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Mass Schedule

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

First Saturdays: 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

Father Edward Namiotka, Pastor
Father Victorino Coronado, In Residence
Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
Sister Rosangela Ganau, FMIJ, Catechetical Leader
Julie Linn, Music Ministry
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

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



Loving God,
You created us for a relationship with you.
When we stray from you, You call us back.
When our brothers and sisters
begin to follow a sinful lifestyle,
You call us to help them see their erring ways.
Give us the wisdom and courage
to help each other to follow your ways.
This we pray through Christ our Lord.
Amen



"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 collection for Sunday, September 3, 2023 was \$7586.00 The budgeted amount was \$8500.

"Stewardship isn't a subcategory of the Christian life. **Stewardship is the Christian life.** After all, what is stewardship except that God has entrusted to us life, time, talents, money, possessions, family and His grace? In each case, He evaluates how we regard what He has entrusted to us and what we do with it."
Randy Alcorn



Stewardship Corner: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Increases

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." - EZEKIEL 33:7

Many Stewards are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

From the Pastor's Desk

Tempus Fugit

Dear Parishioners,

Where did the summer months go?

School has begun and I'm sure there are some *mixed emotions* in many families. There may be *disappointment* that summer is over, a certain *joy* for students to be reunited with their classmates, *relief* for parents that the children are back in school, etc. etc. For many of us, it seems the summer just *flew by* too quickly! ***Tempus fugit!*** (*Time flies!*)

What is it about our ***fast-paced life*** in which so many of us seem to be *carried away*? For me, it can sometimes be described like a *riptide* experience. We often go about our lives doing so many things until we reach a point when we can be *over our heads* and become *overwhelmed* and *overpowered* by various activities and demands. We may seem *rushed*—maybe even a bit *out-of-control*. We may ask questions like: **How did we get to this point? Where did the time go? Where did my life go?**

When I was a child, it *seemed* there was more time in the day. It's funny how various perspectives in life can change! There have always been **24 hours** in the day. Why did there *seem* to be *longer days* back then?

When I become recollected and reflective, I realize that *time* is one of the *precious gifts* we have been given. We don't know exactly *how much time we have left* in our lives, do we? How we spend those precious minutes, hours and days should have certain ***priorities***. I suggest a few here:

Take time for prayer each day. A life lived in prayer seems to be more manageable—especially when there are difficulties. I have found that when I take the *time to pray*, I am able to handle the day's activities better and I *find the necessary time* to do what I need to do. When I push prayer aside, my days frequently are more chaotic.

Take time to worship God—at the very minimum, once a week at **Mass**. I am amazed that so many people find excuses why they can't (or **don't**) *make it a priority* to go to Mass. We need to be spiritually fed with the **Word of God** and the **Holy Eucharist**. If we love God, then *this small portion of my weekly time* needs to be spent with my fellow Catholic Christians in prayer and worship.

Take time for the family. The *people* in our lives who should certainly be a priority when divvying up our time and attention are our **family members**. Sharing meals, regular conversation, family activities, and common prayer are good ways to spend ***family*** time.

Take the time to stay healthy. *Physical, spiritual* and *emotional* health are all important considerations for a well-balanced person. Do I *exercise*? Do I *eat* right? What productive activity do I use to release *stress*? Do I have a spouse, companion or good friend *who I can talk to* and share what is happening in my life? Do I take time for my *spiritual* needs? (After all, I am made of body and *soul*!)

Take the time to enjoy life. Everyone has different *enjoyments* in life. I have found that a *walk* on the beach, on the boardwalk or in a park can refresh the mind and uplift the spirit. A *bicycle ride* also helps me relax. I enjoy listening to *music*. The various *wholesome activities* that help to *refresh* and *renew* a person are certainly worth *prioritizing*.

Life's journey when compared to *eternity* is simply a blink of an eye! Spend the time that you have remaining wisely, living life to the fullest!

Tempus fugit, momento mori. (*Time flies, remember death.*)

Fr. Ed Namiołka, Pastor

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Ministry Schedule for September 16/17

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Julius/Choir Julie	G. Tyrrell	K. McFadden	T. Johnson
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine Julie	Sr. Diana	S. Oatway	E. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Coronado	Celine Julie	J. Galati	L. Galati	S. Andino L. Vascisin



HAPPY FEAST, GRANDPARENTS!

The Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to **celebrate together with all those whom the Lord** – in the words of the Bible – has “filled with days”. Let us celebrate it **together!**

Pope Francis invites the faithful to honor the grandparents by neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours.

Also, the pope asked all elderly people to pray for the young ones, who “are God’s answer to your prayers, the fruits of all



that you have sown, the sign that God does not abandon his people, but always rejuvenates them with the creativity of the Holy Spirit.”

“I ask you to make this Day known in your parishes and communities; to seek out those elderly persons who feel most alone, at home or in residences where they live. Let us make sure that no one feels alone on this day. Expecting a visit,



can transform those days when we think we have nothing to look forward to; from an initial encounter, a new friendship can emerge. Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of

mercy in our time!

To all of you, and to your loved ones, I send my blessing and the assurance of my closeness and affection”, Pope Francis



Eucharistic Adoration is held Monday—Friday in the Chapel after the 9:00 AM Mass. Come spend some time with your Lord.

YOU are invited!

We invite you to join us in thanking and showing our appreciation to Sr. Clare Sabini, FMIJ for her years of dedicated ministry to our students on Sunday, September 17th (Catechetical Sunday) after the 11:00 AM Mass.

We will also welcome at this time Sr. Rosangela Ganau, FMIJ as our new Coordinator of Religious Education and Fr. Victorino Corondo as our new resident priest.

Catechists, Parents, and Students, we will also be celebrating your return to the Religious Education program. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall.

For all who have asked Jim & Pat Beaney’s address is:

Jim & Pat Beaney
219 78th Street
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Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

4:30 PM Jim Tobin r/b family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30 AM Gino L. D'Astuto
r/b Ron & Angela Panna

11:00 AM Intentions of Carlos & Daisy Santiago
r/b Jeannine

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 AM people of the parish

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00 AM Jerry McMenamin (5th anniversary)
r/b Jeannine

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 AM Bienvenito Cobin
r/b Grace & family

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:00 AM Patricia Kwasniewski
r/b Mary Kate Kennedy

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 AM Brigitta McCarthy r/b Marguerite

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

4:30 PM Ryan Patrick Travis
r/b Harry & Jen McAneny

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 AM Dave Bilan r/b Dee Green

11:00 AM Victor Cruz & Melba Barrientos
r/b family

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for September:

For people living on the margins.

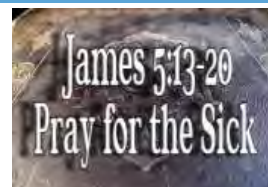
We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

"Dear God, we pray for your blessing and favor today over our teachers, our kids, and our schools. Please allow your face to shine on them today, be gracious to them Lord. Fill them with your Spirit and light; and give them peace in every circumstance. We know that every gift and blessing come straight from your hand."



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

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Joe Centonze, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Grace Cobin, Tammy Colon, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Mary Cowan, Catherine Diana, Fr. George Donfurtang, Elizabeth Garber, Eileen Gerie, Eileen Goodwin, Marjorie Graham, Helen Kane, Marion Kapischke, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, John Lane, Bob Lento, Marie Manalo, Carter Oakley, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Dom Sacca, Carlos Santiago, Teddy Shaffer, Grace Sklencar, Joe Sklencar, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Dale Strack, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ed Targonski, Sr., Roy Targonski, Ann Vigrass, Sarah Warner.



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

SPC Jordan Beckman, Captain Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Major Anthony R. Cosentino, USAF, TSgt. John P. DeYoung,

Sam Houston, USN, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, SSgt. Kris Knaup, Lt. Christopher Mawn, Lt. Jacqueline A. McCabe, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Sisi Tyrrell, USMC, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country.*

Hispanic Prayer Group – Every Friday from 10:00 AM—12 Noon: St. Thomas
More dates: September 15th, & 22nd ; October 13th , 20th, 27th.



Mother Mary Joseph Franciscan Spirituality Center September 1st & 29th; October 6th.



Eucharistic Revival (Quotes from Pope Francis)

"The Eucharist is at the heart of "Christian initiation," together with Baptism and Confirmation, and it constitutes the source of the Church's life itself. From this Sacrament of love, in fact, flows every authentic journey of faith, of communion and of witness. General Audience—February 5, 2014

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

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 17, 2023 - Matt. 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

Commentary:

Peter's not fooling anyone, not the least the discerning heart of Jesus. His real question to his teacher is not, "How often must I forgive?" but rather "When can I legitimately stop forgiving my brother?" It's a question most of us will face many times in dealing with that most difficult and dreadful species: the family member. After all, with whom do we have the most dealings, and who is most likely to require our multiple and protracted forgiveness?

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: Healing after abortion (Sisters of Life- 866-575-0075)

Finding Healing: *A Testimony*

"For two months I had been carrying around a crumpled Hope & Healing pamphlet I found in the back of my church. After 29 years of silence and shame, I was finally ready to reach out. I emailed the Sisters and mentioned that I'd had more than one abortion. I was received with such compassion, such mercy, that I knew I had come to the right place."

Going to Rutgers in New Brunswick?

The Catholic Student Association at the Catholic Center at Rutgers, located at 84 Somerset Street on the College Avenue Campus welcomes you to the New Brunswick/Piscataway Campuses.

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM St. Peter's Church- 94 Somerset St.
8:00 AM ; 10:00 AM, 12 Noon, 6:00 PM. St. Peter's Church is in between the Catholic Center and Barnes & Noble.

Daily Mass: 7:30 AM St. Peter's church

12:15 PM The Catholic Center Chapel.

Sunday, September 10th is Sign-up Sunday at all Masses

Visit online: rutgerscatholic.org ; stpeter/newbrunswick.org



CELEBRATE GRANDPARENTS' DAY!

Sunday, September 10, 2023

11:00 AM Mass

Reception follows in the Church Hall



The following are effects of climate change: increased temperatures, rising sea levels, changes in rainfall that contribute to more frequent and severe floods and droughts. US Conference of Catholic Bishops

Facts of the climate crisis:

Only 13% of Americans realize that over 90% of climate scientists believe climate change is real.
Yale Program on Climate Change Communication

8 million people die each year from air pollution—more than from smoking. *World Health Organization*

By 2100, the costs of global warming due to hurricane damage, real estate losses, energy sector and water costs are estimated to be **\$1,883 trillion**.
Natural Resources Defense Council

Each year the US emits about **5 billion** metric tons of energy-related carbon dioxide, while the world emits about **32 billion** metric tons.
US Energy Information Administration

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Union of Concerned Scientists

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