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Mass Schedule

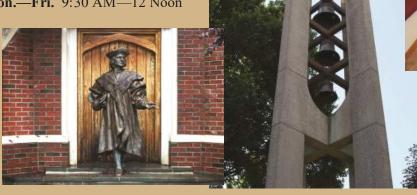
Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in

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 Marylee Garber, Parish Secretary Sheila Tartamosa, Business Manager



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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



Blessed are you, Father of Jesus,
for you have brought us
into the new covenant.
You have made us brothers and sisters
of Jesus and of one another.
Help us to be more faithful
to our covenant relationship with you
and always to live in your love.
We make our prayer 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, March 10, 2024, was \$8103.00 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



What did Father say? Can you hear him? Hearing devices are available for use in church. Please return to an usher at the end of the Mass. All units are sterilized after each

use. For more information, call Dom at the Parish Office (856-424-3212).

Stations of the Cross will be held in the Chapel at 7:00 PM every Friday during Lent. All are encouraged to attend.



Stewardship Corner: 5th Sunday of Lent Stewards Give

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "Stewards" of the gifts God have given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

From the Pastor's Desk A Look at Some Liturgical Practices

Dear Parishioners,

A couple of weeks ago I took the time to write about some Lenten liturgical practices. I want to follow up today with a few other liturgical customs which are part of the *Novus Ordo*—the current Mass offered in most *Roman Catholic* parishes throughout the world.

As Roman Catholics, our particular rite is officially known as the *Latin Rite*. The pope, our spiritual leader, resides in Rome (more precisely, Vatican City). It is in Rome where both St. Peter and St. Paul died for their faith as did many Early Christian martyrs. Sadly, with the increased use of the vernacular in our liturgy, too many people seem to forget (or even to have an unhealthy distain for) our *Latin* heritage. I have heard people erroneously say that the Latin language is no longer in use since Vatican II. However, this is what the document on the liturgy, *SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM (S.C.)*, actually says:

... Steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them. (S.C. #54)
Regarding sacred music, the document adds:

The Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as specially suited to the Roman liturgy: therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services. (S.C. #116)

During Lent and Advent, this parish has the practice of chanting the *Holy, Holy (Sanctus)* and the *Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)* in Latin. Moreover, during the penitential rite, the *Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)* is also chanted in the original Greek. We try to keep our heritage alive in this small way by the use of some hymns in Latin and Gregorian chant.

Next, I was recently asked by someone whether or not we were going to return to the reception of both the Body and Blood of Jesus (at our daily Mass.) I understood what the person meant, wanting to receive also from the chalice. In reality, even if we only receive the consecrated host at Mass, we still receive the **Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity** of Christ without ever partaking from the chalice. This, in fact, was the custom (standard practice) for centuries. Primarily, it was the priest who received from the chalice and not the laity.

Illustrating some further misunderstanding by the language used regarding the Blessed Sacrament, I have found that sometimes people continue to refer to the consecrated Sacred Host and Precious Blood as **bread** and **wine**. Please try not to do this. Let your language reflect your belief in the **Real Presence** of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Yes, I know that St. Paul, occasionally, referred to the Holy Eucharist as *bread* (see 1 Cor. 11: 26-28). Even some hymns use phrases such as *eat this bread*. In my opinion, it is more reverential and proper for us to use terms like (Most) Holy Eucharist, (Most) Blessed Sacrament, (Most) Precious Blood to express clearly and unambiguously the Catholic belief in Jesus' Real Presence. If we use the term *bread*, may it be more suitably the *Bread of Angels* (*Panis Angelicus*) that we are referencing.

How we worship and the language we use reflects what we believe. Lex orandi, lex credendi.

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

Ministry Schedule March 23/24, 2024

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Len	E. Beckman	C Betson Smith L K. McFadden V	T. Johnson
8:30 AM	Fr. Coronado	Julie	K. Witts	K. Kraemer L S. Oatway V	A., C., R. Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Erin Julie	D. Staton T. Librojo	J. Johnson L B. haughwout V	M. Marsden S. Andino



"When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself

Last Sunday we meditated on the important and beautiful words of Jesus: "For God so loved the world

(you..., me...) that he gave His only Son, so that everyone (you..., me...) who believes in Him... may have Eternal Life (Eternal Joy!). (John 3:16). Again and again, most especially in this Lenten season, Jesus tells us how special and dear we are to Him. Just before being crucified Jesus said "... And, as I am lifted up from the earth, I will attract everyone to me and gather them around me" (John

12:32). Yes, by His Death and Resurrection Jesus wants to pull all of us to Himself, and destroy any kind of death, fear and sin Jesus wants to share His very Life and His compassion with each one of us... How am I living this great



Mystery of Love at this time? Do I find time to listen to his desire to bring all of myself, and all the people to Him? Do I share my Love, my faith to others? How..., when..., to whom...?

May St. Joseph guide us and teach us how to put our total trust in God and how to share his great love for me to others...

REMINDERS:

March 17 (Sunday): Confirmation Meeting #3 for 8th grade and parents, 9:30 to 10:45 am

March 19: Feast of St. Joseph

March 22: Station of the Cross for Families

March 24: Palm Sunday: Session # 22

March 24: Fam Sunday. Sess.

March 28: Holy Thursday

March 29: Good Friday

March 30: Holy Saturday

March 31: FASTER SUNDAY

March 31: EASTER SUNDAY



Lenten Taize Prayer, 7:00 PM Monday, March 18, 2024 in the Chapel. Come and be still in the Lord.





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excellence, an understanding of what it truly means to serve others, a sense of self respect, values that build great leaders, educators who celebrate each and every unique child of God, and a supportive, caring community of parents, students, faculty, administrators and staff as they grow and learn.

Support the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal www.camdendiocese.org/sjcma

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors of the church THIS weekend accepting your donations of non-perishable food or money to purchase food. They are



asking for: asking for canned vegetables, fruits and, soups; cereals, pasta and tomato sauce; peanut butter and jelly. Thank you for supporting the SVDP in their mission to 'feed the hungry.'

Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist

Reflect on the story of the Eucharist as it develops in the meals experienced by Jesus and narrated in the Gospel of Luke. We will sit at the table with Jesus as we explore both the comfort and the challenge these Gospel accounts offer us.

Presenter: Sr. Clare D'Auria

Time: Wednesdays April 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2024 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Call the Parish Office to register 856-424-3212

Weekly Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

4:30 PM Nick Menna r/b Marie Fitzpatrick

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:30 AM Intentions of Fr. Ed Namiotka & Intentions of Sr. Ann Byrnes r/b Carlos & Daisy Santiago

11:00 AM Michael Vigrass r/b family

MONDAY, MARCH 18

9:00 AM people of the parish

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 AM Fr. Phillip Johnson r/b John & Letty Duffy

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

9:00 AM Living and deceased members of Morgan family in Ireland

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

9:00 AM Fr. Phillip Johnson r/b Vince Marchesani

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

9:00 AM Fr. Phillip Johnson r/b Marie Flowers

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in the Chapel

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

4:30 PM Nick Menna

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 AM Intentions of STM Parishioners

r/b Carlos & Daisy Santiago

11:00 AM Fr. Phillip Johnson r/b Levin family



Please pray for the repose of the soul of: Gina Bargero

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions March 2024 For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Joe Centonze, Ray Chuisano,



Elva Clark, Grace Cobin, Tammy Colon, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Mary Cowan, Catherine Diana, Linda Di Giulio, 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, Kelly Moore, Carter Oakley, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, Dom Sacca, Carlos Santiago, Teddy Shaffer, Grace Sklencar, Joe Sklencar, Claire Spence, Dale Strack, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ed Targonski, Sr., Roy Targonski, Ann Vigrass, Joanne Wachman, Sarah Warner, and Nicholas.



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, Capt. Jennifer LaSalce, US Army, Capt. 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*.

Eucharistic Revival Quotes from Pope Francis

"And in this Eucharist we feel this belonging to the Church, to the People of God, to the Body of God, to Jesus Christ. We will never completely grasp the value and the richness of it. Let us ask him then that this Sacrament continue to keep this presence alive in the Church and to shape our community in charity and communion, according to the Father's heart." General audience, February 5, 2014



An invitation to men of the parish from the Cherry Hill Council 6173 Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus has been a brotherhood of Catholic men devoted to Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

The Cherry Hill Council is devoted to this work locally: helping the mentally challenged, funding local pro-life centers, aiding our seminarians, and supporting the parishes of St. Mary, St. Thomas More, and

Christ our Light. If you want more information or to join us, you can do so today at www.kofc.org/joinus o with this QR code include "Council 6173" when asked and use the promo code:

BLESSEDDMCGIVENEY to join for free.

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 Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024 - Mark, Chapters 14 and 15

"While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many..." {pause} "While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said, "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about..." {pause} Pilate questioned Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said to him in reply, "You say so."

Commentary:

Apostles, who should know who Jesus is, betray, deny, and flee. Ironically, it is from enemies and foreigners that we come to understand who Jesus is: the religious leaders ask Jesus if he is "the Christ, the son of the Blessed One"; Pilate condemns him as the "king of the Jews"; the Roman centurion confesses that "Truly this man is the Son of God." As we stand this day at the foot of the cross, whom do we see?

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 Reflection resonates with me?



Pro-Life Corner: "The most significant thing about abortion legislation in Biblical law is that there is none. It was so unthinkable that an Israelite woman should desire an abortion that there was no need to mention this offense in the criminal code. *All that was*

necessary to prohibit an abortion was the command, 'You shall not murder' (Ex. 20:13)."—Meredith Kline,

SJCM A 2024 APPEAL:

"THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM"

**St. Thomas More's Goal is \$89, 700. We will need the help of every parishioner to meet this goal.



Thank you for prayerfully considering your donation.

** To date we have received gifts from 37 people totaling \$19,425.00 which is 21.7% of our total goal. Thank you for your donations.

Cherry Hill Food Pantry - 2024 Raffle Fundraiser
Tickets are only \$10. We're hoping that raffle entrants
will buy multiple tickets so we can achieve this year's
goal of \$40,000. It's easy to enter. Go to our
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Jon Lisitski (Email: jonll1@comcast.net - Cell: 856-9056162) or Elaine Beckman (Email: elainevbeckman@gmail.com - Cell: 856-428-8431) or at the Pantry.
Tickets will be on sale after ALL Masses the weekend of
April 6/7. To be drawn Sunday April 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM
At Cherry Hill Food Pantry on Facebook Live -Need

not be present to win. Must be 18 to participate.



Urge Senators to Pass Voting Rights Advancement Act

(Protecting voting rights is a moral imperative for the common good of a just society. The human right to vote flows from the inherent dignity of each citizen.) USCCB June 24, 2021

It is imperative in this election year that voting rights be protected and expanded, especially for Black Americans, who have borne the worst of racial discrimination in voting and representation. Please contact your senators to support the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

Senator Robert Menendez: (973) 645-3030 Senator Cory Booker: (202) 224-3224

Chrism Mass March 26,2024



Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the Diocese to join him and his priests at 3:30 PM on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at St. Agnes Church (Our Lady of Hope Parish) in Blackwood.

The Chrism Mass is a

celebration of the priesthood and the occasion at which the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

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