# St. Thomas More Church

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#### Mass Schedule

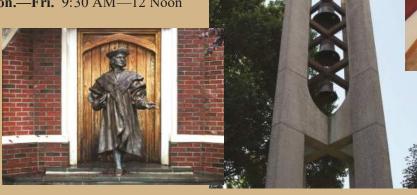
Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in

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**

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#### **Palm Sunday**

Father, we once again prepare to celebrate the holiest week in our Church year, the celebration of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection. May your Holy Spirit give us fresh insight and appreciation that you have brought us into the new covenant. You have made us brothers and sisters of Jesus and of one another. Help us always to live in your love as his disciples. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.



"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

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2024 Thursday, March 28, 2024 7:00 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Adoration after Mass until 10:00 PM

March 29, 2024 Good Friday Service 3:00 PM Stations at 7:00 PM





Saturday, March 2024 Blessing of Easter Baskets 12Noon Easter Vigil 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday 8:30 & 11:00AM



Stewardship Corner: Stewards Care - Palm Sunday

Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to live Stewardship by being the answer to someone's prayer.

#### From the Pastor's Desk

### Getting Ready for Holy Week

Dear Parishioners,

Palm and ashes—I never quite understood their attraction and the seeming necessity by some people to "get them" each year. After all, while Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and the day calls us all to repentance and reminds us of our own mortality, this day is not a holy day of obligation. Yet, church attendance is often excellent on this day. Remember, also, the day never falls on a weekend, but is rather a "work" and/or "school" day for most people. Yet, the people are inevitably present in droves.

Then there is today—*Palm Sunday*. This is another day usually with significantly high attendance. The palm branches recall Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Yet, *palm* is certainly not the most important symbol in Christianity.

The most significant days of Holy Week—*Holy Thursday*, *Good Friday and Easter*—are known as the Easter Triduum. Holy Thursday recalls when Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist as well as the Ministerial Priesthood. Good Friday commemorates Jesus' passion and death on the cross. The Easter Vigil sees new members welcomed into the faith and magnificently expresses the great joy of Christ risen from the dead! The Masses of Easter all continue to proclaim the joy of Christ's Resurrection. These days should be given our utmost priority and Catholic churches should necessarily be packed for each Mass or service.

Personally, as pastor I am greatly humbled on *Holy Thursday* to wash the feet of a group of my parishioners just like Jesus did for His disciples. Priesthood involves a mandate of service in imitation of Jesus' life and ministry. "You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet." (Jn. 13: 13-14) Praying and offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a daily privilege for me as a priest, which we solemnly experience during *Thursday of the Lord's Supper* followed by a procession and a period of silent prayer with the *Most Blessed Sacrament*.

On *Good Friday* we venerate the Holy Cross, read the Passion of the Lord according to St. John, pray intercessions and have an opportunity to receive Holy Communion. This day is most solemn and is one of the two remaining days of *fast and abstinence* required by the Church. Afterward, we give parishioners a final opportunity for the *Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation* (confession) before *Easter*.

If you are coming to the *Easter Vigil*, plan to spend at least two hours. There is no way that we can reverently celebrate all that is contained in this Mass by *rushing through it just to get it done!* This day happens only once a year and is <u>not</u> meant for those who are looking *to get in and out quickly*. We light the Easter fire, spend extensive time listening to Scripture readings which trace the history of salvation, bless the Easter water, and perform the *Sacraments of Initiation* (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) and other rituals all within this sacred Mass.

I hope that you will put these days of the Easter Triduum at the top of your list of spiritual priorities!

#### Ministry Schedule March 28/29/30/31, 2024

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Holy Thursday	Fr. Namiotka	Marta/ Choir Julie	J. Galati	L. Galati	N. Flynn L. Vascisin T. Johnson M. Marsden
Good Friday	Fr. Namiotka	Marta/ Choir Julie	J. De Michele	K.raemer L T. Smith V	A., C., R. Witts S. Andino
Easter Vigil	Fr. Namiotka	Becca Florence	Volunteers Needed	S. Kane, J. Cepeda J. Bland Campbell	Volunteers Needed
Easter Sunday 8:30 AM	Fr. Coronado	Celine Julie	B. Massey	D. Mayfield	E. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine/Choir Julie	J. Flynn T. Librojo	L. Flynn	N. Flynn L. Vascisin



# HOSANNA, BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

On this Sunday, "PALM SUNDAY", the liturgy invites us all to share in the joy and

celebration of the people who welcome Jesus as He enters Jerusalem; a joy that will soon fade and ends with the cruel persecution, suffering and death of Jesus. Yet, after crying out: 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!", a few days later, the same crowd shouted, "Crucify him", frustrated and disappointed by Jesus not leading the rebellion they expected of him.

But Jesus continues to choose the plan of his Father. Out of love, He freely offered Himself for us, as the prophet Isaiah 53:54, "He took up our pain and bore our suffering". To his friends Jesus says: "Learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart".

Pope Francis encourages us to look at Jesus and to follow Him: "... let ourselves be challenged by His final cry. He died crying out his love for each of us: young and old, saints and sinners, the people of his times and of our own. We have been saved by His cross, and no one can repress the joy of the Gospel. During this week, let us set about with determination, along this same path of Jesus' humility, with immense love for him, our Lord. Love will guide us and give us strength. For where He is, we too shall be (cf. In 12:26)" ... let us continue to look at Him, to follow Him in his suffering and death, in order to experience together the Joy of His new life, the joy of His Resurrection!

REMINDERS: March 24: Palm Sunday: Session n# 22 March 28: Holy Thursday – March 29– Good Friday March 30 Easter Vigil– March 31—EASTER



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Altar Servers were Commissioned on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased to welcome to this ministry Daniel Witts, Jackson Haydan, and Maura Flynn. Congratulations!!







#### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

4:30 PM Nick Menna

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24** 

8:30 AM Intentions of STM Parishioners

r/b Carlos & Daisy Santiago

11:00 AM Fr. Phillip Johnson r/b Levin family **MONDAY, MARCH 25** 

9"00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26** 

9:00 AM Intentions of Clara Lee r/b Greta

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

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

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 PM AM Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

3:00 PM Good Friday Service

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

12noon Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:30 AM Deceased members of Savoia & Cona families

11:00 AM Intentions of Benedict's Place Small **Christian 'Community** 



Thank YOU! Through the generous donations of St. Thomas More parishioners 1,196 pounds of food were donated to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. We appreciate your generosity.



#### **Eucharistic Revival quotes from Pope Francis**

"...and in this Eucharist, we feel this belonging to the Church, to the body God, to Jesus Christ. We will never completely grasp the value and the

richness of it. Let us ask that this sacrament continue to keep his presence alive in the Church and to shape our community in charity and communion according to the Father's heart. General audience Feb. 5, 2014

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE

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



va 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, ichael 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., Rov 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.

#### **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.



**IGHTS** An invitation to men of the parish from the Cherry Hill Council 6173 OF COLUMBUS Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus has been a IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL brotherhood of Catholic men

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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 Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 - John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Even on Easter morning when we are exuberant with the joy of resurrection celebration, the gospel reminds us that the paschal mystery embraces dying as well as rising. This gospel is filled with contradictions, as are our own lives. Like the early disciples, we do "not yet understand." Yet we sing our continuous Alleluias.

#### **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:** Abortion and racism are both symptoms of a fundamental human error. The error is thinking that when someone stands in the way of our wants, we can justify getting that person out of our

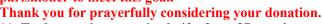
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- <u>Dr. Alveda King</u>, American Activist and Author, niece of Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### 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.



\*\* 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.

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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.



#### Prayers for the people of Haiti

"As the social, political, and security situation in Haiti continues dangerously to deteriorate, I would like to express my steadfast solidarity with my brother bishops and the people of Haiti. I would like to commend especially the heroic efforts of Haitian and international aid workers, including our own Catholic Relief Services, who are working tirelessly to provide vitally necessary assistance to the people of Haiti. Let us pray for the people of this land through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Patroness of Haiti that violence cease, and peace and reconciliation in the country be realized with the support of the international community. Bishop Zaidan, Committee on International Justice and Peace, USCCB.



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