

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



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

In the Chapel

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 8, 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 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



Most Reverend Joseph Andrew Williams, D.D.

Coadjutor of the Diocese of Camden

Mass of Welcome

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 2:00 PM

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**The collection for Sunday,
September 1, 2024**

Sunday \$4366.00

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TOTAL \$6382.00

“Theirs is an endless road, a hopeless maze, who seek for goods before they seek for God.” – Bernard of Clairvaux—graciousquotes.com

Have a great SCHOOL YEAR!



STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? JAMES 2:5

What is more important—being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches us **Stewardship**. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions, we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

**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.

From the Pastor's Desk
Mary, Our Mother of Sorrows

Dear Parishioners,

In September, we celebrate the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (September 14th), followed immediately by **Our Lady of Sorrows** (September 15th). Are you familiar with the *Seven Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother*? Mary experienced pain and sorrow during her life, in union with her Son and His Passion.

With Jesus' **Presentation in the Temple** (1) as a baby, Simeon foretold that Mary's heart would know pain:

"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." (Lk. 2: 34-35)

Subsequently, Mary knew additional grief and anxiety when she and Joseph, her spouse, necessarily fled to Egypt (2) to escape from King Herod and his command to kill all Hebrew boys two years old and younger: . . . **The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him."** Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod (Mt. 2: 13-15a)

Later, Jesus was eventually **Found in the Temple** (3) at age twelve after having been missing for three days. **"Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."** (Lk. 2: 48)

Although she raised and cared for Jesus, her Divine Son, she was at the same time His faithful follower until the bitter end. She met Him on the way to his crucifixion on the road to Calvary (4) as we reflect on the *4th Station of the Cross*. She was present during His death, standing at the foot of the cross (5). The image of the *Pieta* reminds us of her holding His lifeless body in her arms (6) after His death. She also watched as He was subsequently placed in the tomb (7) as we again reflect on the *14th Station of the Cross*.

Mary, from the moment of her **Immaculate Conception**, had God's special graces and protection from sin. She was chosen to be the mother of Our Lord and her "yes" to God at the **Annunciation** showed her obedience and willingness to cooperate with God's plan for our salvation. Although she had some uncertainty concerning how God's plan would unfold in her life, she trusted in God completely. How could a virgin have a child? The power of the Holy Spirit could transcend what is humanly impossible. Nothing is impossible for God!

After showing us an example of her unselfish love by helping her relative Elizabeth who was also with child (**Visitation**), she gave birth miraculously to Our Lord in the humble surroundings of Bethlehem (the **Nativity**).

Mary was present at the **Wedding Feast of Cana** (Jn. 2: 1-11) where she requested her Son's assistance, leading to His first public miracle: changing water into wine. Her fidelity, love and continued intercessory role are evident as she was given to us as our *Spiritual Mother* at the cross (Jn. 19: 25-27). When her earthly life was complete, she was taken body and soul into heaven (the **Assumption**) and she reigns as *Queen of Heaven and Earth* (the **Coronation**).

The **Blessed Virgin Mary** should have a special place in the life of every Catholic (Christian). Traditionally, the month of May has been dedicated to her, and the month of October dedicated to her *Holy Rosary*. These mysteries of our faith (as well as many others) are found in the *Mysteries of the Holy Rosary*—meditations which are meant to have us reflect on some of most important aspects of our faith. Together with wearing the *Brown Scapular* (of Mt. Carmel) as an outward sign, we can show our love for and devotion to Our Lady. True, healthy devotion to her will only lead us to her Son **Jesus** and never detract from Him.

May we learn to imitate the *faith and trust in God*, the *obedience to God's will* and the *love for Jesus* that Our Lady gave witness to in her life. Her example of *purity and sin-less-ness* is much needed in today's world. May she continue to intercede for us as our Queen and Spiritual Mother.

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Ministry Schedule September 14/15

| | Clergy | Music | Eucharistic Minister | Lector | Altar Server |
|----------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 4:30 PM | Fr. Namiotka | Florence/Becca | Sr. Agnes | J. Cepeda | |
| 8:30 AM | Fr. Namiotka | Celine/Jule | Sr. Clare | S. Oatway | A. Bresani |
| 11:00 AM | Fr. Coronado | Celine/Choir/Julie | T. Librojo | C. Musso | L. Vascisin S. Andino |



Special First Day of Religious Education:

Catechetical Sunday

Sunday, September 15th at the 8:30am Mass.

Welcome back St. Thomas More Families. We are excited to have you back and to begin a new year in Religious Education!

All Families are to attend the 8:30am Mass

where we commission the Catechists and Bless our Families. Directly after Mass, Families and Students, will go to the Parish Hall to learn about the year ahead, meet the Catechists and pick up materials. Coffee and breakfast treats will be provided. (Mass and the gathering will serve as the first day of class. Regular 9:30 class times will begin on Sept 22.)

Families, check your inbox for the EVITE. Any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Returning Families, if you have **not registered please do so now.** We need to plan and prepare.

If you know any new families that need to register, please have them call the office at 856-424-3212 or give them the info below.

REGISTRATION for 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.



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




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of South Jersey

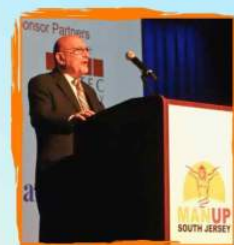
Breakfast

Please join us for our next in-person meeting that provides a great opportunity to cultivate connections within the Catholic Business community.

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 **FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 20, 2024**
BREAKFAST: 8:00 AM
MASS: 9:00 AM

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MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 AM Catherine Namiotka
r/b Joyce De Michele

4:30 PM Benny Colletti r/b Joe Centonze

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:30 AM Pat Beaney r/b Joyce De Michele

11:00 AM Jerry McMenamin r/b Jeannine

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 AM Dr. Richard Spence
r/b Terri, Scott, Ellie & Jake Angstreich

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 AM Catherine Namiotka
r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12

9:00 AM Jerry McMenamin r/b Jeannine

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

4:30 PM Pat Beaney r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:30 AM Pat Beaney r/b Dave & Lin Lyon

11:00 AM Richard Spence r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass
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Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For SEPTEMBER For The Cry Of The Earth

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

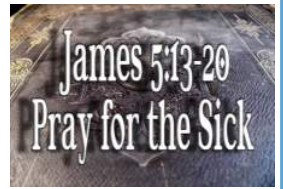


The Flowers on the Altar this week are in memory of Jerry McMenamin requested by his wife Jeannine.

May he rest in peace.

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



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED

SERVICES... Sgt. 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, 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
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Eucharistic Revival quotes from Pope Francis

"Jesus leaves us the Eucharist as the
Church's daily remembrance of, and
deeper sharing in, the event of his
Passover (cf. Lk.22:19) . The joy of
evangelizing always arises from grateful remembrance;
it is a grace which we constantly need to implore."

The second collection this weekend will be for
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Thank you for your generosity.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 8, 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 the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 15, 2024 - Mark 8:27-35

Jesus asked his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ."... Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly...and be killed, and rise after three days... Jesus summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

Commentary:

After this scene, there is a turning point in Mark's Gospel. From now on, Jesus will be trying to make the disciples (and us) understand that not only will he suffer and die, but that anyone who wants to be a true follower will have to do the same. As Messiah, Jesus will accept his Father's will, becoming vulnerable and completely powerless at the end. The more we can stand to be vulnerable and powerless in life, the better we will be ready to step across to death. Maybe vulnerability is the "cross" that Jesus, the Messiah, is asking us to bear

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: "I should have known better. Pro-life arguments are now based on scientific evidence and the pro-choice arguments are not. That is a cultural, historical fact."— **Stanley Fish**, Author and American Legal Scholar



Thank you to all who participated in the survey!

The results give us clear benchmarks for understanding our parish's greatest opportunities and strengths.

ALL paper surveys must be returned to the parish office this week.



TREX Recycling Plastic Challenge

This is such a wonderful program, that it spreads easily. We started because we heard about it from Christ our Light. St. Joan of Arc heard about us doing it and is now going to start.

If you know of other parishes that might be interested, feel free to share our email stmfaithand-justice@gmail.com and we'd be happy to answer their questions.

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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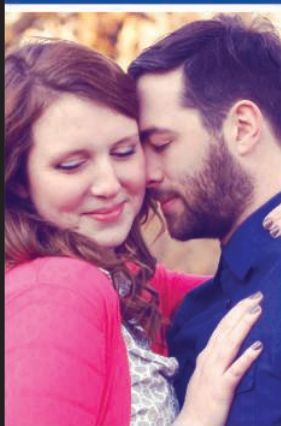


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