

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



Father Edward Namiotka, Pastor

Father Victorino Coronado, In Residence

Sister Rosangela Ganau, FMIJ, Catechetical Leader

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Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

In the Chapel

First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass



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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
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I Have A Mission

*Heavenly Father, You created me to do some definite service.
Open my eyes that I may see the needs of others.
Help me to hear Your voice when You call out to me.
Open my heart to embrace Your welcoming works to love one another.
Use me to bring peace, hope, and faith where they are needed!*

The collection for Sunday, May 12, 2024 was \$6409.00. The budgeted amount was \$8500.

“God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with.” Billy Graham

Hats Off!

If you are graduating, or know of any other graduates who would like to be recognized for their achievement, please contact the Parish Office (856-424-3212). We would love to celebrate with you!



“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: Pentecost Sunday Stewardship Service

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, **each Steward must do what we are called to do.** Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

From the Pastor's Desk
I Believe in the Holy Spirit . . .

Dear Parishioners,

Pentecost Sunday. The Holy Spirit is poured out on the Apostles. The Catholic Church comes alive! The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us:

The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. This joint mission henceforth brings Christ's faithful to share in his communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit prepares men and goes out to them with his grace, in order to draw them to Christ. The Spirit manifests the risen Lord to them, recalls his word to them and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He makes present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, in order to reconcile them, to bring them into communion with God, that they may "bear much fruit." (Jn. 15: 8, 16) CCC #737

I think that we need to be reminded regularly about the presence of the Holy Spirit continually working among us. Let me relate to you a quite remarkable and unforgettable instance from my past.

While I was still in high school work, the theology department from my high school at the time would annually bring the senior class to *Maris Stella Church* in Avalon, NJ for a *Day of Recollection*. The day was known to the students as *Senior Retreat*. While I would inevitably celebrate the Mass for the students, I was not usually the speaker chosen to present all the talks or reflections the entire day. This one particular year, while I had some free time, I was given the duty to travel to the local convenience store to pick up lunch for all the chaperones.

As I was leaving the convenience store with the bag of sandwiches and other edibles in my arms, a young man approached me and asked if I were a Catholic Priest. I was dressed in my black clerical garb wearing my roman collar at the time. After telling him "yes," he asked if he could speak to me in private. In the course of the conversation, he told me that it was his birthday that day and he had prayed to God specifically for the opportunity to go to confession. He later sees me in the convenience store! And he was given the answer to his prayer—to go to confession—for some unbelievable, mysterious reason!

I wonder what the odds were of meeting *this particular person at this particular convenience store in this particular town at this particular time for this particular purpose*. Probably as great odds as hitting the *Power Ball*! I believe it was the Holy Spirit mysteriously at work in a remarkable way! This was not the first time—and I am pretty confident that it will not be the last time—when God's Holy Spirit would mysteriously and inexplicably guide the course of things. Some may call it "chance" or a "random occurrence." I, however, see it as God's Holy Spirit at work in response to prayer.

On this *Pentecost Sunday*, try to become more attuned to the presence and working of God's Holy Spirit in your daily lives. Just as the apostles were guided, strengthened and enlightened by the Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost, trust that the same Holy Spirit is present today, willing to do the same for you!

Oh, by the way, a strange occurrence happened to me subsequently when I went on a sick call. Intending to bring Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick to one particular person (as requested), I just "happened" to be temporarily delayed. Later, when I finally went, I inexplicably crossed paths with someone else looking for a priest to do the same for an entirely different person! Was this just another coincidence? Or was it rather God's Holy Spirit mysteriously guiding me once again to do His work?

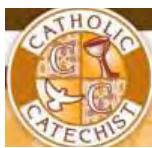
If you ask me, I'll simply tell you that *I believe in the Holy Spirit*.

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

Ministry Schedule May 25/26

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Florence	G. Tyrrell	C. Betson Smith	T. Johnson
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	K. Witts	K. Kraemer	R. & A. Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Coronado	Marta/Choir Julie	D. Staton	B. Haughwout	A. Bresani J. Hayden



THE SOLEMNITY of PENTECOST
 Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. It comes 50 days after Easter and it is considered the "birthday" of the Christian Church (Acts 2:1-11). The Holy Spirit, coming upon the Disciples in their locked doors, in their confusion and fears, made of them courageous witnesses of Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. They suddenly started to share with new trust and joy, the Good News of the Gospel to their Jewish people and to the whole world.



On this Feast of Pentecost, as we open ourselves to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with new confidence and trust with the whole Church:
"Today, on Pentecost Sunday, we offer ourselves to work with you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, not just in our homes and in our local church, but we promise: to step out of our comfort zone, to pray and to support your mission to the unreached. We pray, enlarge our vision of the world and give us the strength, love and wisdom to reach all nations, peoples and tribes in your name and for your glory"
Amen.

**First Communion
May 5, 2024**

**Congratulations
to the children, and
their families.**

**St. Thomas More Parish
celebrates with you!**



Come Join Us!

Diocesan Holy Year 2025 Pilgrimage—Rome and the Shrines of Italy. Join people from across the Diocese of Camden for this pilgrimage of Hope **March 24th through April 2nd, 2025.** Visit Rome, Montecassino, the Shrine of St. Padre Pio, the Cave of St. Michael Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Bolsena, Orvieto and much more. The price is \$4996 per person, double occupancy from Philadelphia, including airfare, accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily with wine at dinner. Tips and personal items not included. For more information visit: www.pilgrimages.com/frhughes/italy or contact Fr. Hughes at Robert.Hughes@camdendiocese.org.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are happy to **announce** that St. Thomas More Parish has received a Security GRANT in the amount of **\$50,000.00**.

This grant will be used for:

- *Door Access Control System
- *Intrusion Alarm System
- *Camera Equipment and monitor.
- *Office Door intercom with monitor.
- *Material and Labor

*Improved Campus Security Lighting

*Preliminary work is expected to be started this week.
We will keep you updated on the Progress.*

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 66 people totaling 40,725. 00 which is 45.4% of our goal.**

Weekly Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 18

4:30 PM **Mark Delladio**

r/b Doug & Arlene Saladik & family

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:30 AM **Stan Zacharkow**

11:00 AM **Deacon Ed Protzman** r/b Helen

MONDAY, MAY 20

9:00 AM **Joseph & Virginia Cona**

r/b John & Rosemary Faford

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, MAY 21

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

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

9:00 AM **Mary Cybery** r/b Greta

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY MAY 23

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

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

9:00 AM **Elizabeth Gasparre**

r/b Gasparre family & Cindy Gasparre

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

4:30 PM **Stan Zacharkow**

SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:30 Intentions of **Steven & Audrey Johnson**

11:00 AM **John Wallace** r/b Pat Luchtman

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

PRAYERS: *THE SICK*...

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



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*.



An invitation to men of the parish from the Cherry Hill Council 6173 Knights of Columbus: 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: BLESSEDDMCGIVNEY to join for free.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of :
Helen Protzman



Eucharistic Revival quotes from Pope Francis

" The Eucharist is the culmination of Jesus' entire life, which was a single act of love toward the Father and brothers and sisters.

There, too, as with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, Jesus took the bread in his hands, raised a prayer of blessing to the Father, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples; and he did the same with the cup of wine. But in that moment, on the eve of his Passion, with that gesture, he wished to leave the Testament of his new and eternal Covenant, a perpetual memorial of the Paschal Mystery of his death and resurrection" *Angelus—June 23, 2019*

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For May 2024 For The Formation Of Men And Women Religious And Seminarians

Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

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 Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024 – Matt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Commentary:

Matthew tells us that the apostles now recognize Jesus in his risen life and they worship him. Jesus drew near to them as he always draws near to humankind. Having formed them as his disciples, he now sends them forth in turn to make disciples of all nations. They are to baptize people in such a way that they will be seen as sons and daughters of God. The trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – describes an experience of the one, true God who creates, liberates and makes holy. Into this God, a community of persons, we are plunged by our Baptism.

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: "This much I know is true. Abortion is an atrocity. Those who practice or praise it are either damn idiots, misguided fools, or treacherous devils." –

[**Christopher Titus**](#), American Comedian

Help South Jersey Catholic Schools students receive the well-funded transportation and nursing services they DESERVE The New Jersey Catholic Conference and South Jersey Catholic Schools are seeking your support for an increase for two important school services – transportation and school nursing – in the upcoming New Jersey state budget. The New Jersey Catholic Conference has created an action alert through their Voter Voice System that will go directly to Governor Murphy's office. Please fill out the action alert and make your voice heard from Catholic school students!



Prayer for Justice

Grant us, Lord God,
a vision of your world
as your love would have it:
a world where the weak are protected,
and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared,
and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and
cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice,
and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

RETRouveille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 9 - 11, 2024 and again on October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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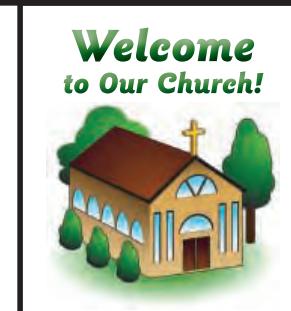


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