

St. Thomas More Church

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Eucharistic Celebrations
 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
 Fridays in the Chapel

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**Please submit all items for the
 bulletin by 2:00 pm Monday.**

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 13, 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

What is the Catholic “Consistent Ethic of Life”?

Father Dan Joyce, SJ

Tuesdays October 15th & 22nd 2019

7:00 PM –St. Thomas More Parish Hall

Catholic Social Teaching stands for and promotes a consistent ethic of life. This means the Church is concerned with all those social issues and circumstances that affect human beings and their quality of life.

Father Joyce will present this topic in two sessions:

Session One: "A Consistent Ethic of Life: Church Teaching and Individual Moral Decision-making"

Session Two: "Should the Government Decide My Life and Death Medical Choices for Me?: A Catholic Perspective"

To Register: Call St. Thomas More Parish Office 856-424-3212



Volunteers are needed for the St. Thomas More Linen Committee. Please call Ann at 856-428-7217 for more information.


The Offertory Collection for Sunday, October 6, 2019 was **\$7,266.00** from **158** donations. We thank you for your generosity.



“... 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: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thankful Stewardship

“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Luke 17:18



Most of us live “easy” lives. We have food, shelter, and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take all this for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful?

Shouldn’t **Stewardship** be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.

Prayer for Respect of All Life

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation.

Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death.

Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with the conviction in defense of life.

Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life.

To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others.

We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 13, 2019

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for October 19/20

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Father Jim	Joanne/Choir Julie	D. & L. Lyon K. Wislocky	K. Wislocky	S. & D. Russo
8:30 AM	Father Jim	Len	K. Witts PJ Wilson	S. Widmer	R. Widmer R. Witts
10:00 AM	Father Jim	Celine Julie	E. Beckman K. Glover M. Santiago	J. Campbell	T. Kenny I. Vascicin A. Kuzinski
11:30 AM	Father Jose	Celine Julie	M. Garber M. Gorin J. De Michele	R. Ciccotta	T. Dautle Z. Carmody W. Quay

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



SESSIONS COMING UP: October 15, 22, 29.

Children in grades 1,2,3,4 meet on Tuesday, 4:30 to 5:45.

Children in grades 5,6,7,8 meet at 6:30 to 8:00.

Confirmation Preparation special lessons for the 7th and 8th graders begin this Sunday at 11:00 am. Room 7 for the 7th graders with Mrs. Widmer and room 8 for the 8th graders with Sr. Philomena.

MEETINGS COMING UP: Sunday, October 13, 2019:

First Penance - Eucharist Parents only Meeting

Sunday, October 20, 2019; 8 grade Confirmation II -

children and their parents together meeting

Sunday, October 27, 2019, 7 grade Confirmation I -

children and their parents together meeting

All of these meeting begin at 11:00 am and are held in the parish hall.

One of the most difficult things in life is to discern and accomplish God's will. It is always so mysterious and to try to follow it... it seems like a gamble, a chance at life, getting it right or not. But then God sent JESUS, who spoke the Words of the Father and is God's WORD. It comes to us in the Gospels, the narrations of JESUS' ministry while on earth. Often our problem with God's will is our own reservations, butts, ifs, our own doubts. To sincerely seek God's will is a truly freeing thing. It is ongoing, it requires humility, searching for the TRUTH, and heroic faith. It is not a one-time deal. It wasn't for JESUS, Mary, or the saints either. Understanding and accepting God's will is indeed difficult in time of tragedy, death, and events we just don't understand. Perhaps it is wise to say that not all the things that happen are God's will. They happen because of human error, arrogance, hate and we become victims and protagonists in the world's ongoing saga. But **God's hand is always there for us to hold on to, if we are aware and trust in HIS presence. He is the only real answer.**



New Jersey Independent Victims Compensation Program

An Independent Victims Compensation Program (IVCP) has been established to compensate those

who were sexually abused by a priest of the Diocese. This IVCP, independently handled by

Kenneth R. Feinberg & Camille S. Biros, will

handle the submission, evaluation and resolution of individual claims and will operate

independently of the diocese or any

church-affiliated institution. These

administrators have complete autonomy to

determine the eligibility of a claim with the

guidelines of the established Protocol.

Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can

begin the process of utilizing the program by going

to www.njdiocesivcp.com and reviewing the

protocol for submitting a claim.

Bishop Sullivan strongly encourages anyone who

was sexually victimized by a priest of the diocese

to participate in the IVCP, and has asked that

anyone who knows of someone who was abused to

contact them so they are aware of this program and

can participate.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 13, 2019



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
Robert C. Hires r/b Dom & Marie Sacca

4:30 pm John Mohan r/b Kay Uhlman

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30 am James Whelan r/b Pat & Paul Daly

10:00 am John Mohan r/b Toni & Joe Andraka
Jean Cristiano r/b Ralph & Lois Udicious
Pia St. Marie

r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

11:30 am Bishop Joseph Galante
r/b Mary Bones

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

One Mass Only Today

9:00 am Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

6:45 am Peggy O'Malley r/b McGeady family

9:00 am Brigitta McCarthy
r/b Marguerite Dwyer

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:45 am Daniel Keating
r/b Fr. Phillip & Janet Johnson

9:00 am Emily & Leonard Antonucci
& son, Lenny r/b Joe & Grace Sklencar

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:45 am Felicidad Solomon r/b Sandra Recio

9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:45 am Special Intentions

9:00 am Angelo Giarletta r/b Kay Uhlman

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00am Living & Deceased members of the Parish
Rev. Peter Manzo
r/b Dom & Marie Sacca

4:30 pm Leslie Huber
r/b Shawn & Annmarie Huber

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

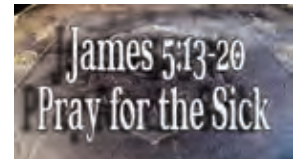
8:30 am Angelo Giarletta r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

10:00 am John Mohan
r/b Stan & Annette Thompson
Drinda Burkhardt r/b Flynn family
Nancy Schlageten r/b Carol Koelsch

11:30 am Bill Kane r/b Kane family

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, Dick Haughwout, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Ron Kramer, Don Kreal, Marie Manalo, John Minot, Arleen Pajic, Tom Pajic, 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

**Camden Catholic Open House
6:30 pm Thursday, October 24, 2019.**

Learn how we empower today's students to find their purpose through academics, arts and spirituality. Meet our faculty, students, coaches and administrators, tour the campus, and learn more about our "Strong Ties, Inspiring Journeys."

RSVP online: camden catholic.org/admissionsevents

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."



**Man-Up South Jersey
Men's Spirituality Conference
November 9, 2019**

**Paul VI Conference Center
For more information: manupsouthjersey.com**

Liturgy of the Word for Children

This program is offered at the **10:00 am Mass.** All children ages 4 through first grade are welcome. No registration is necessary.

Please pray for the repose of the souls

of:

Julia Anderson
(Fr. King's grandmother)

and

Rev. Msgr. William P. Graham



Papal Intentions for the Month of October: That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 20, 2019 - Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, “There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, ‘Render a just decision for me against my adversary.’ For a long time, the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, ‘While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.’ The Lord said, ‘Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’”

Commentary:

Luke’s Gospel is noted for his preaching on prayer. He also pays great attention to women, especially poor women. Widows were dependent on other men in the family. A widow had no state aid, nor could she work. If she had no one to help her, she had to beg. The widow in this story comes to the judge to help her get her rights. Since she was too poor to offer a bribe, he at first ignores her. But she kept insisting on her rights. The judge was afraid of her. He eventually gave in. If such a worthless judge would answer such pleas, would the loving God do any less? On the contrary, says Jesus, God will respond to people. God will bring them swift justice. Will God find people with the same unconquerable trust as this widow?

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: We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left for us but to kill each other... Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: half the babies and all the mothers. *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Cherry Hill Food Pantry (1465 Brace Road) Needs Volunteers!

The dates for St. Thomas More Parish Volunteers are:
Tuesday, October 15th: 5:30—7:30 PM 10 people
Thursday October 17th: 10:30 AM—1:30 PM 12 people. Call Elaine: 856-428-8431.

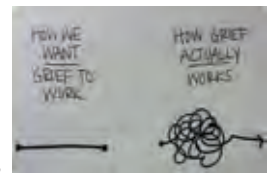
This weekend, **October 12/13th**, members of the **Knights of Columbus** are at the exits after each Mass collecting to benefit local pregnancy centers *First Way* and *Options*. Please be sure to purchase a “Rose For Life.”



Second Collection next weekend: World Missions Pope Francis reminds us that we are ‘each Baptized and Sent’, we are all the “Church of Christ on Mission in the World.” Please be generous.

St. Thomas More Consolation Ministry
“Journeying Through Grief”
Guided by Kenneth C.

Haugh’s series: A Time to Grieve; Experiencing Grief; Finding Hope and Healing; and Rebuilding and Remembering.



Come listen, share and heal—Saturday, October 12th, 19th, 26th & Nov. 9th 2:30—3:30pm in the Hall.

Contact: Ann Marie Lento: 856-344-7454
or Marian Kapischke: 856-424-2053

Faith in Action Team: Protect the Unborn Postcard Campaign launches this Weekend:

This weekend our parish will be signing three postcards to our 3 Representatives (one State Senator and 2 Assembly Members) to ask them to support the “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.” (A-1686/S537) which would protect babies in the womb at 20 weeks (5 months) and beyond. Twenty-one states have already passed this bill.

We need to pass it here in New Jersey!

2020 Mass Book is now open for your Mass intentions.



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What's My Name?

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#WHATSMYNAME

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