

St. Thomas More Church

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 Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am
 Weekdays:
 Monday-Friday: 6:45 and 9:00 am
 Saturday: 9:00 am
 Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 7:00 pm



Rite of Reconciliation
 3:00-4:00 pm or any time by
 appointment

Eucharistic Adoration
 9:30 am—12noon
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 Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 25, 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 - 5:45PM

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 Offertory Collection for Sunday, August 18, 2019 was **\$ 6,618 from 139 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

Going on vacation? Need to find a church? For nationwide Mass times and locations: www.masstimes.org



Stewardship Corner: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Standards

For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” Luke 13:30



Our standards in society are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are.

Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, “what have you done with the gifts I have given you?”, will **Stewardship** be your response?

Adult Faith Formation Offerings 2019—2020

Our Adult Faith Formation Brochure is in the mail! Please read over the Offerings for the coming year and plan ahead to attend. Let us take advantage of varied spiritual topics, gifted presenters, and the opportunity to deepen our love and knowledge of our Faith.

Keep the brochure in a convenient place to view.



Spirituality of Living and Dying

Mondays September 23 & 30, 2019

9:45 AM—Parish Hall

Presenter: Sister Mary Anne Nolan, RSM

The older we get, the more conscious we become of the reality of death. As our loved ones die, we realize that we, too, one day will return to God.

In these two sessions we will reflect on how we can live the last years of our lives in grace and with peace, and how we can face the reality of our own death with hope and even joy. In other words, we will be able to "Finish Strong"!

To Register: Call the parish office at 424-3212.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 25, 2019

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for AUGUST 31/SEPTEMBER 1

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Father King	Jerry Julie	P. & N. Kirincic J. Welsh	J. Cepeda	C. & R. Cepeda
8:30 AM	Father King	Carmen Julie	Sr. Clare B. Lento	M. Maggart	E. Shim R. Witts
10:00 AM	Father	Elena/Marta/ Isabella Julie	T. Librojo E. Beckman M. Huynh	J. Campbell	A. Librojo Z. Carmody
11:30 AM	Father King	Rhea/Riva Julie	B. Haughwout M. Gärber	M. Dwyer	

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

**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**



The registration form for 2019-20 may be found on our parish website or Facebook page. It has also been emailed to parents as attachment. Or, one may be picked up in the Gathering Space, on the credenza. Needless to say, promptness in receiving the forms will make our work so much easier. Thank you for your cooperation
Classes will begin September 17th

OUR CHILDREN

We are still in need of two catechists - for the 6 and 7 grades. Definitely someone out there in the parish has already received the calling. It is a noble cause to teach our children about the faith, and being a disciple of JESUS empowers and enables us to do so. No need to think it over or hesitate. The need is urgent, just reply by calling 856-424-3212. Thanks.



M There is a NEW email address for bulletin items: stmsecretary1439@gmail.com.

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



Pat Cannon celebrates a special birthday! We are grateful to Pat for volunteering at the Parish Office for over 20 years. Thank you Pat!!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is celebrated each Friday from 9:30 am—12noon. All are invited to come “spend some time with your Lord.”



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 25, 2019



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

- 9:00 am** Living & Deceased members of the Parish
Mena Ravena
r/b John Ravena & family
- 4:30 pm** **Harold Willeman**
r/b Dave & Lin Lyon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- 8:30 am** Religious Education staff, students
and families
- 10:00 am** **John Mohan**
r/b Ralph & Lois Udicious
- 11:30 am** **Gayle Beaney Clower** r/b family

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

- 6:45 am** **Jack Alexander** r/b mom
- 9:00 am** **John Mohan** r/b Mermer family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

- 6:45 am** SERVICE
- 9:00 am** **John Mohan** r/b Pauline Montes

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

- 6:45 am** **Rev. Msgr. Patrick A. McCabe**
- 9:00 am** **Aurora Parulan** r/b family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

- 6:45 am** SERVICE
- 9:00 am** SERVICE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

- 6:45 am** vocations to the priesthood
and religious life
- 9:00 am** **Dorothy Arsenault** r/b family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

- 9:00 am** living & deceased members of the parish
- 4:30 pm** **Angelo Cipriotti** r/b Josie & Michael
Welsh & family

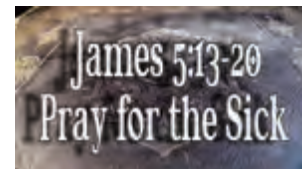
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 8:30 am** Special Intentions
- 10:00 am** **Thomas Silvestri** r/b Laura Wieland
John Mohan
r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
- 11:30 am** **Cindy Zielinski**

Papal Intentions for the Month of August: That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

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 Santiago, 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



**SEPTEMBER 26 BLOOD DRIVE
DONOR SOLICITATION PHASE SET TO BEGIN**



St. Mary's Blood Drive Committee will begin seeking blood donors for the Thursday, September 26, 2019 Red Cross Blood Drive via phone contact and email this week. We will begin contacting our previous donors via email or phone solicitation the weekend of September 7 & 8, to solicit appointments; however, if you wish to register at any time you may contact Ron Von Stetina at 856-424-3051, or directly with the American Red Cross at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>, using sponsor code Saint Mary RCC. The Drive will run from 9:30AM until 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. Any regular blood donation you have made after August 5 (or after June 11 if a Double Red Donation) makes you ineligible to donate at this September drive. **Please check your calendar and be prepared to sign up when contacted, or as early as you are able, to get your preferred time slot.** If you have any questions, or to sign up today to donate, please call Ron Von Stetina (856-424-3051).

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 25, 2019

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 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 1, 2019 Luke 14: 1, 7 –14

Jesus said, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed you will be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

Commentary:

Everything we know now will be different in terms of the kingdom. So if we seek wealth, we should make friends with the poor, and if we want happiness, we ought to comfort the sorrowing. Whatever our ultimate goals are, we ought to aim in the direction of their opposites. This makes humility an all-purpose virtue. **To get to the top, aim low. But humility can never be a ruse: you have to take delight in being little and unimportant.** Francis of Assisi and Therese of Lisieux each understood this perfectly. **It might take a bit of practice to get this right. Our society, after all, is set up in the opposite direction.**

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: Just because something happens to be legal does not make it moral, ethical or right. Abortion is perhaps one of the most dramatic examples of a situation where something is legal, but is very much a sin against God. And mankind.

If you are moving or have any changes to your contact information, please let us know so we can keep our parish records up-to-date. Also, if you have requested that someone be put on the sick list, please let us know when they recover so we can remove their name.



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 on Saturday morning to clean-up Sunday afternoon, serving, hosting games, activities for children, all help is gratefully accepted.**

Bringing a dessert? Call Marianne Gorin 856-346-1811

Going to Rutgers in New Brunswick?

The Catholic Student Assoc. at the Catholic Center at Rutgers, located at 84 Somerset Street on the College Avenue Campus, announces the following Mass Schedule for the New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses:

Sunday: 8:00 am St. Peter Church 94 Somerset St.

11:00 am St. Peter Church

12 noon Busch Student Center,
Rm. 120ABC

6:00 pm St. Peter Church

(St. Peter's is between the Catholic Center & Barnes & Noble)

Daily Mass: 7:30 am St. Peter Church (M—F)

12:15pm Catholic Center Chapel
(M—Th)

Opening activities:

Sept. 2: 6pm Luau -Catholic Center

Sept. 4: 8pm CSA Night— Catholic Center:
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Sept. 6th: 5pm BBQ— Livingston Student Center—
Come Hungry!

For more information: rutgerscatholic.org
stpeternewbrunswick.org



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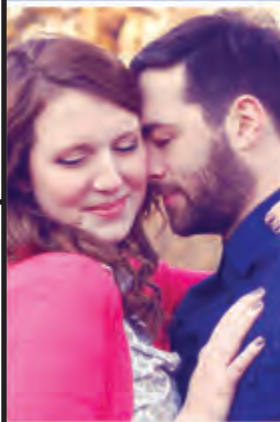
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