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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



God of the Living,
Thank you for the promise you have given us in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus.
Thank you for the faith that tells us that those who die in him will rise in him.
May this promise, rooted in our Baptism, continue to give us hope in our difficulties.
Amen.

Sock Drive

Catholic Charities Prison Ministry is collecting items for the inmates in the Camden Diocese who are in need of clothing. See the flyer on the Faith and Justice table for the specific articles to donate.





"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

Tithes and Offerings

The amount budgeted for this week was \$8,500. The collection for Sunday, October, 2022 was:

\$4393.00 86 donations in church <u>2227.00 34 donations online</u>

\$6620.00 120 total donations

Thank you for your continuing support.



Stewardship Corner: 32nd Sunday- Ordinary Time Stewardship Shared

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17

There are **two important lessons about Stewardship** here. **First,** we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope with others. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. **Second,** joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. *Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.*



From the Pastor's Desk A Tale of Two Churches

Dear Parishioners,

It has become more and more apparent to me that the Catholic Church is at a very serious crossroads. I have witnessed changes in the Church taking place for years now—almost my entire lifetime. However, some of the things I am currently witnessing are absolutely unprecedented.

Let me begin with something as simple as orientation of the priest at Mass. For centuries, the position of the priest was *ad orientem* (towards "liturgical" East). The priest faced the direction of the rising sun to lead prayer and remind us all of the rising of the Son of God. While some claimed that *he had his back to the people*, rather, it was the intention of this position in the Mass *to face God*. After all, we are worshipping Him, not the people. The focus, slowly and subtly, became more oriented to the *community* rather than to *God*. While people became accustomed to this new liturgical position with time, simultaneously the emphasis at Mass tended more toward *meal* rather than *sacrifice*. The community **meal** *seemed* to take precedent over the eternal **sacrifice** of Jesus to His Father. Then Holy Communion went from reception on the tongue while kneeling to reception in the hand while standing. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are now regularly scheduled (not so *extraordinary*, if you ask me) and are commonly referred to as Eucharistic "Ministers." I could go on and on. These were just some of the many, many liturgical changes which followed.

What the situation in the Church has now morphed into is an attempt to change Church teaching and the very Church itself. The blessing of gay unions, "sinless" homosexual acts, reception of Holy Communion by divorced-remarried, women priests, a plurality of acceptable, salvific religions and many other questionable/heretical ideas are seemingly on the table. Popes in the past have warned against the heresy of *modernism* where **truth** becomes fluid and relativistic. Now it appears that *modernism* is rearing its ugly head right out in the open with seeming consent by various members of the Church hierarchy.

We see various high-ranking Vatican officials and Church leaders (cardinals, archbishops, bishops, a former papal nuncio, a former prefect for the congregation for the doctrine of the faith, etc.) *openly* criticizing what is now happening within the Catholic Church. *Wow!*

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen warned of an upcoming, counterfeit Church—an ape of the Church. Sr. Lucia, one of the three Fatima seers, spoke of a "diabolic disorientation" within the Church and that the final battle between God and Satan would be over marriage and the family. Pope St. Paul VI spoke of the "smoke of Satan" within the sanctuary. Our Lady of Good Success, a lesser-known but still approved Marian apparition from Quito, Ecuador, predicted and warned humanity about the sins of modern society and a future struggle within the Church itself. Pope St. John Paul II admonished us concerning the "culture of death" permeating our society. There are many others who have given us vital warnings for our time. (I do not have the time and space in this bulletin article to address all of this. Please refer to my web site www.fr-ed-namiotka.com for further information.)

I trust God will act in some way to protect the Holy Catholic Church. I also know that our Blessed Mother will have some vital role in this process as she made it known at Fatima that in the end her *Immaculate Heart will triumph*. The exact details are certainly unknown to me and up to God Himself.

In the meantime, we all should be continually on our knees praying *fervently*. May God have mercy on us.

Fr. Ed Namiotka

Ministry Schedule for November 12/13

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Len	E. Beckman	K. McFadden	
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Len	K. Glover	S. Oatway	C. Oatway E. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Marta/Elena/Choir Julie	J. Galati	L. Galati	L. & G. Hutchinson



From the very beginning of the Judeo tradition, attending worship on the Seventh Day was always recognized as a most important component of one's beliefs and practices. It is interesting to see how the

Generations of Faith Jewish People, stuck in the desert, and only slowly moving toward the Promised Land, would carry their Worship tent as they moved. The way that our Churches look today is for the most part derived by the directions given to MOSES by God. The words, the descriptions are very much a part of the way our churches are designed even today. Thus, these

things are not by chance, but by GOD's own will and design. Yet there are many among our own baptized who look at all of this in condescension. There are many who feel that "we can pick and choose what we want to believe or act upon". Thus, attending weekly worship at our parish, to be in communion with other believers, where JESUS gives us HIMSELF in the Eucharist, is no longer important to them.



With the Phillies in the world series, hours can be spent watching a game, celebrate a win or mourn a loss. Yet no longer are GOD's commands, praying with the community, being touched by JESUS own physical presence in US recognized as valuable for one's life.

Do we even consider the example of faith we are sharing with our children? Do we feel the sense of responsibility before GOD for our way of attracting and connecting them to JESUS and to our FAITH?

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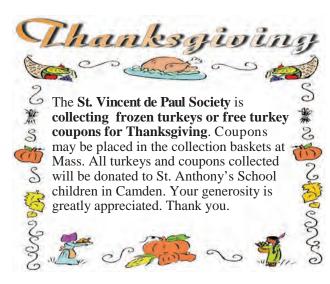
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Healing Mass of Hope, Thanksgiving, and Remembrance for Cancer patients, survivors, and families who have lost a loved one to cancer. Friday, November 18, 2022 7:00 PM at Christ our Light, Cherry Hill. RSVP by Nov. 17, 2022:

VITALity-Events@camdendiocese.org

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered to those in need of its healing grace. After Mass, there is coffee and dessert in the parish center.





SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

4:30 PM Michael Mahon r/b Shirley Kane

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:30 AM Marianne Baeckstrom r/b Neighbors

11:00 AM Emilia Marchesani

r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00AM Larry McElroy r/b Tobin family

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00AM Living & Deceased members of Morgan family in Ireland

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

7WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00AM Carmen Morales

r/b Vivian & George Wagner

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:00 AM Thomas Joseph O'Donoghue

r/b Sharon & Jack Weinberg

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00 AM Ron Kramer r/b Gerri Boyle

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

4:30 PM Jim Tobin r/b family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:30AM Bridget Namiotka r/b Pauline Montes

11:00AM Joe Ryan r/b Bernie McTamney



Please pray for the repose of the soul

Margie Mannix Gadren (Gary's wife)

Pope Francis' November Prayer Intentions:

We pray for **children who are suffering**, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, 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, Lt. (j.g.) Jacqueline A. McCabe, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Rimbaugh, Sisi Tyrrell, USMC, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country* in the armed forces.



Second Collection this Weekend: Archdiocese for Military Services

This triennial collection serves active-duty and Veterans and their

families, approximately 1.8 million served from all US dioceses. The US Military is the largest source of priestly vocations in the USA! Please be generous.

Adult Faith Formation Events The Landscape of Our Prayer-10:00 AM Monday, November 7th Parish Hall

Prayer takes different forms depending on the place our heart finds itself. In each life experience, our prayer can express itself differently. Come and explore the ways we can meet God in the landscape of our everyday lives. Sr. Claire D'Auria will be out presenter.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

Every parish in the Camden Diocese will be spending six weeks reflecting on the MASS. This week you will find flyers at the doors of the Church highlighting Part 5- The Rite of Communion. If you miss any of the Mass parts flyers, please check with the parish office and we will be happy to provide copies.



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 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 13, 2022- Luke 21:5-19

People were speaking about how the temple was adorned. Jesus tells them that a day will come when not one stone will be left upon another in this temple. It will be destroyed. The people ask Jesus when this will happen. What signs will there be? Jesus answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of war and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end."

Commentary:

As we approach the end of the Church year, the liturgy directs our thoughts to the end of time itself. For Jews and Christians this implies victory over all forces of evil, even death itself. A common theme in the writings about this end time is that it will be a time of crisis, a time of decision. Luke's main theme is that it will do no good to try to predict the end time. For followers of Jesus, the important thing is to believe that God will be with them no matter what happens: "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

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: "Why I'm Pro-Life (January 27, 2017– Rep. Robert Alderholt, R-AL) "Our beliefs, our ideals, and our very way of being are almost entirely rooted in the way we were raised. The values that are

instilled in us by our parents as children, are in most cases the values we carry forth with us in our lives as adults. So if someone asks me why I'm Pro-Life, you can look squarely to those lessons learned early in life.

It was at an early age that I learned about the sanctity of life. From the Sunday School songs that echoes like, "we are all precious in His sight," or "little ones to Him belong They are weak but He is strong." Life was the original gift given to all of us by our Creator. And it was only God who could take it away."

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during the 11:00 AM Mass for children ages 4—6. There is no need to sign up in advance.

SCC Covered Dish Dinner

All Small Christian Community members are invited to attend our annual Covered Dish Supper on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Check with your facilitator to see what your group is responsible to bring.







Refugee Facts and Figures

Justice will never be fully attained unless people see in the poor person, who is asking for help in order to survive, not an annoyance or a burden, but an opportunity for showing kindness and a chance for greater enrichment. Pope John Paul II

The world is currently in the midst of the largest refugee crisis on record. There are over 70 million forcibly displaced people worldwide. Approximately 37,000 people a day are forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution.

The average stay in a refugee camp is 17 years. Refugee One

The average camp size is 480 sq. ft. per person of accessible camp area.

<u>United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees</u> (UNHCR)

Of the 37 resettlement countries, the U.S. resettles less than 1% of the total refugees each year.

National Immigration Forum

The U.S. used to lead the world in refugee resettlement. The U.S. enacted the first refugee legislation in 1948 to help 250,000 Europeans after the Second World War. Later laws helped people fleeing communist regimes. Today only 18,000 refugees are admitted each year.

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

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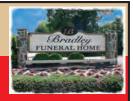


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