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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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 21, 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 call 856-424-3212

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



Are you new to the parish?

Call the Parish Office to register or find the registration form on our webpage.

Sstthomasmorenj.org

Do you have a new phone number?

New email address? New street address?

New baby? Any changes to your life?

Well, guess what—

Summertime is the perfect time to update parish census records.

Please email smtartamosa@comcast.net with any updates or changes.

The collection for Sunday, July 14, 2024

Second Sunday of the Month

\$3881.00 Sunday

\$1534.76 E-Giving

\$5415.76 Total

Your on-going support is needed and appreciated.

Thank You!

When we give, we experience a unique closeness to God that only comes to us when we are generous. Like all parents, God wants to see his children being kind, generous, and loving.



“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

Next Retrouvaille weekends in Malvern, PA August 9th—11th, 2024 and October 4th—6th, 2024.

www.HelpOurMarriage.com for information. Or call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Stewardship Corner: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Stewardship Calling

“He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” MARK 6:31

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you to Stewardship? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some “alone” time with God.

From the Pastor's Desk

Our Tumultuous, Fragile World

Dear Parishioners,

Last Saturday, while I was eating dinner, I received a text from one of my friends that the former President of the United States, **Donald J. Trump**, was shot. Of course, various questions started coming to mind: *Who was the shooter? How did this happen? Is He okay? Why now? Etc.*

I have seen numerous videos of the incident since that time while also listening to first hand reports from those who were at the location. There are still far too many unanswered questions about this apparent *lone shooter*, and I have to wonder sincerely if we will ever get the true and complete story from those investigating the situation. I fear not. Let me just say that there are many, many unusual circumstances surrounding this attempted assassination as well as signs of failure by those charged with protecting the former president.

There was also a man killed in the incident and two others critically wounded. Please pray for Corey Comperatore, a former fire chief, who was shot while protecting family members. The Pennsylvania governor said he “died a hero.”

As I think about what happened last Saturday, I realize that somehow by God's Divine Providence, the former president was saved from immediate death. There was only an inch or so difference between life and death. Violence has no place in our society, whether it is towards an elected official or some unknown person in the city streets.

Extreme violence can also be hidden from the average person's eyes such as the termination of a baby in the womb. The baby dies nonetheless and this sadly continues to be championed as something good and a “right” in our society.

I watched the *Republican National Convention* (July 14-18, Milwaukee, WI) to see that the former president has returned to the spotlight and is apparently in good health. No matter what your personal feelings are towards the man, he has proven to be relentless, strong, and courageous and filled with extraordinary resilience. I continue to pray for him as well as for our current president. I also beseech the Lord on behalf of our nation which needs much prayer, conversion and a return to Almighty God as does the entire world.

Meanwhile, the rest of the country and the world goes about its business. The *MLB All-Star Game* (July 16, Arlington, TX) takes place tonight as I write this column. The *National Eucharistic Congress* (July 17-21, Indianapolis, IN) also begins this week. I hope to be able to view some of it whenever it is available on live-stream. Finally, the *Olympics* (July 26-August 11, Paris) will begin at the end of the month.

Wars continue in Ukraine and Gaza. Natural disasters such as the recent *Hurricane Beryl* in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico will happen again. Let me remind you of some of Jesus' words to His disciples:

See that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and they will deceive many. You will hear of wars and reports of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for these things must happen, but it will not yet be the end. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be famines and earthquakes from place to place. All these are the beginning of the labor pains. Then they will hand you over to persecution, and they will kill you. You will be hated by all nations because of my name. And then many will be led into sin; they will betray and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and deceive many; and because of the increase of evil-doing, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved. (Mt. 24: 4-13)

Remember, the Lord is still in charge and He expects our fidelity to Him in every circumstance.

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 21, 2024

Ministry Schedule July 27/28

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Coronado	Len	R. Javier	J. Cepeda	
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	Sr. Diana	T. Smith	A. Bresani T. Johnson
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Erin/Julie	M. Garber	B. Haughwout	J. Hayden

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration is now open. Classes will be held on Sunday morning from 9:30 AM through 10:45 AM starting September 15, 2024. (*Catechetical Sunday*)

Returning families will receive an email from Parish Giving. This email will contain login in credentials for your account that was created for you. Please make any necessary changes to your information before submitting. If you do not receive this email, please check your Spam folder or call the parish office at 856-424-3212.

New Families ONLY go to our Parish web site stthomasmorenj.org and look for the **Religious Education link to the New Family Registration form**. You will receive an automated email from Parish Giving with login credentials for an account that was created for you. Sign into your account to complete the registration process.

Please register now so we can prepare and plan properly for your children.
A Late fee of \$50.00 will be applied after August 15,

families that
PRAY TOGETHER
stay together.



St. Thomas More Parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Thomas More. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link from August 5 to September 3 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

More information and the link will follow. Check the bulletin, website and emails the week of August 5, 2024.



WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS TO THE 2024 SJCMA CAMPAIGN!

St. Thomas More's Goal is \$89,700.

Any help you can provide for those most in need is appreciated.

THANK YOU!

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SATURDAY, JULY 20

4:30 PM Kerry McCabe r/b Tobin family

SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:30 AM Pat Beaney r/b Dave & Ellie Mayfield

11:00 AM Jerry McMenamin r/b Jeannine

MONDAY, JULY 22

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, JULY 23

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

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

9:00 AM Kerry McCabe r/b Tobin family

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY JULY 25

9:00 AM Catherine Namiotka
r/b Marguerite Dwyer

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

9:00 AM Catherine Namiotka r/b Joe Centonze

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

4:30 PM Pat Cannon
r/b Norma & Dennis Zannoni

SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:30 AM Lorraine Kerkman
r/b Pat & Carl Luchtman

11:00 AM Salvatore A. Colangelo
r/b M/M Paul Colangelo

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For JULY 2024 For The Pastoral Care of The Sick

St. Thomas More Ministry to the Bereaved is a source of love, comfort, and support to those who grieve a loss through death. We work to reach out to those who experience loss, so they will feel the healing comfort of God through this faith community.

We hope you will allow us to walk alongside you through your grief journey as a companion who has seen much of the same terrain.

Next meeting is Thursday, July 25th at 1 PM in the Parish Hall. Please join us.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: *THE*

SICK... Kristina Acevedo,
Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney,
Jim Beaney, Jr., Joe Centonze,
Grace Cobin, Joseph Console,
Marie Corcoran, Mary Cowan, Catherine Diana,
Linda Di Giulio, Fr. George Donfurtang, Elizabeth
Garber, Eileen Gerie, Eileen Goodwin, Marjorie
Graham, Marion Kapischke, Michael Kapischke,
John B. Kennedy, John Lane, Bob Lento, Marie
Manalo, Kelly Moore, Carter Oakley, Tina Petrone,
Dom Sacca, Carlos Santiago, Teddy Shaffer, Grace
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Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ed Targonski, Sr., Ann
Vigrass, Joanne Wachman, Sarah Warner.



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED

SERVICES... SPC Jordan
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Bones, USMC, Major
Anthony R. Cosentino,
USAF, TSgt. John P.

DeYoung, Sam Houston, USN Special Forces, , 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.*

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**Through the Eucharist, God desires
to heal, renew, and unify the Church
and the world.**

Eucharistic Revival quotes from Pope Francis

"Jesus became bread broken for our sakes; in turn, he asks us to give ourselves to others, to live no longer for ourselves but *for one another*. In this way, we live 'eucharistically' pouring out upon the world the love that we draw from the Lord's flesh. The Eucharist is translated into life when we pass *beyond ourselves to those around us*." Homily— June 3, 2018

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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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 28, 2024 - John 6:1-15

A large crowd came to listen to Jesus. Jesus asks Philip where they can get food to feed the people. Even 200 days' wages worth of food would not be enough, Philip tells Jesus. A young boy has a few fish and a few loaves of bread. More than 5000 people must be fed.] "Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted." [Jesus then tells the Apostles to gather the leftovers.] "So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat..." When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."

Commentary:

An astonishing sign! Who is this man? A miracle worker? A prophet? A king? Yes—but more. The superabundance of food Jesus provides from so little is a sign of the fullness of life Jesus has to offer. We turn to Jesus not just for bread to eat but for life itself.

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 difference between the way of life and the way of death is great. Therefore, do not murder a child by abortion or kill a newborn infant."—

The Didache, apostolic moral teachings compiled at the end of the first century A.D.



The Flowers on the Altar this week are in memory of Jerry McMenamin requested by his wife Jeannine. May he rest in peace.

FAITH and JUSTICE

Stand up for voting rights for all.

The Sisters of Mercy publishes information on this important topic and encourages us all to get involved. "There are several bills before Congress that, if passed, would protect and expand voting rights for all eligible Americans. The [Freedom to Vote Act](#) creates baseline national standards for voting access, which would effectively overrule restrictive state laws, while the [John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#) seeks to restore voting rights protections in states with histories of voter suppression against Black citizens." They invite all interested citizens to join NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice's 2024 voter education and mobilization campaign, [Vote Our Future](#).

Diocese of Camden Marian Pilgrimage Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC Saturday, October 26, 2024

7:00/7:15 AM	Bus Departs Holy Eucharist Parking Lot 344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill
9:30—11:30 AM	Arrive at the Basilica,. Confession, Explore the Shrine, Prayer time
11:00 AM	Official Welcome. Concert of Sacred Music
Noon	Lunch on your own . Suggest bring lunch as cafeteria is very busy.
1:30 PM	Procession of Parishes with Banner. Rosary and Crowning of the BVM.
3:00 PM	Mass with Bishop Sullivan in the Great Upper Church. Departure following Mass
7:30 PM	Bus arrives at Holy Eucharist parking lot

Cost per person \$35.00 Space is limited

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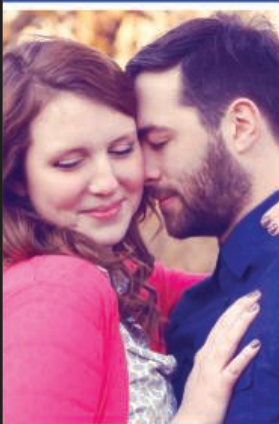


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