# 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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Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
Julie Linn, Music Ministry
Marylee Garber, Parish Secretary
Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration



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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.

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



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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. Lynda Chiaravallotti will coordinate this



program. Please email Lynda (lyndaahuynh@gmail.com) or call 469-867-0442 if you are able to assist her or need more information.



Tithes and Offerings The amount budgeted for Sunday, October 2, 2022 was \$8,000. The collection for this week:

\$4266.00 78 donations in church 1997.79 32donations online \$ 6263. 79 110 total donations

Thank you for your 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:28th Sunday - Ordinary Time Grateful Stewardship

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" LUKE 17:18

Most of us live relatively "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, clothing and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around for Christian Stewards? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

#### From the Pastor's Desk



### **Huge Financial Burden on Board**

Dear Parishioners,

Driving down Route 70 yesterday, I stopped for a red light. The car in front of me had a window decal on it. I read it carefully. No, it was not your typical *Baby on Board* sticker that I had seen many times in the past. This one, with its silhouette of a baby on it, read: *Huge Financial Burden on Board*. While I initially chuckled—after all, I do have a somewhat quirky sense of humor—I soon realized how sad it was to depict a *baby* in this manner. We are talking about a person made in the image and likeness of God. Someone who has been given the gift of life through a unique cooperation between parents and Almighty God. This human person was now sadly viewed through the perspective of household economics.

From a Catholic Church perspective, October is set apart as **Respect Life** month. The Church continues to teach that every human life is sacred *from the moment of conception until natural death*. Recall that **God**—the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity—chose to become one of *us*, His creatures. Jesus was conceived in His mother Mary's womb. At a given point in time He was an embryo, a fetus, an infant, a child, an adolescent and an adult *human being*. Our life has so much dignity and importance that Christ not only became one of us, but He also willingly gave His life to save us from sin and death.

In addition, October is also the month of the **Holy Rosary**. Just think of some of joyful mysteries of the Holy Rosary and their connection to various human life issues. The first joyful mystery, the *Annunciation* (Lk. 1: 26-38), shows us how with Mary's "yes" to the angel, the Word became flesh in her womb. God became Incarnate with Jesus' human life beginning <u>at conception</u>. After Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb, when Mary greeted her cousin Elizabeth [the *Visitation* (Lk. 1: 39-56)], John the Baptist leaped for joy in Elizabeth's womb. Remember how Elizabeth was in *advanced years*—a situation that today may be too easy an excuse to have an abortion. When Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem [the *Nativity* (Lk. 2: 1-7ff.)] with no room for Him anywhere else, I can just imagine someone today saying: "This child is a huge financial burden for us! We can't afford this child!" Sadly, these are just some reasons that can be rationalized for *terminating* an unwanted or inconvenient pregnancy.

Later in the evening that same day, after dinner with a brother priest, I had the privilege of viewing the new movie about **Mother (Saint) Teresa of Calcutta.** Sponsored by the *Knights of Columbus*, *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love* combined her life history with the work of her community (Missionaries of Charity) throughout the world today. Her expressed desire was not only to serve the poor, but the *poorest of the poor*. The film brilliantly shows how she respected the dignity of every human person without counting the cost and regardless of any danger or perceived difficulty. Unfortunately, the film was only in theaters for two days (October 3 and 4) but I am sure will be made available by other means (streaming, DVD, etc.) in the future. It is well worth your time to watch it!

I find it quite frustrating and tragic today, when so many politicians want to show others how they will support a *women's right to choose*, they continue to deny and disregard the value and dignity of the developing child in the womb. If people are honest and have integrity, they will admit how science definitively shows that a new human life begins at conception. This new, innocent person deserves to be given a chance to live in this world. Mother Teresa saw that so clearly.

#### Ministry Schedule for October 15/16

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Marta/Elena/Choir Julie	E. Beckman	K. McFadden	
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine Julie	K. Glover	S. Oatway	Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine Julie	M. Garber	M. Dwyer	M. Marsden S. Andino



Resistance – It is a word with significantly different outcomes in its meaning. It is good to resist evil and temptations; it is a strength that stands against perversity, tyranny, oppression.

Generations of Faith But it is not helpful when we resist GOD, or goodness, or virtue.

God is greater than our resistance and patiently waits for us to let our guard toward him down. Unfortunately, the people who resist God also resist goodness and prevent good from making its way through FAITH. Resisting good opens the door to evil ways, deception and confusion. The evidence of this is pretty much clear in the world we live in. Once we resist good, we give into deception and we wear colored glasses that let us see only what we want to see.

In this Sunday's first reading we heard that "Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of Elisha, the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean of his leprosy." Naaman was very skeptical about going to plunge himself in the river, it seemed a ridiculous thing to do. What if, in his resistance, he

would have said NO?" He would not have been healed. God is willing to heal us, but we have to be willing to change, to give him our hand as to a FATHER, and surrender, then our FAITH will rebound. It



means allowing God to break through our resistance and letting go. Our children need to see us trusting in God rather than resisting HIM.



The Knights of Columbus
"Roses for Life" Drive after
all Masses October 22nd—
23rd. All proceeds go to local
pregnancy centers. Please show
your support and purchase a
rose.



#### **Marriage Enrichment: Saturday October 1**





Thanks to our Presenters: Joe and Thea Hegarty





#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

4:30 PM Charles Fitzpatrick r/b family

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**

8:30 AM Sue Marie Buttacavoli

r/b Tina Petrone

11:00 AM Dick Haughwout

r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 10**

9:00AM Fr. Tom Caparella r/b GretaTyrrell

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

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

9:00AM Michael Mahon r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

9:00AM Anna Mae & Louis R. Arcaroli

r/b Gregory Wolfe

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

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13**

9:00 AM Dorothy Birney r/b Mary Von Lintig

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

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 AM Yves Fils r/b Esther

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

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**

4:30 PM Bill Kane r/b family

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**

8:30AM Janet Burrows

r/b Pat & Carol Luchtman

11:00AM Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family

#### Pope Francis' October Prayer Intentions: Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

#### **Underwear and Sock Drive**

Catholic Charities Prison Ministry is collecting items for the inmates in the Camden Diocese who are in need of clothing. Some correctional facilities only supply jumpsuits and many inmates have no means to buy clothing to wear under the jumpsuits. See the flyer on the Faith and Justice table for the specific articles to donate.

## 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



### 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*.

Lt. Col. James P. Tobin has retired!
Thank you for your service.

#### **Adult Faith Formation Events for October**

### Teaching Mass Celebrated 10:30 AM Saturday, October 22 in the Parish Chapel.

The Eucharistic Revival in the Camden Diocese asks each parish to teach parishioners the meaning of each Mass part. Catholics have questions about the Mass or misunderstandings. Come and learn as Fr. Chris celebrates a teaching Mass for us. Refreshments will be served after the Mass.

### The Landscape of Our Prayer-10:00 AM Monday, October 31st & November 7th Parish Hall

Prayer takes different forms depending on the place our heart finds itself. This was true of Jesus as well. He was drawn to the desert and the mountain; places both literal and symbolic for Jesus as they are for each of us. 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.

Call the Parish Office (856-424-3212) to register for each of these events.

### 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 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 16, 2022 - Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time, the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.' The Lord said, 'Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

#### **Commentary:**

Luke's Gospel is noted for his preaching on prayer. He also pays great attention to women, especially poor women. Widows were dependent on other men in the family. A widow had no state aid, nor could she work. If she had no one to help her, she had to beg. The widow in this story comes to the judge to help her get her rights. Since she was too poor to offer a bribe, he at first ignores her. But she kept insisting on her rights. The judge was afraid of her. He eventually gave in. If such a worthless judge would answer such pleas, would the loving God do any less? On the contrary, says Jesus, God will respond to people. God will bring them swift justice. Will God find people with the same unconquerable trust as this widow?

#### **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:** Statement by Archbishop William E. Lori continued: "Abortion is a gruesome sign of how we have forgotten our mutual belonging. The logic of Roe V. Wade has framed our

national discourse on the issue of abortion as a zero-sum conflict among individual strangers. But the truth of the matter is that mother and child are not strangers; they are already bound together by flesh and kinship. The new life that is developing under the heart of the mother is already situated in a network of relations including family, neighbors, and fellow citizens. The logic of Roe, in the name of autonomy, offers the woman only the right to see lethal force used against her child, but it otherwise abandons her."

Diocese of Camden Marian Pilgrimage Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, DC Saturday, October 29, 2022 Cost per person \$35.00. Space is limited Call the Parish Office to register. 856-424-3212

2022 Camden Diocesan White Mass 2:00 PM Sunday, October 23, 2022 Our Lady of Peace Parish -St. Mary Church

Public Square Rosary October 15, 12 Noon. We will meet in front of St. Thomas More near the statue of the Blessed Mother.



#### **Building a Culture of Life**

Almost fifty years after Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court has finally returned to the American people the authority to govern themselves on the matter of abortion. But justice alone is not enough. The opportunity which the Supreme Court has given us is not an opportunity to look backward and return to the past. Instead it is calling Catholics at every level to look forward and build a better future—a future in which the new hallmarks of our society will be solidarity, compassion, reconciliation, and a new unity as a nation.

Dear Parishioners and friends, to better pass on our FAITH to our children we equipped our classrooms with new smart TVs. Such choice is immediate given the way our children are taught and learn these days.

It is quite an expense and thus I am asking anyone who can to make a donation toward this project. Each TV came to \$260.00, which is more than we had anticipated. Please take this as an investment to benefit our children both now and in the future. We can provide a note for the IRS if requested.

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