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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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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 28, 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.

OCIA

The Order 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



The Eucharistic Congress was a grace-filled experience, a wonderful moment that we lived. We are still living the event so that it can be assimilated and bear fruit. **FMSIJ**

The collection for Sunday, July 21, 2024

\$4828.00 Sunday
\$1846.10 E-Giving
\$6674.10 Total

“Obedience to God’s commands to give is our intentional acknowledgement of His authority in our life. He is entitled to honor and respect.”



“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*

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Stewardship Corner: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Stewardship Sharing

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” John 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important Stewardship messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

From the Pastor's Desk

“Sir, Give Us This Bread Always”

Dear Parishioners,

One of the things I enjoy (in the *food* category) when I vacation on the Caribbean island of St. Maarten / St. Martin, is the fresh baked bread. Every morning you will see a number of people heading to a bakery or local grocery store to get a *baguette* or some type of fresh baked French bread. The bread is *outstanding*, in my humble opinion. Crispy crust, soft inside, great taste Smother it in butter with a cup of coffee and I'm perfectly happy for breakfast.

St. Maarten / St. Martin is the smallest land mass (37 square miles) shared by two sovereign nations. It has no physical borders. There is a Dutch side and a French Side and people go back and forth freely. The island was discovered by Christopher Columbus on the feast of **St. Martin of Tours** (November 11) in 1493. The island has been arguably referred to as the *Culinary Capital of the Caribbean* and the many great restaurants (French, Italian, etc.) found there are supportive of this claim.

Bread is a staple of life for many people throughout history. In Jesus' time it was part of the everyday meal as was table wine. He used both of these common elements in an extraordinary way when He was at table with his disciples before His death—the *Last Supper*.

Bread also had some spiritual significance throughout history for the Jewish and later Christian peoples. The Jewish people eat *unleavened bread* to commemorate their freedom from Egypt when they had to flee before they had time for the bread to rise (Ex. 34:18). When the Jews were wandering in the desert after their exodus from Egypt, God gave them *manna* to eat—mysterious “bread from heaven.” (Ex. 16) The Jews also kept *showbread* or *bread of presence*—twelve loaves representing the twelve tribes of Israel—before God in the sanctuary of the Temple. Later, Jesus famously multiplied the loaves and fish, to feed the hungry multitudes as we see in this week's Gospel passage (Jn. 6:1-15; see also Mt. 14:15-21, Mk. 6:34-42, Lk. 9:13-17). The use of bread comes to a spiritual summit in Jesus' designation of it as **His body** at the Last Supper (Mt. 26: 26, Mk. 14:22, Lk. 22:19, 1 Cor. 11:23-24).

In the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 6, we read what is referred to as Jesus' *Bread of Life Discourse*. It is seen as a commentary on the significance and value of the Most Holy Eucharist. We hear some definitive statements made by Jesus: *I am the bread of life . . . I am the bread that came down from heaven . . . Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within . . . Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day . . . My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink . . .*

The **Real Presence of Jesus** in the Most Holy Eucharist is one of the core teachings of the Catholic faith. We do not believe in some mere symbolic presence, but take Jesus literally--*at his word*--in our understanding of this mystery. Over the centuries, the term *transubstantiation*—a change in *substance* (but not in *appearance*)—have been used to explain this essential dogma.

When we approach the Most Holy Eucharist, we approach **Jesus**—our Lord, God and Savior. He deserves our love, reverence and respect. Like some of the people in the Gospel, our attitude toward the Holy Eucharist should be one of desire, anticipation, thanksgiving and joy: “Sir, give us this bread always.” (John 6: 34)

Fr. Ed Namiołka, Pastor

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 28, 2024

Ministry Schedule August 3/4

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister Of the Eucharist	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Father	Music Ministry	Sr. Sophie	K. McFadden	
8:30 AM	Father	Music Ministry	B. Massey	K. Kraemer	T. Johnson
11:00 AM	Father	Music Ministry	T. Librojo	C. Musso	J. Hayden S. Andino

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, 2024.



REMEMBER to attend MASS

FILIPINO "Tagalog" MASS

Sunday, August 25, 2024
3:00 PM Rosary
3:30 PM Mass
4:30 PM Fellowship
Catholic Church of St. Mary
Cherry Hill, NJ.



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! YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED.

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

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Weekly Intentions



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

MONDAY, JULY 29

9:00 AM People of the Parish
Floriana Gilden r/b Daughter

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, JULY 30

9:00 AM Birthday Intentions of Greg Tyrrell
r/b Family

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

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

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY AUGUST 1

9:00 AM Catherine Namiotka r/b Pauline Montes
9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 AM Catherine Namiotka
r/b Theresa & Mickey Colaizzo

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 AM Intentions of Sr. Rosangela
r/b Franciscan Sisters

4:30 PM Rosario Vergara Senatin
r/b Leonila & Juanita Vergara

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8:30 AM Margaret Crawford
r/b Robert Crawford

11:00 AM Doris Naughton
r/b Flynn Family

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 Donfurfang, 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 Sklencar, Joe Sklencar, Claire Spence, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ed Targonski, Sr., Ann Vigrass, Joanne Wachman, Sarah Warner, Mason Roberson.



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 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.*

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



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions: For The Pastoral Care of The Sick

Pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength and comfort to those who receive it and to their loved ones.



The flowers on the altar this week were placed there in loving memory of **John Vivone, Sr.** requested by family.

Thank you!



Eucharistic Revival quotes from Pope Francis

"Thanks to Jesus and to his Spirit, even our life becomes "bread broken" for our brothers and sisters. And living like this we discover true joy! The joy of making of oneself a gift, of reciprocating the great gift we have first received, without merit of our own. This is beautiful: our life is made a gift! This is to imitate Jesus." *Angelus—June 22, 2014*

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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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 4, 2024- John 6:24-35

[After the miracle of feeding the large crowd], Jesus said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life..."

Commentary:

Food is one of the basic necessities of life and so Jesus meets us in our most basic needs. However, Jesus invites his followers, then and now, them and us, to see both our physical needs as well as our spiritual needs. Yes, we do need real food so that our bodies be sustained in this life, while here on earth. Even more than this, that we live for all eternity, our spirits need to be nurtured by Jesus' way, Jesus' love, that we, having received Jesus and being like him, feed a world that is hungry for love, spiritual food.

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?

THANK YOU!

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"Beyond a Throwaway Culture: Focus on Plastics".

Webinar: Tuesday, July 30, 1-2 pm,

This webinar will:

- provide an overview of the plastics crisis.
- include a review of the Global Plastics Treaty that will be finalized this fall.
- give practical tips on how you and your community can reduce the use of plastics.

Email stmfaithandjustice@gmail.com to register.

If you can't attend, the webinar will be recorded, and the recording will be sent to all who register.

Given the outstanding parish participation in donations for recycling, we thought you might be interested in this upcoming webinar on plastic.

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

Call Sheila at the Parish Office to register. 856-424-3212

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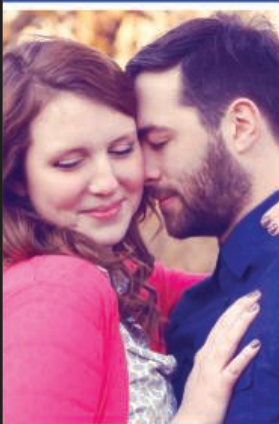


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