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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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 14, 2024

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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Holy Spirit

we thank you

for gathering us together to share your Word .
Fill us with the same fervor that empowered Peter to
proclaim Jesus and his message.
Just as you opened the eyes of the two disciples
on the road to Emmaus,
open our eyes to recognize
your holy presence in our midst.
Fill our hearts with cheerful courage
and loving trust in you.
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 Divine Mercy Sunday was \$7196. The budgeted amount was \$8500. We have received another \$722.05 for Easter. “*Giving is more than a responsibility—it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience—it is evidence of our faith.*” William Arthur Ward

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: 3rd Sunday of Easter Stewardship Life

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” - LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life of Stewardship and not a “self-centered” life.

From the Pastor's Desk
Easter _____.

Dear Parishioners,

Could you please fill in the **blank** for me? **Easter** _____.

1. Bunny
2. Candy
3. Egg
4. Bonnet
5. Parade
6. Table (Meal)
7. Basket
8. Bread
9. Card
10. Flowers

11. →Sunday ←

(If you picked #11, then you at least know **a hint** when you see one!)

Easter *Sunday*, the *Octave of Easter* and the *Easter season* has come. Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen! We now await the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Many *secular* ideas, traditions, and customs have found their way into our culture. They are not necessarily bad *in and of themselves*. As *Christians*, however, nothing else is really as important as Christ *conquering sin and death and rising from the dead*. Easter is about Resurrection. It is about *eternal life*. It is about *hope*.

Starting a church the way Christ did seems like it should have been a *recipe for disaster*:

- Pick a rag-tag bunch of mostly uneducated disciples—one who **denies** you *when the going gets tough*, and one who **betrays** you.
- Preach to the general public for only a few years, *mysteriously* at times.
- Pick an area of the world oppressed by foreign rule.
- Pick a time in history without the *internet*, radio, television, newspapers or *mass media* as we know it today.
- Allow yourself to be tortured and then **put to death** without offering resistance.

Should the Catholic Church still be around over 2000 years later?

When everything seemed like failure, the **Risen** Jesus appeared to the disciples:

While they were still speaking . . . (Jesus) stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. (Luke 24:36-40)

Resurrection made all the difference, then and now. The Church still remains *despite all obstacles*, build on the foundation of *Christ*—the **Risen Christ**. May the joy of **Easter** bring meaning and *hope* to your lives, today and every day!

Please continue to celebrate the joy of Easter! (And prepare for the gift of the *Holy Spirit* at *Pentecost*, as well!)

Fr. Ed Namiołka, Pastor

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 14, 2024

Ministry Schedule April 20/21

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Coronado	Len	E. Beckman	C. Betson—Smith	
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Becca Julie	Sr. Diana	S. Oatway	R. & A. Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Becca/ Choir Julie	D. Staton	C. Musso	S. Andino M. Marsden



**“Peace Be with You...
Then, He Opened
Their Minds...”**



The disciples, in today’s Gospel, were still closed in a room, fearful and troubled for the sufferings and death of their beloved friend and Lord Jesus. When He appeared to them, they did not to recognize Jesus. Only after His assuring Words of Peace and Love were their eyes and hearts opened and they had the courage to proclaim His Words of Truth. The Spirit’s strength enabled them to face and endure persecutions, even with the sacrifice of their own lives for the life of others

Let us ask God to open our eyes and hearts to recognize Him so we might be able to share His loving Presence and compassion ”.

like the apostles, martyrs and Saints of our time.

Martin Luther King, before being assassinated said:

“Now, let us begin. Now, let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter, but beautiful, struggle for a new world. This is the calling of the sons of God, and our brothers wait eagerly for our response.

Reminders:

April 28: Catechist Creativity Day

May 2: First Communion Rehearsal, from 4:30-5:30 PM

May 5: First Communion during Sunday Mass, at 11:00

May 5: Last Session for all with Mary Crowning

Camden Catholic Summer Camps Registration now open

Theater Camp (The Lion King Jr.) Robotics, HSPT Prep, Creative Writing and High School Transition, Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Boys Lacrosse and Bowling. Dates & ages vary. Visit: www.camdenatholic.org/summercamps to register.

Wellness tips for the Caregiver for the month of April from VITALity: Self-Care for the Caregiver

Caregiving can bring many gifts including strengthening relationships with loved ones and experiencing personal fulfillment in feeling needed. **Caregivers can often feel overwhelmed in trying to balance the needs of others with their own physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Regular self-care can help with this. Self-care is an intentional and important practice (not selfish) for all, especially for those who care of others.**

We offer you these tips to help to support your self-care needs:

- **Give 10 minutes (or more) daily to yourself to quiet your mind with prayer, meditation, gardening or other.**
- **Schedule needed medical exams. Honor your health by keeping appointments.**
- **Ask for help. Delegate responsibilities where and when you can.**
- **Schedule a visit or call with a family member, friend or support person.**
- **Include an activity in your week that brings you joy. What brings you joy?**

**“All Are Welcome”: Dining in the Kingdom of God”
10:00 AM Wednesdays April 17th, & 24th
Parish Hall**

Presenter: Sr. Clare D’Auria OSF

“Blessed is anyone who will eat Bread in the Kingdom of God!” Luke 14: 15

To register: Call or email the parish office: 856-424-3212; sthomasmore@comcast.net

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SATURDAY, APRIL 13

4:30 PM **Jim Tobin** r/b family

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:30 AM **John Shanoskie**

r/b Pauline Montes & family

11:00 AM **Intentions of Nesta Luzi** r/b Greta

MONDAY, APRIL 15

9:00 AM **People of the Parish**

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 AM **Intentions of Richard Tyrrell** r/b family

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

9:00 AM **Intentions of Sr. Maria Gesarina Tedesco**

r/b Franciscan Sisters

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

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

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

9:00 AM **Intentions of Sr. Irma Farrariello**

r/b Franciscan Sisterd

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

4:30 PM **Elizabeth Davish Betson**

r/b Chris Betson-Smith

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

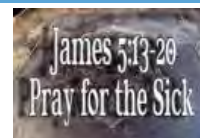
8:30 AM **Luigi Iannuzzi**

11:00 AM **Fr. Phillip Johnson**

r/b Rick & Elaine Beckman

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

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Joe Centonze, 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.*

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.

SJCM A 2024 APPEAL: "THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM" **St. Thomas More's Goal is \$89,700. Thank you for prayerfully considering your donation. ** To date we have received gifts from 60 people totaling 29,425.00 which is 32.8% of our goal.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of :

Vince Menna

(Marianne Wilkins' brother)

William O'Donnell

Eucharistic Revival quotes from Pope Francis

"This is why the Eucharistic commemoration does us so much good: is not an abstract, cold and superficial memory. , but a living remembrance that comforts us with God's love. A memory that is both recollection and imitation. The Eucharist is flavored with Jesus' words and deeds, the taste of his Passion, the fragrance of his Spirit. When we receive it, our hearts are overcome with the certainty of Jesus' love." *Homily—June 18, 2017*



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 with this QR code include "Council 6173" when asked and use the promo code: BLESSEDDMCGIVNEY to join for free.**



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 14, 2024

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024 - John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd."

Commentary:

Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd in today's gospel. He knows his sheep by name; he knows their habits and traits. His sheep know him. His love for them is so great that he freely lays down his life for them. People who know each other in the deep way described in this passage share their thoughts, feelings and will. They become one heart and one mind. Each has no life without the other. Jesus and his Father know each other in that way. Now Jesus tells his followers that they too have a share in this depth and intimacy.

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 child, by reason of higher physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth."

— **United Nations' Declaration of the Rights of the Child**, November 1959

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors of the church NEXT 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.'**



Environment: Facts about Mining ---To maintain our standard of living, every person in the US uses over 40,000 pounds of minerals each year. [The US Geological Survey](#)

----In 2022, the revenue of the top **40 global mining companies amounted to a record \$943 billion.**

---There are **22, 069** active and **159, 735** abandoned metal mines around the world.

—The air and water pollution caused by mountaintop removal—a mining method used to access coal—leads to increases in cardiovascular disease, lung cancer, pulmonary disease, and birth defects.

[Yale School of the Environment](#)



Please join us **Sunday, April 28th at the 11:00 AM Mass** as we show our **appreciation and thanks to Sr. Ann Byrnes, RSM.**

Sr. Ann has served St. Thomas More Parish faithfully for 15 years. Her years of service to God and others are a wonderful witness to all of us. God has blessed us with her ministry. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Lord Jesus Christ, the light of your love shines on, illuminating the places where you are present. As the bewildered disciples pondered the stories of your appearance, you penetrated the darkness of their fear and doubt with your word of peace.

We pray for those who struggle with doubt, fear, and uncertainty. May your light shine upon them, bringing comfort and assurance. May this season of Easter continue to fill our hearts with hope, and may we extend that hope to others through acts of love and service. Amen.



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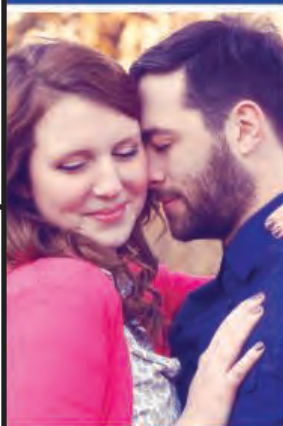
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