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Mass Schedule

Daily **Mass**: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in
the Chapel

Sat. 4:30 PM

Sun. 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

Mon.—Fri. 9:30 AM—12 Noon



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

In the Chapel

First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

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Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, APRIL 3, 2022

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

Grades One through Eight - Sunday 9:30 AM—10:45 AM

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 2 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088
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Lord Jesus,
if our hearts did not welcome and know you,
Where would we be?
What would we be like?
What would we become?
What would we be seeking, pursuing, hungering for?
What would we hope for?
You came as Light into the darkness of the world,
a Light that the darkness has not overcome.



The Sunday collection for March 27, 2022 was: **\$3491 from 80 envelopes, checks, cash**
1776.13 32 online donations
\$5267.13 112 total donations
Thank you for your donations to our parish.

“If my people, who are called by My Name, **shall humble themselves**, and **pray**, and **seek My Face**, and **turn** from their wicked ways; **then** will I hear from heaven, and will **forgive** their sin, and I will **heal** their land.” *2nd Chronicles 7:14*



The Religious Education program will lead the Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 8th at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. All are invited to attend with the students of our Religious Education Program.

Stewardship Corner: 5th Sunday of Lent Living Stewardship

“...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...” (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. **Living Stewardship by sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything.** It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

Generosity
changes everything



From the Pastor's Desk

The Pastoral (Parish) Council

Dear Parishioners,

When we examine what **canon** (church) law requires of every parish, we see that a *finance* council is mandated. **Canon 537** states: **In each parish there is to be a finance council which is governed, in addition to universal law, by norms issued by the diocesan bishop and in which the Christian faithful, selected according to these same norms, are to assist the pastor in the administration of the goods of the parish** This council is established and active here at St. Thomas More Parish and meets regularly attempting to keep our parish operating in a fiscally responsible manner.

Canon law also states the following (**Canon 536**): **1. If the diocesan bishop judges it opportune after he has heard the Presbyteral council, a pastoral council is to be established in each parish, over which the pastor presides and in which the Christian faithful, together with those who share in pastoral care by virtue of their office in the parish, assist in fostering pastoral activity. 2. A pastoral council possesses a consultative vote only and is governed by the norms established by the diocesan bishop.**

Regarding this pastoral council, it has been in a *state of limbo* here since I arrived and needs to be re-established. I am looking for a select group of people (9 to 12 are recommended) to help advise me with various matters concerning the future of the parish.

According to our diocesan guidelines: **Parish Pastoral Councils provide a way for pastors to consult their people. The Parish Pastoral Council is: "to examine and consider all that relates to pastoral work and to offer practical conclusions on these matters, so that the life and activity of the People of God may be brought into greater conformity with the Gospel." In this description, we find three tasks assigned to the pastoral council: to examine, to consider, and to recommend.**

- **To examine:** The object of the Parish Pastoral Council's examination, "pastoral work," is left sufficiently un-specified in order to include all that concerns the pastor and his staff in serving the parish. The council identifies issues and studies them either at the request of the pastor or on its own initiative.

- **To consider:** The Parish Pastoral Council prayerfully ponders the data it has collected from its examination by trying to discern in what direction God is inviting the parish to go, what is behind the data.

To recommend: After the Parish Pastoral Council has examined and considered any pastoral work, it makes a recommendation to the pastor and his staff on what should be done for this parish at this time in its history.

I am looking for dedicated, prayerful people willing to help me. If you are interested or you wish to recommend someone for this task, please let me know *in writing* or *by e-mail* (fr.namiotka@gmail.com) by **April 30, 2022**. After prayerful consideration, the council will be re-established *anew* to assist me with the future vision and direction of **St. Thomas More Parish**.

For those who want more information, the diocesan **Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines** in English and Spanish can be found on the diocesan website (www.camdendiocese.org). Please give my request some prayerful deliberation. More information should follow in the months ahead.

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, APRIL 3, 2022

Ministry Schedule for April 9/10

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	Sr. Agnes	K. McFadden—V C. Betson Smith L	E. & E. Shim
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	E. Beckman	K. Kraemer –V D. Miller– L	T. Kenny
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	M. Garber	B. Haughwout– V J. Johnson –L	



Religious Education/Formation to inspire and impart to our children

As Catholics we have a privilege that no other faith or religion has: The sacrament of Confession, Penance, Reconciliation. We are invited to admit our sins, confess them, make up for them and reconcile with those we have hurt or, in some way, we need to draw close to again. It is an unfortunate thing that most Catholics do not appreciate or take advantage of this grace.

In the readings of the 4th Sun. of Lent/C, we can hear God the Father saying, “I want to do something new in **YOU**, letting go of your sinfulness”. As his chosen one, God wants to form us more in his own image and likeness, as he intended when our heart first started to beat. It is an amazing thing yet so few of us even stop to think about what it may mean.

St. Paul mentions that he “considered everything as a loss... and much rubbish because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” In the story of the “Adulterous Woman” Jesus intently makes the accusers realize that if she indeed committed the sin, someone else had to be committing the same sin along with her. How easy it may be to point to the sin of others, while covering up for oneself. What important lessons for us as we teach our children honesty sincerity, truthfulness, integrity. **We teach best by example accompanied by HOLY words.** Do we realize the tremendous responsibility we undertook at Baptism, to nurture their FAITH all along? Parents, heed the invitation to make a resolution to attend to the Sacrament of Confession as a Family before this coming Easter.

EASTER SCHEDULE – 2022

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday 3-4 PM
(Not Holy Saturday)

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Masses
Saturday - 4:30 PM
Sunday – 8:30 and 11:00 AM

SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday

“Mass of the Lord’s Supper” – 7:00 PM
Adoration at the Repository in the Chapel until 10 PM

Good Friday

(A day of fast and abstinence)
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion – 3 PM
Stations of the Cross – 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday

Blessing of bread and food baskets – 12 noon

Easter Vigil

8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

Masses
8:30 and 11:00 AM

Cherry Hill Food Pantry 2022 Raffle Fundraiser

Tickets \$10 apiece

Drawing April 30, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Tickets sold in the Gathering Space THIS Weekend.



Regional Penance Service

Holy Eucharist Church

Monday, April 4, 2022

7:00 PM

Many confessors will be present for the Sacrament. All are invited.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, APRIL 3, 2022



SATURDAY, APRIL 2

4:30 PM Joseph Gatti r/b Carolyn McHale

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

8:30AM Ray Dinicola r/b Mary Von Lintig

11:00AM Lee O'Connor r/b Flynn family

MONDAY, APRIL 4

9:00AM Intentions of Conti family r/b Tobin family

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

9:00AM Liwang Valencia
r/b Tess Librojo & children

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

9:00AM Joe Ryan, Jr. r/b Joe Ryan & family

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

THURSDAY, April 7

9:00 AM Rosine Aguire r/b Tess Librojo & children

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 AM Ron Kramer r/b Gerri Boyle

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

4:30 PM Bill Kane r/b family

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8:30 AM Henry & Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b family

11:00 AM Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family

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

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Mary Cowan, Catherine Diana, Elizabeth Garber, Marjorie Graham, Eileen Goodwin, Dick Haughwout, Jean Haines, Maureen Howe, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Marie Manalo, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Joseph Ryan, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Dale Strack, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ann Vigrass, Sarah Warner.



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

SPC Jordan Beckman, Captain Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Major Anthony R. Cosentino, USAF, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, SSgt. Kris Knaup, Lt. Christopher Mawn, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Rimbaugh, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country in the armed forces.*



**Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
Marie Fonesca**

Pope Francis' APRIL Prayer Intentions

For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the annual "faithFULL Food Drive" this past weekend.

We would like to thank all those who contributed to the Bishop's Faithful Food Drive. **STM has donated over 1,000 lbs. of food and household goods to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry.** Donations to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Thomas More parish are always welcome and appreciated.



Parishioners carry donated food items to various vehicles to be transported to the Cherry Hill Food Bank.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, APRIL 3, 2022

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 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 10, 2022 Luke 22:14-23:56

(The Passion according to Luke)

"After arresting Jesus, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a maid saw Peter seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said, 'This man too was with him.' But he denied it saying, 'Woman, I do not know him.' A short while later someone else saw Peter and said, 'You too are one of them'; but Peter answered, 'My friend, I am not.' About an hour later, still another insisted, 'Assuredly, this man too was with him, for he also is a Galilean.' But Peter said, 'My friend, I do not know what you are talking about.' Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the words of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times. Peter went out and began to weep bitterly.'

Commentary:

On the way to Calvary, Jesus continues to call the people to repent, to change their hearts. Jesus continues to reach out and forgive, even from the cross. He forgives Peter and his killers, and offers salvation to the repentant thief. Jesus dies as he lives, the obedient and faithful servant of God. Because of this, Jesus is raised up in the kingdom.

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:

As people faithful to God, many of us see abortion as a religious issue. It is, however, primarily a civil rights issue. Our Constitution guarantees the "right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." It does not exclude the unborn. Join Pro-life now!

St. Thomas More Consolation Ministry

"Journeying Through Grief"

**Contact: Contact Ann Marie Lento 856-344-7454
rlento05@comcast.net or Jon Lisitski 856-210-6466
jonll1@comcast.net for more information.**

The Second Collection next weekend will be the Rice Bowl Collection. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year. **Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese,** supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. **Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million.**

House of Charity 2022 "From Many...One Body"

When our parish collects its goal amount, up to 10% is returned to our parish for our local charitable needs. Additionally, 75% of all funds received above our parish goal will also be returned to our local parish to foster our charitable and ministerial work.

This year **St. Thomas More Parish goal is \$89,700. To date we have raised \$30,461 which is 34% of our goal.**

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of your contribution for this year.



Refugees and Immigrants

The issues of refugees, migration, and forced displacement of people are not new ones, and there are many countries facing these challenges. Across the globe, families have been forced to flee their homes in search of safety and security. War, violence, racial strife, corruption and political instability, natural disasters, and poverty: these all still remain major factors in the lives of so many, which is why the numbers of peoples on the move, refugees and people being displaced, are at historically high levels.

Some may question why and how the Church supports refugees and migrants, regardless of race, creed, or color, but the simple truth is that Christ identifies with those in need.:

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Mt. 25:35 USCCB

Thank You !

Ann Tobin and family gives thanks for all of the parishioners of St. Thomas More who have supported them with their prayers and many kindnesses. Your generosity of spirit is greatly appreciated.



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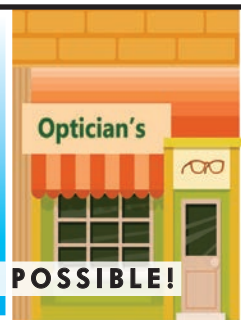


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