St. Thomas More Church

1439 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 856-424-3212 • Fax: 856-424-2411 Web Site: http://stthomasmorenj.org/ • E-mail: sthomasmore@comcast.net

Mass Schedule

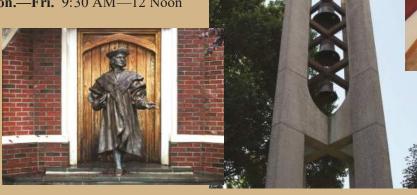
Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in

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



Send all bulletin announcements to: stmsecretary1439@gmail.com by 2:00pm Monday

DIRECTORY

Parish Trustees	Jeannine Mc Menamin Henry Glover		Worship Altar Servers	Sister Ann Byrnes	856-424-3212
Christian Life/Education	Tiemy Glover		Church Environment Ch. Art Environment	Committee Committee	
Bereavement	Staff	856- 424-3212	Eucharistic Ministers	Sr. Ann Byrnes	856-424-3212
Consolation Ministry	Ann Marie Lento	856- 344-7454	Lectors	Dan Miller/ Sr. Ann By	
•	Jon Lisitski jonll	1@comcast.net	Linen Committee	Ann Vigrass	856-428-7217
Faith & Justice Team	Chris Baeckstrom	856-912-7078	Sacristans	Greta Tyrrell Dom Sacca	856-428-2412
Hospital Visitors	Staff & Euch. Ministers	856-424-3212		Dave Bongiovanni	
Intercessory Prayer	Ann Vigrass	856-428-7217		Joe Centonze	
Knights of Columbus	John Galati	856-424-3212	Ushers	Chico Febus	
Marriage Formation	Bob & Elizabeth Scarpa	856-795-1160	Social Development Bridge Groups	Joyce DeMichele	856-424-4008
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.	Sr. Rosangela Ganau,	856-424-3212	Bridge Groups	Barbara Cerquitella	856-795-7323
Respect Life	Staff		Parish Festival	Committee	856-424-3212
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Sister Ann Byrnes	856-424-3212	Women's Club	Barbara Cerquitella	856-795-7323
Rosary Ministry	Marian Kapischke	856-424-2053		Lorraine Kennedy	856-489-0031
Small Christian Comm.	Sr. Ann Byrnes		Administration		
Spiritual Retreats	John Galati	856-428-7073	House of Charity	Sheila Tartamosa	856-424-3212
St. Vincent de Paul	Chico Febus	856-424-3212	Parish Finance Council	Robert Crawford	856-424-3212
Stewardship	Sheila Tartamosa	856-424-3212	Parish Pastoral Council	Marie Enny	856-751-8893
Welcoming Team	Shirley Kane	856-424-8022			

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



Welcome to St. Thomas More!

We are delighted that you've chosen to celebrate Easter with us to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we gather to celebrate this glorious day, let us reflect on the significance of the empty tomb and the victory over death that Easter represents. This victory is a promise of eternal life for all who believe. Let us offer a prayer of gratitude.

Dear Lord,

We come before You on this Easter morning with thankful hearts. We are grateful for the hope and new life that Easter brings. May our worship today be a fitting tribute to the resurrection of Jesus, our Redeemer. In Jesus' Name, 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

Viewing of the Film "The Letter"
On Monday April 22nd at 6:45PM in the Parish Meeting Room the Faith & Justice Team is showing the film "The Letter" which explores Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical Laudato Si' This film is an address to all of humanity of the threatening impact our current lifestyle poses for our planet and all those living in it. Mark your calendar to attend!!



Stewardship Corner: Easter Sunday Living Stewardship

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year by living Stewardship. Pray daily and l isten for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

From the Pastor's Desk

What If?

Dear Parishioners,

What if there were no Easter Sunday? What if Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead?

Well, you certainly would not be reading this message from me. I suspect that I would probably be married with a family, engaged in some other kind of occupation. I certainly would not be a Catholic priest. Perhaps, a Jewish rabbi? Who knows?

There would be no Catholic churches. No Christian, Orthodox or Protestant churches as well. No Mass. No Eucharist. No sacramental Confession. No Christian Baptism. Any of the other sacraments? Nope.

Forget the Catholic schools, Catholic hospitals and Catholic orphanages. No Catholic charities. No Religious Orders like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Augustinians or Dominicans.

We would never hear those timeless Catholic hymns. No Gregorian chant. *Tantum Ergo*, *O Salutaris, Pange Lingua*, *Stabat Mater*... unfortunately, they would not exist. None of the great Christian-themed artwork that fills the rooms and walls of museums either.

No Communion of Saints. No need for Christian martyrs. No Gospels. No Evangelists. No Christian apologists.

Cities like San Francisco, Los Angeles, St. Louis, St. Paul and Santa Cruz, countries like El Salvador and San Marino, islands like St. Thomas, St. John and St. Martin would obviously have other non-Christian names.

No popes. No bishops. No organized hierarchy. No dioceses.

If we were fortunate enough to be Jewish, we would still be awaiting a messiah. Will God remember His promises to our ancestors? Will He send someone to save us?

If we were not Jewish, unfortunately, we might be worshipping some pagan god, not knowing any better.

Jesus of Nazareth would have been seen as some crazy, self-proclaimed messiah like a Jim Jones, David Koresh, Charles Manson, Sun Myung Moon or Marshall Applewhite, instead of *Lord*, *God* and *Savior*.

Would we have hope in eternal life without the Resurrection of Jesus? Would we have forgiveness of sin? Would the cross of Christ be just another Roman execution among many others?

". . . And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins." (1 Cor. 15: 17)

Fortunately for us, **Jesus Christ is Risen!** Our world will never be the same again—ever! We have hope and a promise of immortality—eternal life! We have the forgiveness of sin! We are given new life through Christ! Realize how blessed we truly are!

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

Ministry Schedule April 6/7

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	E. Beckman	J. Bland Campbell	
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	B. Massey	S. Oatway	D. & A. Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	J. Galati	L. Galati	S. Andino J. Hayden



Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Let Us feast In the Lord!

As God's people, every Sunday we gather together to worship, to joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

This solemn Event has to do something with our everyday life. Yes, in fact, our Christian life finds its source, power and meaning in the Resurrection of Jesus. Easter!!! What does this Easter Day really mean for us, for me, today? What is the connection of the Resurrection of Jesus to my very life? Looking at Mary Magdalene in today's Gospel, we see her, early in the morning, the day after Sabbath, going to the tomb, to mourn yes, but also to bring gifts to her beloved Master and friend Jesus. But..., His body was not there; so, with much worry and anxiety she ran to tell Jesus' friends...

And..., where are we, now? What is it behind my empty tomb today, what kind of darkness, aspirations, worry or failure do I have within me that I can present in trust to the Lord in order to allow Him to see, to open my own tomb, my own heart so to experience His Presence anew, His very Life within me, his Light and the joy of His resurrection in me? May our new relationship with the Risen Jesus bring us that joy that overflows also in our relationships with others.

A blessed and a Happy Easter to all of us!!!

REMINDERS:

March 31: EASTER SUNDAY

April 13, Saturday, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, the 8th graders: Pilgrimage to St. John Newman and to the Cathedral of Philadelphia (Optional for parents and sponsors).

April 13, Saturday, from 10:00 to 11:30, in the Chapel: Retreat for Second graders in preparation for their first Communion and for the parents.



Your *Catholic Ministries Appeal* gift helps our Catholic Schools give our children gifts for life, including a strong faith foundation, academic 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/

How to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet using the Rosary

- Begin with the sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.
- Then, on the Our Father beads say the following: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in
 - atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. On the 10 Hail Mary beads say the following: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and the whole world. (Repeat steps 2 & 3 for all five decades).
- Conclude with (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and the whole world.

On Saturday, April 20, VITALity Catholic Healthcare
Services is sponsoring The Way of St. James on the Road of
Life pilgrimage walk starting at St. James Church, entnor
from 9:00 AM—1:00PM This free event for seniors, their
families and friends includes a morning prayer service,
walk along the boardwalk, Mass, lunch and a t-shirt. We
invite you and your parishioners to join us in this day of
fellowship and prayer. Call 856-583-6121 to register.



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

MONDAY, APRIL 1

9"00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

9:00 AM Fr. Phillip Johnson

r/b Mike & Donna Accetta

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

9:00 AM Fr. Phillip Johnson

r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

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

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

9:00 AM Fr. Phillip Johnson r/b Mary Mermer

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 AM Catherine Namiotka

r/b Little Servant Sisters

4:30 PM Bill Kane r/b family

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:30 AM Lincoln James Morehead r/b DuckWorth **11:00 AM** Fr. Phillip Johnson r/b Joyce De Michele

Eucharistic Revival quotes from Pope Francis

God makes himself tiny, like a morsel of bread. That is precisely why we need a great heart to be able to recognize,



adore and receive him. God's presence is so humble, hidden, and often unseen that in order to recognize his presence, we need a heart that is ready, alert, and welcoming. But if our heart, rather than welcoming, is more like a closet

where we wistfully keep things from the past; or an attic where we long ago stored our dreams and enthusiasm, or a dreary chamber filled only with us, our problems, our disappointments, then it will be impossible to recognize God's silent and unassuming presence. *Homily—June 6*, 2021

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., 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*.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions April 2024 For The Role Of Women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

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 Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024- John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ... Thomas was not with them when Jesus came. He said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." (Jesus appears to them again. This time Thomas is present. Jesus invites Thomas to see his wounds and to believe.) Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Commentary:

Thomas, who was absent when Jesus first appeared to the apostles in the locked upper room, refused to believe that the Lord has risen. Now, Jesus speaks to Thomas and tells him to examine his hands, etc. Thomas moves from unbelief to belief. Thomas saw and believed and new life was given to him. We who have not seen and have believed have also been given new life by God. The Spirit's presence within those who believe testifies that Jesus is the Son of God.

- **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 is a profoundly immoral and unjust act: the taking of an innocent human life at its most defenseless. As Christians committed to justice and righteousness, we cannot stand by and just let that happen."— **Dr. James Anderson**, Author

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 45 people totaling \$24, 325, 00 which is 27.19% of our goal.

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 website: cherryhillfoodpantry.org and buy your tickets and you will automatically be entered in the drawing. If you want to pay by cash or check, you can get tickets from Jon Lisitski (Email:

jonll1@comcast.net — Cell: 856-905-6162) 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.



Nationwide Invitation to prayer

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from March 25th, through June when a decision from the Supreme Court is expected regarding chemical abortion. Thank you for responding to this invitation to prayer for an end to all abortions and for the protection of women and preborn children.

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" ~ 1 Peter 1:3

YOUR Catholic Cemetery CONSECRATED

Holy & Sacred Place

St. Thomas More

JESUS, BREAD of LIFE Cemetery & Mausoleum

A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS

HEATED & AIRCONDITIONED



PRE-PLANNING OPTIONS AVAILABLE: 0%/24 MONTHS

ILLITARY/KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 1st Responders Discount

Parishioner Discount

1.5 Miles from Route 295 | 3055 Fostertown Road, Mount Laurel New Jersey | (856) 317-6400 | www.catholiccemeteriessouthjersey.org

Jim Doyle

Church Bulletin Representative I'm here to help your business be noticed!



jdoyle@jppc.net 609-410-6325 www.jppcadvertising.com











Advertise your business in the Church Bulletin

- · In print, online and interactive app
- · Reaches parish families and visitors each week
- Constant presence keeps a strong link between you and customers
- Well-read publication a trusted source
- Affordable Advertising local, targeted to community

Any New Stairlift With This Ad

- FREE in home evaluations
- Family owned & operated for more than 20 years

1.888.900.8883 i

www.Tri-StateStairlifts.com

RIDESHAR

top

sk

atch

nform

#WHATSMYNAME

basement waterproofing

In Our 4th Decade of Quality Service

French Drains Foundation Repair Mold Remediation

All Work Guaranteed

877-401-4777

www.morganbasementwaterproofing.com



Sponsors can offer promotions, discounts and/or up-to-date contact information to the **ENTIRE** community



ANYONE in the community, not only Parishioners, can access realtime offers from their favorite sponsors to save, share & support





BRADLEY FUNERAL HOME



"Celebrating 50 Years of Commitment to Community"

Jill Bradley Ingram, Mgr., N.J. Lic. No. 4226 • Wilson R. Bradley, N.J. Lic. No. 2917 • Patrick P. Smarrito, N.J. Lic. No. 3571 Brian J. Barnett, N.J. Lic. No. 3909 • Kevin T. Comber, N.J. Lic. No. 4660

One Location ~ Serving Your Family Since 1968 | www.BradleyFHMarlton.com | 856-983-1005



DONE THE WAY THINGS USED TO BE DONE, WITH PRIDE. In Cherry Hill **Over 30 Years**

856-667-4545 www.mcnultyroofingandsidingco.com



Douglas A. Fendrick, Esquire **ELDER LAW ESTATE PLANNING** SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING LIFE CARE PLANNING



1950 Route 70 East Suite 200 Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 (856) 489-8388 www. fendrickmorganlaw.com

ROCCO FU

Joseph C. Bocco, Jr., Manager, N.J. Lic. No. 3323

Nicholas Joseph Lukaszewicz, Director, N.J. Lic. No. 5119

catholicmatch*

New Jersey

1300 North Kings Hwy. • Cherry Hill

(856) 795-5991

www.boccofuneralhome.com



Make a Difference in Your Community

VOLUNTEER

with the American Red Cross

Join today at redcross.org/Volunteer

Mallory's Army Foundation

United Together In The Fight Against Bullying.. Don't Just Teach Kindness... BE KINDNESS!



Message and data rates may app



CatholicMatch.com/ dateNJ

Family Owned and Operated Since 1987 FREE INSPECTION Licensed & Insured



BASEMENT WATERPROOFING MOLD REMEDIATION

FOUNDATION REPAIR

856-317-1111

BBB

www.RightwayWaterproofing.com

SCHETTER FUNERAL HOME

304 W. Route 70 • Cherry Hill, NJ 08002 www.schetterfh.com • 856-429-8545

William A. Schetter III, Manager, Lic. # 4826 • William A. Schetter, Jr. Director, Lic. # 3393 Edmund J. Putnick, Director, Lic. # 3949