

St. Thomas More Church

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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

First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 25, 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



...in God and with God, I love even the person whom I do not like or even know...I learn to look at this other person not simply with my eyes and my feelings, but from the perspective of Jesus Christ. His friend is my friend. *Pope Benedict's First Encyclical (18)*

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

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for your consistent contributions.

The collection for Sunday, August 18, 2024

Sunday \$4,356.00
E-Giving \$1,702.00
Total \$6,058.00

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WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS TO THE 2024 SJCMA CAMPAIGN!

If you have not already given, please return your completed pledge card to the parish or give online at www.camdendiocese.org/sjcma.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend.
Sept. 20, 21 and 22 in Cherry Hill, NJ.
Live your best life in love. Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage.

More info go to WWME.org

Stewardship Corner: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we become STEWARDS in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

From the Pastor's Desk

The Greatest Gift

Dear Parishioners,

With the many advances of technology, what I write here has the potential to reach *many more people* than those who sit in our pews each weekend. Necessarily, if a rather significant number of parishioners in an average parish are not part of the Saturday evening/Sunday routine of going to Mass, then this bulletin article also has to attempt to reach those who will *not* be worshipping with us this week. The bulletin is also available online to those who may be *away from home*, such as **college students**, those travelling for business, etc. My hope and prayer is that this message will go out *far and wide* each week.

As Catholic Christians, we need to seek out *the spiritual things* in life. Life is very *materialistic*. We are constantly bombarded in commercials and advertisements that we **must buy** this particular item, that we are somehow **incomplete** or **missing out on something** if we do not own *the latest, the best, the most expensive*, etc. We need to *buy, buy, and buy!* And it's all a *lie!*

What makes us complete? What really gives us value or significance in life? The *greatest gift* that anyone can be given does not have a price tag and cannot be bought. It is not something that will impress those who see things with a *worldly* or *materialistic* set of eyes. It is rather something of a completely *spiritual* nature—the gift of **faith**.

When we are baptized, we receive the **gift of faith**. It is a *gift*—not something we *buy*, not something that we *earn*. It is a gift, pure and simple. If you have been given this gift, then *thank God for it*. If you are a *parent*, it is the most important gift that you could ever give your child. It happens by the simple pouring of water in the sacrament of Baptism: “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.” Through Baptism we become a **child of God**; adopted by *God Himself!* Jesus is God's only begotten Son by nature from all eternity. We become His *adopted* child through baptism. God is our *Father*, truly *our Father!*

I really wonder how much we actually think about our Baptism and the *gift of faith* that we have received through it? Whenever we walk into the church and bless ourselves with the water from the **holy water font**, we should be reminded of the fact of our Baptism. *I have been given the greatest gift! I am a **Child of God!*** Faith, being a gift, can be *lost* or *grow cold* if it is not fostered. That is why it is so essential that we *practice our faith*—that we come together as a faith community at Mass. We need to worship together as children of the one God *as a family*. Hearing the **Word of God** and receiving Jesus in the **Holy Eucharist** *regularly* will help our faith to grow. Moreover, faith in the **Holy Eucharist** is faith in Jesus Christ himself! It is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity we are privileged to receive at Mass.

For those who may not be baptized or who have not yet had your children baptized, please *think about, pray about* and *ask for* this precious gift through the **Sacrament of Baptism**. Adults seeking Baptism should inquire about the **O.C.I.A.** (*Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*) program.

Sometimes the most precious things in life are the things that we cannot buy. The **gift of faith** is one such gift. Faith in **Jesus Christ** as the **Son of God** leads to *eternal life!* That is something no amount of money can ever buy! It is simply a gift—the *greatest gift!*

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 25, 2024

Ministry Schedule August 31/ September 1

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Coronado	Florence	Sr. Sophie	K. McFadden	
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine/Julie	B. Massey	S. Oatway	T. Johnson
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine/Julie	D. Staton	J. Johnson	L. Vascisin S. Andino

Religious Education NEWS

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.



The Consolation Ministry to the bereaved of St. Thomas More Parish will meet on **Thurs., Aug. 29 at 1:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. Our mission is to be a source of love, comfort, and support to those who experience 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 the same terrain. Join us or call for more information.

AnnMarie Lento 856-344-7454,
Jon Lisitski 856-210-6466
Marian Kapischke 856-424-2053

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, November 3, 2024
3:00 PM
Church of the Holy Family
Sewell, NJ

For Milestone Wedding Anniversary couples celebrating **25, 50, 60, 70** or more years in the year 2024.

Light Reception will follow in the Aquin Parish Hall. **REGISTRATION** is required.

Call the Parish Office 856-424-3212 to register

DEADLINE to register is October 18, 2024



DEADLINE September 3, 2024

Have you completed the survey?

Complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen St. Thomas

More and better prepare us for the future!

For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit our web site at stthomasmorenj.org. and **follow the instructions.**

If you prefer a **paper copy**, you may pick up your survey in the Parish Office during the week. Complete and return to the office **NOW** to allow time for data entry.

The Wild Goose

Discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit
Inspiring video series by Fr. Dave Pivonka
President of the Franciscan University of Steubenville

St. Rose of Lima Parish Lounge, Haddon Hts., NJ

6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Sunday Evenings September 15-October 27, 2024

No registration needed and no cost!

What's "The Wild Goose? See trailer at wildgoose.tv

For more information, contact Sue: 856-745-1550

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MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

4:30 PM Catherine Namiotka r/b Tobin family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:30 AM Pat Beaney
r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club

11:00 AM Fred R. Petrone r/b Tina

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 AM Intentions of Tim Cyberey r/b Family

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 AM Catherine Namiotka
r/b Kathy & Mike Mensinger

THURSDAY AUGUST 29

9:00 AM Catherine Namiotka
r/b George & Vivian Warner

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

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

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

4:30 PM Pat Beaney r/b Greta Tyrrell

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:30 AM Pat Beaney r/b Joe Centonze

11:00 AM Catherine Namiotka
r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For AUGUST 2024 For Political Leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

Spanish Ministry Prayer Group St. Thomas More Parish

**Friday: Sept. 13 and 20
at 10:00 A.M.**

Join us as we Pray the Rosary, Lectio Divina,
and reflect on themes of faith.



The Cherry Hill Food Pantry can use your reusable heavy paper or cloth grocery bags when filling orders for their clients. Please drop off bags to Church. Thank you!

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,
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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... Sgt. Jordan
Beckman, Captain Patrick J.
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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, Sgt. 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:
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BLOOD DRIVE

St. Mary Parish HALL
Cherry Hill, NJ
Thursday, Sept. 26th
9:30 AM—7:30 PM



Eucharistic Revival quotes from Pope Francis

Where do they find the strength? It is the
Eucharist: in the power of the Risen Lord's
love, who today too breaks bread for us and
repeats: “Do this in remembrance of me.”
Homily—May 26, 2016

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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 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 1, 2024 - Mark 7:1-8

The Pharisees and Scribes questioned Jesus. "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" Jesus responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me, in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

Commentary:

Most of our mothers would side with the Pharisees: no one should come to the table with unwashed hands! Hygiene, of course, was not the issue in Jesus' day. The matter was one of respect for the authority of tradition. We might imagine today's Pharisees saying, "Why didn't that woman genuflect before going into the pew? Why didn't that man kneel during the consecration? Why did that family leave Mass early or arrive so late? Responding to the Pharisees and Scribes, Jesus moves the discussion from outward observances to inward intention, calling us back to the true purpose of Law and tradition: conversion of heart.

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 hairsplitting difference between formed and unformed makes no difference to us. Whoever deliberately commits abortion is subject to the penalty for homicide."— **Saint Basil**, 1st century Greek bishop in Cappadocia, Asia Minor



Going on vacation? Need to find a church and mass times at your destination?

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We are close to our Goal of 1,000 lb for our **TREX Recycling Challenge**. Thank you for your donations.

Come see the screening of "COOKED: Survival by Zip Code" on Tues., Aug. 27th from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

A Free will offering to support the outreach of St. Vincent DePaul Society is appreciated.

Flyers are located on the Faith and Justice Table.

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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