



## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 28, 2019

### PARISH MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

#### Mission (Purpose)

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we the Catholic Community of St. Thomas More respond to our call to holiness.

#### Vision (Goals)

Empowered by Baptism, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and formed by the Word of God and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we live out our Mission by working together:

- To structure prayerful, vibrant, participatory, Sunday worship experiences.
- To provide Life Long Faith formation for all age levels.
- To care for the young, the old, the sick, the hurting and the needy, both inside and outside our parish.
- To promote faith sharing, prayer, support, learning and listening to one another as a model for nourishing and sustaining our faith community.
- To welcome back, with hospitality, those who have left our faith community.

### VISITATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, if a family member is seriously ill or facing/recovering from surgery and would like to see a priest or receive the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is also available to those who are homebound on an ongoing basis.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please make arrangements for Baptism in advance through the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a preparatory session.

### MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry will attend a marriage preparation program called Living in Love. Call office for appointment.

### RCIA

*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* is a process of formation for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not received First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

For more information, please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sunday, during 10 a.m. Mass

Grades one thru four: Tuesday, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Grades five thru eight: Tuesday, 6:30– 8:00 PM.

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish office to register.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 4 p.m. Monday.

### CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088

Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



### Invitation to a Journey called RCIA

This invitation is for:  
> those not baptized  
> those who are baptized in a Christian faith and wish to enter full

communion with the Catholic Church

> those baptized Catholic but have not received First Eucharist or Confirmation

Call Sister Ann at 424-3212 for more information.



Please remember your *Soap for Hope* donation (unused travel-sized soaps and shampoos for the homeless) and place in the basket in the gathering space.

Thank you.

**The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue have been placed there this weekend in loving memory of John Vivone, Sr. requested by his family**



The Offertory Collection for Sunday, July 21, 2019 was \$ **7,138.00** from **151 givers**. We thank you for your generosity to our parish.

***“... if My people, who are called by My Name, are sorry for what they have done, if they pray and obey me and stop their evil ways, I will heal their land.” 2nd Chronicles 7: 14***

### Stewardship Corner: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Good Stewardship

*“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Luke 11:9*

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good **Steward** only asks God for what he needs.

**ASK**  
*and ye shall receive*  
**SEEK**  
*and ye shall find*  
**KNOCK**  
*and it shall be opened*

## Family Time

Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer

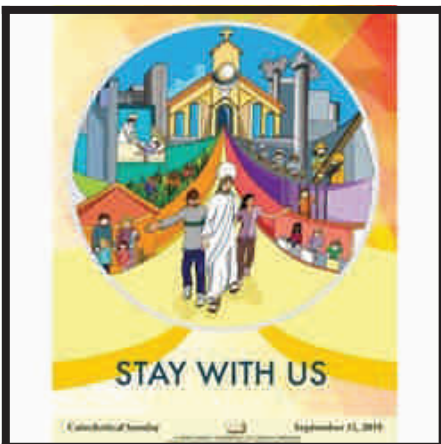
Luke 11: 1-13



When someone in our family is going through a hard time, we can't just sit by and watch. We try to do everything we can to let him or her know that he or she is not alone. Sometimes we even try to find a special gift for him or her—something that will help that person to understand how important he or she is to us. Talk about times in your family when this has happened.

Like a good father, God saw that his children needed help. He decided to offer his beloved children a special gift to reveal his love. What did God give us? Not a thing, but a person—the Father's beloved Son, Jesus. Jesus, in turn, taught us to approach God as we would approach a loving father. He gave us the words of a prayer that we call the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer.

Think about how Jesus teaches us to be persistent in prayer. Think of times when family members were persistent about something until they were able to achieve a goal or receive what they sought. Talk about what it means to be persistent in prayer. Help your children understand that prayer is not like sitting on Santa Claus's lap, asking for what we want until we get it. Emphasize that prayer is a way of striving to recognize how God is reaching out to us in love and responding by presenting him with our needs.



### Catechetical Sunday & Parish Picnic Sunday, September 15, 2019. “Stay With Us”

This year, the Church will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday on September 15, 2019**. Catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. **Catechetical Sunday gives us the opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.** Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

The Parish Picnic begins after the 11:30 am Mass and continues to 3:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there! **Interested in helping? Call the Office (424-3212) to volunteer. From set-up to clean-up,**

**servicing, hosting games, activities for children, all help is gratefully accepted.**

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE for AUGUST 3/4

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Father Jim	Music Ministry	P. & N. Kirincic G. Tyrrell	J. Cepeda	C. & R. Cepeda
8:30 AM	Father King	Music Ministry	K. Witts B. Massey	M. Maggart	C. Oatway R. Witts
10:00 AM	Father Jim	Music Ministry	D. Staton K. Glover E. Beckman	J. Campbell	M. & L. Mueller T. Kenny
11:30 AM	Father King	Music Ministry	A. Thompson M. Garber B. Lore	M. Dwyer	K. Mackey K. Johnson

The Ministry schedule can be found at the St. Thomas More website: <http://stthomasmorenj.org>



*JESUS is inviting each of us to be HIS DISCIPLES. It literally means to be HIS followers and to act as HE would act, to be JESUS to all we meet. C.C.D., Cultivating Catholic Discipleship in ourselves and our children is a pretty serious invitation from JESUS. Our world certainly needs Catholic Disciples. Let us get moving on it.....*

Registration is going on continuously. The form may be printed from the website, filled and mailed in. All parishioners are invited to pray for the children and parents who will be a part of the 2019-20 religious education/formation year.

**We are in URGENT NEED OF CATECHISTS FOR GRADES 6 AND 7.**

Grade 6 explores the Old Testament and grade 7 the New Testament.

All necessary material is provided. For sure God is already calling someone out there to take up this invitation. We pray for courage for such individuals to come forward. ***We can all ask: If not me, who? If not now, when? If not this, what? Teaching Catechism is indeed a most necessary and fulfilling way of being a disciple of JESUS.***



There is a NEW email address for bulletin items:  
[stmsecretary1439@gmail.com](mailto:stmsecretary1439@gmail.com).

Please submit all items for the bulletin by 2:00 pm Monday afternoon. Thank you!

Join Bishop Dennis Sullivan and Father Robert Hughes on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, departing from Philadelphia or Newark,



Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020 and returning Feb. 22nd. Visit all of the sites important to our Catholic Faith from Mount Carmel and the Sea of Galilee to Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

The estimated cost of \$3989/pp/double, includes roundtrip airfare, all airport taxes and fuel surcharges, eight nights at centrally located first class hotels, airport transfers, transportation by air-conditioned motor coach, breakfast daily, dinner with wine daily, professional Catholic guides, all admissions per itinerary, Mass and spiritual activities daily, luggage handling (1 bag), flight bag and portfolio of travel documents. *Not included are lunches, tips to guide and driver, and optional travel insurance.*

Optional post-tour to Assisi and Rome are also available, \$1200/pp. For more information or make a reservation, contact [anna.summer@camdendiocese.org](mailto:anna.summer@camdendiocese.org) or call 856-583-2807.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 28, 2019



Mass Intentions for the Week

**SATURDAY, JULY 27**

9:00am living & deceased members of the parish  
4:30 pm John Vivone, Sr. r/b family

**SUNDAY, JULY 28**

8:30 am John Mohan  
r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley  
10:00 am Raymond Faucher r/b wife, Judy  
Jean Vogt r/b Ralph & Lois Udicious  
11:30 am Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family

**MONDAY, JULY 29**

6:45 am Jane & Don McAleer  
r/b McGeady family  
9:00 am Louise Ruppert r/b Helen Protzman

**TUESDAY, JULY 30**

6:45 am John Mohan r/b Dom & Marie Sacca  
9:00 am Cesar L. Manalo  
r/b Tom & Marie Manalo

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**

6:45 am vocations to the priesthood  
and religious life  
9:00 am Catherine Thompson  
r/b Annette & Stan Thompson

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**

6:45 am for an end to abortion and euthanasia  
9:00 am intentions of Jeanine McMenamin

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**

6:45 am Special Intentions  
9:00 am Jack Alexander  
r/b Fred & Tina Petrone

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish  
4:30 pm Alfonso Penna  
r/b Chris & Patty Baekstrom

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

8:30 am John Mohan r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass  
10:00 am Mary & Lou Richmann  
r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso  
11:30 am Janet Lisitski Jim & Pat Beaney

Please pray for the repose of the soul  
of  
Angela Pizzo.

**Papal Intentions for the Month of July:** That those who administer justice may work with integrity and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

PLEASE REMEMBER  
IN YOUR PRAYERS:  
**THE SICK...**

Kristina Acevedo, Jim  
Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney,  
Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark,  
Joseph Console, Marie  
Corcoran, GERALYN Coticone, John Coticone, Mary  
Cowan, Margaret Crawford, Catherine Diana, Angelo  
DiGiacomo, Chuck Goodwin, Thomas Handler, Helen  
Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Ron  
Kramer, Don Kreal, Marie Manalo, John Minot, Arleen  
Pajic, Tom Pajic, Youngmork Park, Fred Petrone, Tina  
Petrone, Joseph Ryan, Frank Sabatino, Carlos Santia-  
go, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Frank Sines, Claire  
Spence, Dick Spence, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Jim  
Tobin, Linda Van Name, Ann Vigrass, Kathryn Wolfe



**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE  
ARMED SERVICES...**

2nd Lieutenant Patrick J. Bones,  
USMC, Captain Anthony R.  
Cosentino, SSgt John P. DeYoung,  
Lily Hutchinson, USN, Petty Officer  
3rd class; Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi,  
1st Lt. Christopher M. Mawn, PFC  
Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Lt. Col.  
James P. Tobin

End the Summer with a bang!!

**St. Joan of Arc Church  
Carnival, running Monday,  
August 19th through  
Saturday, August 24th on the  
church grounds at Evans and  
Willow Bend Roads in Marlton. Ride, food and  
games begin at 6pm. Nightly entertainment, Super  
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in advance for \$25 or at the carnival for \$35. For  
more information  
[sthoans.org/carnival](http://sthoans.org/carnival) or call 856-983-0077.**



**PERSONAL HEARING DEVICES** are available for those who have a difficult time hearing at Mass. They are simple to use. If you would like to use one of these hearing devices at Mass, please see an usher before Mass and they will assist you. **To assure that these hearing devices are available for all in need, it is important that you return them after Mass.**



Going on vacation? Need to find a church? For nationwide Mass times and locations: [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

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### Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for Proclamation of the Gospel the following Sunday. Faith Sharing helps ordinary people connect their faith with everyday life experiences.

#### **Excerpt from the Gospel for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 4, 2019- Luke 12:13-21**

"Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.' Jesus replied to him, 'Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?' Then Jesus said to the crowd, 'Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.'"

#### **Commentary:**

Inheritance is the mother lode of all wealth, of course, precisely because it is not earned. It is also one of the touchiest money matters because of the way it can divide the affections of families. Jesus refuses to wade into this business with one indignant heir. Instead, he widens the focus of the issue to how we are tempted to fixate on wealth above all other matters. Is an inheritance more important than a brother? Is money more valuable than time? Is our net worth a greater concern than the person we are becoming as we make our bank deposits? Greed City may be a nice place to visit, but we can't live there forever.

#### **Questions for Reflection and Sharing:**

1. What is God saying to me in this Gospel passage?
2. What word or phrase in this Gospel speaks to me?
3. What word or phrase in the Commentary resonates with me?



**Pro-Life Corner:** Ronald Reagan once said: "Let's keep our faith in God and country strong! Let's build this nation back up to what it was 60 years ago and make it the greatest in the world again." Our country will never become great again while we continue to support Planned Parenthood with our tax dollars and allow them to continue killing babies and selling their body parts. We must stop abortion and euthanasia so America can become great again.



**Come join your fellow parishioners every Friday from 9:30am—12noon for Eucharistic Adoration. All are encouraged to attend.**

"I walked up the hill to this tiny, little chapel, opened the doors, and stepped inside. It was dark, chilly and extremely quiet. I slid into a pew, knelt, and began to pray. I looked down at my watch...3 minutes had passed. 3 minutes? I looked next to me at the only other person who was in the chapel—a monk, who was sitting, barefooted, eyes closed, and smiling. He made it look so easy, so peaceful. I, on the other hand, was in agony. I had promised myself I would stay in adoration for an hour ... I closed my eyes, tried to relax. Pray...I coached myself. I opened my eyes. Another 5 minutes had gone by. 52 minutes to go, but who was counting? Then it dawned on me that my whole attitude was wrong. God wasn't forcing me to be there, to spend an hour with Him. ..I was choosing to be there. Did I want to be there? Did I want to spend time with Jesus? I did. So I asked God for the grace to let me sit there with Him, in silence, peacefully. I gazed upon the monstrance, containing Jesus—Body, Soul, Blood and Divinity—and smiled at the intimacy of it all. I closed my eyes for the third time and prayed. This time, when I opened my eyes an hour had gone by! Hallelujah! I was filled with joy—not because I had fulfilled my made up requirement, but because God had stilled my heart. I left that chapel filled with a peace, contentment, and joy unlike anything I had ever felt before."



#### ***Christmas In July 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk***

**Many, many thanks to all those who participated in ANY way.** From planning, set-up, bag stuffing, registering runners/walkers, handing out tee-shirts, volunteering on race day, cheering on the participants, vendors, sponsors and behind the scenes elves, **we appreciate your support of this parish fund raiser!**



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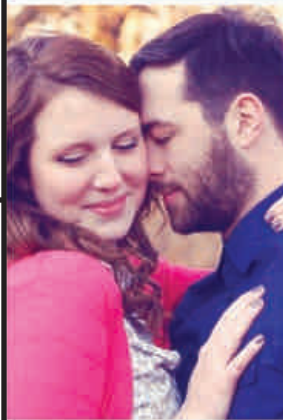
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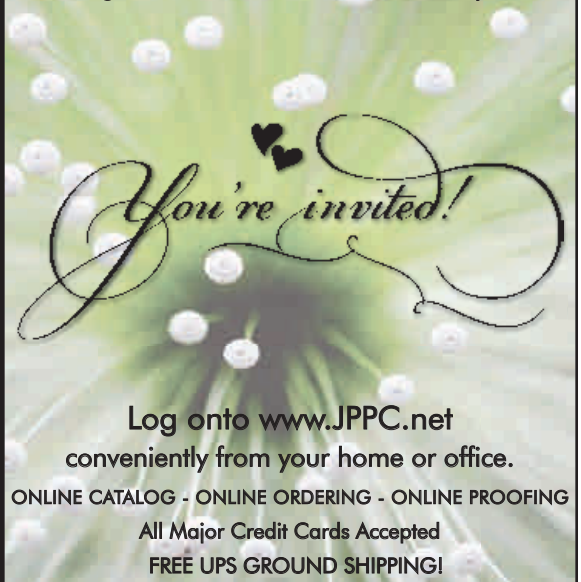
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## #WHATSMYNAME

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