St. Thomas More Church

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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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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 Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



Almighty God, You grace us with signs of new life each and every day.

Give us eyes to see you present in our midst.
Give us arms to carry you into our world.
Give us voices to be zealous missionaries for you in our homes and neighborhoods so that we might make your kingdom visible now.

Amen.

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday, July 4, 2022 in observance of Independence Day.

There is NO Adoration on July 4, 2022.



The collection for Sunday, June 26, 2022 was:

\$ 4127.00 78 donations in church 1721.00 33 online donations \$ 5848.00 111 donations.

Thank you for your continuing support of St. Thomas More 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*



Stewardship Corner:14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Charisms

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...'" LUKE 10:2

As Catholics, we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given "charisms" otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God's Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discem how God is calling you to Stewardship using your charisms. Say "yes" to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

From the Pastor's Desk



When The Planets Align

Dear Parishioners,

The planets aligned last week, literally. <u>Five planets</u>—Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn—lined up in planetary order on **June 24**, 2022. This day would normally have been the *Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist*. However, because the *Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* (a feast day with a varying, movable date) also fell on the exact same day this year, it took precedence.

It was also the day we saw the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*.

A coincidence? Maybe a *Divine Coincidence*?

Since 1973, when <u>Roe v. Wade</u> opened the door to legal <u>abortion</u> in our country, America has been on a <u>continual</u>, <u>downward spiral</u>. Moral decay quickly follows when there is a loss of respect for the sanctity of every human person—from conception until natural death. What started as a 7-2 decision by US Supreme Court Justices who *legislated* rather than interpreted the law, well over 60 million innocent children have been surgically or chemically killed in the US. The <u>dissenting opinion</u> of Justice Byron White (with Chief Justice William Rehnquist concurring) at that time stated the following:

I find nothing in the language or history of the Constitution to support the Court's judgment. The Court simply fashions and announces a new constitutional right for pregnant women and, with scarcely any reason or authority for its action, invests that right with sufficient substance to override most existing state abortion statutes.

The court last Friday finally acknowledged that the reasoning behind *Roe* was indeed seriously flawed. Now the decision **for** or **against** legalized abortion falls back to the individual states to decide, as it was before *Roe*. No matter how the media or others try to portray the situation, this is where we are right now. New Jersey decides for New Jersey.

Sadly, we are <u>not</u> a state that legally protects the lives of the unborn. The uphill (and now *local*) battle waged by Pro-Life Catholics and all who support the rights of the unborn *to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness* is not yet won. In fact, it is in the process of intensifying.

However, we can see clearly that what might have seemed unlikely or even impossible is <u>never</u> so with God's Divine Assistance. Our prayers and efforts are ever more necessary to accomplishing the task of making **New Jersey** a Pro-Life state and not one that permits the continued surgical or chemical death of unborn children.

Reasonable people would certainly hold to the **Golden Rule**: *Do unto others as you would have them do to you*. Well, what about the preborn? Would we want to be surgically torn apart or chemically poisoned? Do we not appreciate the fact that we were given a chance to live in this world?

Each year since *Roe v. Wade*, the <u>March for Life</u> has protested and stood up for the life of preborn children in our nation's capital. The founder and organizer of this march was an attorney named <u>Nellie Gray</u>. She died ten years ago in 2012, not living to see what she had hoped would eventually occur, the overturning of *Roe*. June 25th, the memorial of the *Immaculate Heart of Mary* this year, was her birthday. Happy birthday Nellie! The planets aligned.

Fr. Ed Namiotka

Pastor

Ministry Schedule for July 9/10

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Norris	Mena Julie	Sr. Agnes	K. McFadden	
8:30 AM	Fr. Norris	Len	B. Massey	S. Oatway	E. Bresani Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Norris	Marta/Elena Julie	T. Librojo	C. Musso	





CATECHISTS PLANT SEEDS OF FAITH FOR ETERNITY

This week a meeting was held with the catechists lined up for September-May 2022-23. It is an impressive FAITH-LOVING group of people, multicultural and multi-professions, and one desire, "to pass on the faith they love to

the future generation." FAITH is a gift given and received at Baptism. Our FAITH is futuristic and looks at the possibly of heaven and eternity. Our journey on this earth, though is full of distractions, diversions of paths, temptations that confuse our mind and overshadow our spirit. Faith-filled parents have a lot to face to nurture the seed of faith in their children. Practicing the faith together, keeping God and JESUS at the center of the family life is the way for the children to live, breath and experience the presence of GOD in themselves and in others. A lot of effort in scheduling, and even monetary investment goes in keeping the children occupied in ways that will help them grow as responsible individuals, making the right choices and have successful lives. These are our nobles expectations and hopes for all our children young and older. For us as Catholics, GOD's GRACE and help is what sustains us moment by moment, day by day. Thus, as we plan activities for our children's recreation and growth, let us also find opportunities and even improvise these to help our children be in touch with JESUS in their heart and be enriched by HIS presence. In all the beautiful things life has to offer, in all the crosses we'll bear, there is no substitution for FAITH, for JESUS grace, for the Holy Spirit gifts to help us along, and beyond all that comes our way. OUR FAITH is a gift of inestimable value, and it does require our whole commitment. JESUS said that "lukewarm service or commitment" is not sufficient in following him.

More volunteers are needed. If called to serve in this way send email to:

srclarefmij.stmc@gmail.com



Thank you to Ryan Cepeda for 8 years of faithful Service as Altar Server at St. Thomas More Parish!

Camden Diocese Catholic Renewal- One Day Summer



Retreat
July 9, 2022
9:00 AM—5:00 PM
"Journey to the Eucharist: A
Healing Encounter"

Come join us for Mass, talks on the Real Presence of the Eucharist followed by a Holy Hour and a Healing Service Location: St. John Paul II Regional School 55 Warwick

Road, Stratford, NJ 08084 Cost is \$25. Register at the door or in advance: www.camdendiocesecatholicrenewal.org



SATURDAY, JULY 2

4:30 PM Sr. Carol Jander, OSF Mary Immaculate r/b Pat & Nick Kirincic

SUNDAY, JULY 3

8:30 AM Carlos Barrientos & Maria Deras r/b family

11:00 AM Intentions of Geoffrey Tyrrell r/b family

MONDAY, JULY 4

9:00AM Founding Fathers r/b Teri No Adoration today

TUESDAY, JULY 5

9:00AM Nathan Guardado r/b family

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

9:00AM Diane Carey r/b Greta Tyrrell & family 9:30aM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, JULY 7

9:00 AM Joe Ryan r/b Tyrrell family 9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, JULY 8

9:00 AM Manus McGettigan r/b Mary & Harry Frett

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

SATURDAY, JULY 9

4:30 PM Jim Tobin r/b family

SUNDAY, JULY 10

8:30AM Manus McGettigan

r/b Mary & Harry Frett

11:00AM Jerry McMenamin r/b Jeannine

Pope Francis' July Prayer Intentions - Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Grace



Cobin, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Mary Cowan, Catherine Diana, Elizabeth Garber, Eileen Goodwin, Marjorie Graham, Maureen Howe, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Bob Lento, Marie Manalo, Sheila Mohan, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, 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...

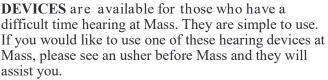
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What did Father say? Did you catch that?

Have trouble hearing what is being said at Mass?





To assure that these hearing devices are available for all in need, it is *important* that you return them after Mass. Devices are sanitized after every use.



July 25th—29th
Saint Mary's Church presents
Vacation Bible School for 2022.
Children ages 4-10 are
immersed in colorful Biblical
stories, art and crafts, music.

stories, art and crafts, music, outdoor games and more while learning about their faith!

Details and registration:

TinyUrl.com/StMaryVBS22 or call the Office 856-424 -1454.

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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 10, 2022 - Luke 10:25-37

(Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan in response to the scholar of the law who was testing Jesus. The scholar asked Jesus "who is my neighbor?" The man who fell victim to robbers in the story of the Good Samaritan is passed over by a priest and by a Levite, both of whom crossed to the opposite side of the road when they saw the beaten man.) "But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He poured oil and wine over the victim's wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him... 'Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim,' asks Jesus. The scholar answered, 'The one who treated him with mercy.' Jesus said, 'Go and do likewise.'"

Commentary:

Jesus does not need to answer the question of the "scholar" since the man already knows the answer. The issue is not knowing but doing, as Jesus instructs him "do this and you will live." Similarly, as the lawyer knew the law, we know this very familiar parable. The issue for us is not knowing the parable; rather, it is the hard work of extending mercy not just to the neighbor we know but to any person in need.

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 the largest private social service provider in the world, the Catholic Church offers many life-affirming programs. From pregnancy centers to numerous

programs that provide clothing, food, housing services, and access to other basic needs, the Catholic Church stands ready to assist every mother, expecting or parenting. USCCB

Parishioners are reminded that if you would like to take part in the Offertory Gifts Procession, make yourself known to the ushers prior to the start of the Mass. This is especially meaningful if the



Mass is one for which you have requested the intention.



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.

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





UCCB Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Ruling

"This is an historic day in the life of our country, one that stirs our thoughts, emotions and prayers. We thank God today that the Supreme Court has now overturned Roe v. Wade.

Now is the time to begin the work of building a post-*Roe* America. It is a time for healing wounds and repairing social divisions; it is a time for reasoned reflection and civil dialogue, and for coming together to build a society that supports marriages and families, and where every woman has the support and resources she needs to bring her child into this world in love."



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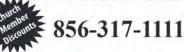
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