stmva.com](mailto:socialministry@stmva.com).

Coming Soon this Lent: Wednesdays will be "MOVIE NIGHT at STM"! Plan on joining our parish community for some great movies and fellowship – popcorn too!

## T.E.A.M.

T.E.A.M. (Timberlake Emergency Assistance Ministry) is so very grateful for the generosity of our parishioners that enabled us to serve 61 families or 212 clients in 2011. We were also able to assist Bedford Social Services, Daily Bread, Miller Home, Miriam House, Interfaith Outreach, Salvation Army and others. We also thank the Leesville Road Ruritan Club and James River Day School who donated 3,000 items and CVCC who donated 300 cans of food. The Girl Scout Troop 3131 dated and shelved these donations which was a tremendous help to us.

In addition, we appreciate those parishioners who help us shelve our pantry. We commend Virginia Colpo (31 years), Huguette Hawks (31 years), Deanna Ernest (11 years) and Irene Krishnamoorthy (11 years) for their dedication to this ministry.

Please continue your attention to this ministry.

**PRAYER LIST**

*In order to keep our list current, names will be listed in the bulletin for two weeks and then given to the Prayer Ministry for continued prayers. You are also invited to add names to the prayer book in the front of the church.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF HEALING OR ASKED TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER**

*Iva Hanford, Jim Wilson*

And for those who died...Jillian Pavia (daughter-in-law of Dora Pavia), and Douglas Thiesen, father of Denise Ranger.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS** – Voice mail for prayer intentions is available after 4:00pm and throughout the evening 7 days a week by calling 237-5911 and selecting option 4. Please contact the office with updates so that our list is kept current.

*If you know of someone who is sick or is a shut-in or in a nursing home please call the church office at 237-5911 so that we can bring the Eucharist to them.*

**HOSPITALITY AND FELLOWSHIP**

**Hospitality & Fellowship Chairpersons:**

Carol Ainsworth (239-7418) and Rita Reilly (239-3630)

**SATURDAY SUPPER:** Please join us for Saturday Supper on Saturday, February 11th after the 5:30 PM Mass. Bring a dessert to share!

**LADIES LUNCHEON:** The February Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Feb 14th at 1:00 PM at Red Lobster. All are invited. Please call Rose Mary Goff 525-5793 for reservations.

**SPECIAL MASS** – for shut-ins and those over 60 celebrating a birthday in February is Wednesday, February 15th at 12:05pm. **Everyone** is invited to celebrate Mass followed by a pot-luck luncheon buffet. Please bring a side dish to share. Drinks and birthday cake will be provided.

**HANDS TO HEARTS MINISTRY**

Hands to Hearts Card Ministry will be meeting **Monday, February 6th at 7:00 PM**. No special talent is needed! For more information please contact Kathy Seals at 385-7443 or Becky Evans at 239-9051 or by email at [stmcadministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmcadministry@gmail.com).

“Everyone is searching for You.” If your search for the Lord is leading you to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Michael Boehling at (804) 359-5661 or write: [mboehling@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:mboehling@richmonddiocese.org)

**STEWARDSHIP**

<b>January 28/29</b>	Envelope.....	\$6,890.00
	Loose Collection.....	\$3,020.27
	Debt Reduction.....	\$175.00
	Church/Rectory Mortgage (12/2011 balance).....	\$390,752.29

**CATHOLICS@LIBERTY**

**Upcoming Events:**

On Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM there will be a **Gospel Reflection** here at STM. Take some time out of your schedule for a quick evening reflection on the week’s readings. This is a good opportunity to share our faith with one another.

Please join after the 10:45 mass on **Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>** for a free lunch. Before the season of Lent begins, let’s get together for some food and fellowship. Meet in the Commons after Mass. Please contact Nathan Milas if you have any questions about these events or the LU outreach ministry at 509-9361.

**THIRD ORDER SECULAR FRANCISCANS**

Are you being called to live the gospel life more fully? Would you like to make a change to simplify your life, to live a life of compassion, to grow in prayer and develop a deeper relationship with God? You are invited to attend an information session on Sunday, February 26th at 2:00 PM in the social hall at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 314 Turner Road in Salem, VA. For more information, call Fred and Claire Ickes at (434) 384-6562.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

Happy 61st Wedding Anniversary wishes to Janet and Roy Nelson! They were married February 3, 1951 at Our Lady of Peace in Lynbrook, NY by Fr. John Mikalack. They have been blessed with 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Happy 55th Wedding Anniversary to Ed and Sally Cass! They were married February 2, 1957 at St. Clare’s Roman Catholic Church in Rosedale, NY by Fr. Martin O’Sullivan. They have been blessed with 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.



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**SCRIPTURE READING AND  
WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

- MONDAY February 6**  
**St. Paul Miki and Companions**  
1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13;  
Mark 6:53-56  
7:00 PM Healing School  
7:00 PM Hands to Hearts Card Ministry
- TUESDAY February 7**  
1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30;  
Mark 7:1-13  
10:15 AM Cenacle  
12:05 PM Mass (Jim Hileman) D  
7:00 PM Holy Spirit Prayer Group  
7:00 PM RCIA
- WEDNESDAY February 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani**  
**St. Josephine Bakhita**  
1 Kings 10:1-10;  
Mark 7:14-23  
12:05 PM Mass (Burt Goff) D  
6:30 PM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Rosary
- THURSDAY February 9**  
1 Kings 11:4-13;  
Mark 7:24-30;  
9:30 AM Bible Study  
6:30 PM Music Practice  
7:00 PM STM Theological Book Club
- FRIDAY February 10 - St. Scholastica**  
1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19;  
Mark 7:31-37
- SATURDAY February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes**  
1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34;  
Mark 8:1-10  
7:00 AM Book, Yard & Bake Sale  
4:00 PM Reconciliation  
5:30 PM Mass (Laurence Brooker) D  
6:30 PM Saturday Supper
- SUNDAY February 12**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46;  
I Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1;  
Mark 1:40-45  
8:00 AM Book, Yard & Bake Sale  
8:30 AM Mass (Members of STM)  
10:45 AM Mass (Ken Loveless) D

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## *ELSEWHERE*

### **HOLY CROSS REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS**

Office Phone Number: 847-5436

Web site: [www.hcrs-va.org](http://www.hcrs-va.org)

#### **February 9 - Open House 10:00 AM**

Inviting all prospective families to join us for a fun and interactive Open House to learn more about why a Holy Cross education is for you!

**Now Enrolling for the 2012-2013 School Year:** PreK – 12th Grade. For more information about our program and to schedule your tour please contact Amy Hunt Lawson, Director of Enrollment & Marketing at 847-5436.

Congratulations Gaels Forensics Team! On January 10th the Gaels Forensics Team participated in the Southwest Forensics League at Liberty High School where Daniel Casker and Meghann Hansen placed 1st in the Public Forum and Sam Winters and Gabie Braxton placed 2nd. Congratulations also goes to Ora Arthornsombat for placing 4th in Lincoln-Douglas, Drew Dickerson for placing 6th in Story Telling and Joe Bruzek and Grayson Kosciusko for placing 6th in Humorous Duo Interpretation.

On Saturday, January 21st the team participated in the Virginia Catholic Forensic League Tournament in Newport News, VA. Meghann Hansen and Daniel Casker took 2nd place in Public Forum and Joe Bruzek and Grayson Kosciusko placed 4th in

#### ***“MUSIC FOR WEDDINGS AND OTHER FESTIVE OCCASIONS”***

A free one-hour concert of “Music for Weddings and Other Festive Occasions” will take place in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, in Richmond, VA on Sunday, February 12th at 2:00 PM. The complete concert program may be viewed on the Cathedral web page at [www.richmondcathedral.org](http://www.richmondcathedral.org). Many engaged couples have found this concert very helpful in choosing music for their wedding processionals, recessionals and vocal solos. The performers include Dr. Michael Davidson, Trumpet; Michele Orr, Vocal Soloist; Anthony Smith, Flute; and Patrick Carlin, organ and piano.

#### ***SPAGHETTI DINNER***

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Amherst will be having a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 10th from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Adults: \$7.00 - Children under 12 \$3.00. Proceeds benefit St. Francis' Outreach programs. For more information please call the church at (434) 946-2053.

#### ***Sponsor of the Week***

Thank you to ***Holy Cross Regional Catholic School*** for sponsoring our bulletin this week.