

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
Julie Linn, Music Ministry
Sheila Tartamosa, Business Manager

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.

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 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



Bishop Williams Deanery Welcome Event

To connect with the faithful throughout the diocese, Bishop Joseph A. Williams will host deanery Masses and receptions on Wednesdays during September and October.

Our Deanery will be on **October 9**: Deanery 2, Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish, Gibbsboro.

The deanery event will begin with Mass at 6:30 PM, followed by a dessert reception at 7:30 PM, where Bishop Williams will meet and greet those in attendance.

All faithful are encouraged to attend these special gatherings. Mark your calendar.

**The collection for Sunday,
September 29, 2024**

Sunday	\$4,415.00
E-Giving	\$2,200.00
Total	\$6,615.00



October is Respect Life Month

This weekend, October 5/6 there will be a special Diocesan collection for **Pro-Life** causes.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

**Stewardship Corner:
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Stewardship Forever

“So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.” (GENESIS 2:19)

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, **Stewardship** has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

From the Pastor's Desk

Thoughts from the Monastery

Dear Parishioners,

I recently returned from my retreat at the Trappist monastery, the Abbey of the Genesee, in western New York State. I spent the week with two of my priest-friends in an atmosphere of prayer and peaceful silence. I now share with you some of my personal observations and thoughts after this time away from the parish routine.

Temporarily leaving the world and entering the *spiritual desert*, you first begin to *slow down* from the pace of life with which we have become too familiar. The traffic, the lines in the grocery store, the crowds at sporting events, the constant need **to do something**, all cease when you enter a place of solitude like a monastery.

You experience *silence*. You can begin to hear yourself think. Even more importantly, you can hear God speak. The silence can sometimes be deafening, especially in the middle of the night. You stop hearing all of the man-made noise and begin to hear the birds and the crickets chirp, the bees buzzing, the wind blowing and acorns falling to the ground. You experience the night sky and the stars in a darkness away from the city lights.

God speaks to you. Whether it be in thought or imagination, in reading of the Scriptures or a spiritual book, in praying the rosary, in a moment of Eucharistic adoration or during the daily Mass, God is speaking ever-more loudly and clearly. He speaks particularly when the psalms are chanted by the monks throughout the day and night.

You begin a process of introspection. You examine your conscience. You think about *what I have done and what I have failed to do*. You prepare to meet God someday face to face. Sometimes the events of your life pass before you again and you get to see the mistakes you made and/or your proper decisions.

You think of and pray for those you promised to pray for, those who have asked for your prayers, those you should be praying for and even those who have no desire to pray. You pray for the living and the dead. You pray for your parishioners, past and present. You sometimes even may pray for your enemies and those who persecute you, have betrayed you, lied about you and hurt you. And you beg forgiveness from God if you have done such things to anyone else.

You confront your demons. Just as Jesus was tempted by the devil *three times* when He went into the desert, so temptations and the demons behind them may rear their ugly heads. It is at these times you realize that the spiritual battle continues and that the final victory in your life is far from achieved.

You may experience some dryness in prayer or moments when God seems extremely close and real. You may hear God urging the heart to something more or hear nothing at all.

Each time I have visited the monastery, God is there waiting and watching. Some may think that such a retreat is a waste of time and this time can be better spent in some other manner.

I beg to differ.

Fr. Ed Namiotka

Pastor

Ministry Schedule September October 12/13

	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	A. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine/Choir/Julie	M. Garber	B. Haughwout	S. Andino, L. Vascisin

Religious Education

The *Sunday Connection*, by Loyola Press, provides useful background and activities to better understand the Sunday's Scripture readings, **helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life** in a meaningful way.

Family Connection

Jesus' teaching about divorce and remarriage can be a challenging one for many people. The Church continues to uphold the strong and positive teaching of Jesus that God intends for a man and woman to make a lifelong commitment to one another in the Sacrament of Marriage. Many of us, however, know people whose marriage has not been a lifelong commitment. **The example of Jesus teaches us that we are called to act with compassion and love in our relationships with all, and especially when people are hurting because of difficulties in their relationships.** Most importantly, we remember that when marriages thrive, it is a sign of God's grace at work.

As you gather as a family, talk about what it means to make a promise or a commitment to someone. Offer examples of promises that are fairly easy to keep and offer examples of promises that might be more difficult to honor. Read today's Gospel, Mark 10:2-16. Talk about how we need God to help us honor our commitment to love and care for each other. Jesus teaches that we should be like children before God, trusting God's promise to care for us. Conclude by praying together that God will give his grace and help so we may honor our commitments.

Pray together, Saint Ignatius of Loyola's prayer, the *Suscipe*.

*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me.*



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



*When you strengthen the Man
you strengthen the family.*

Men's Spirituality Conference
Sat., Nov. 9, 2024 7 am—3:30 pm
PAUL VI Conference Center
901 Hopkins Rd, Haddonfield, NJ

Nationally renowned Catholic speakers, Faith based exhibitors, Eucharistic Adoration, Time for Spiritual Reflection, Confession, Music, Breakfast and Lunch.

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The **Mission of ManUp South Jersey** is to provide men with spiritual opportunities that will lead them to encounter Christ in a special way. So touched by the encounter, they will seek to learn their faith, live their faith, embrace masculine Catholic virtues, and become better husbands, fathers, sons, employees.... better men. And through the example of their lives, they will become missionary disciples who lead others to the joy of a Christ-centered life.

Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, October 5

4:30 PM Intentions of Robert Tyrrell
r/b family

SUNDAY, October 6

8:30 AM James Richardson
r/b Tomas & Marie Manalo
11:00 AM Jeffrey Ford r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

MONDAY, October 7

9:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00 AM Paul Ahn
r/b Clara
9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00 AM Sue Marie Buttacavoli
9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY OCTOBER 10

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

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00 AM Intentions of Cecilia Sim r/b Clara
9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:30 PM Bill Kane r/b Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30 AM Elva Clark
r/b Wilkins and DeLucca Families
11:00 AM Erin Gall r/b Pat and Carl Luchtman

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For October For A Shared Mission

Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.



The Flowers on the Altar this week are in memory of Jeffrey Ford requested by Ann and Bill Vigrass. 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 Saccia, 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, Baby Finley, Arlene Pajic.



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 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.

Tuesday, October 8th The premiere of the film Heart of a Servant: The Father Flanagan Story (narrated by Jonathan Roumie)

See: <https://www.fatherflanaganfilm.com/>

Heart of a Servant reveals the full picture of Father Flanagan's life and the challenges he overcame to provide abandoned and orphaned children with an opportunity to thrive. He responded to the most pressing questions of his era regarding at-risk youth with answers that were blind to color or creed. His motto, "There are no bad boys. There is only bad environment, bad training, bad example, bad thinking," was beautifully displayed in the success of Boys Town.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, October 6, 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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 13, 2024—Mark 10:17-30

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"...Jesus responded, "You know the commandments: You shall not kill, etc." The man said to Jesus, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement, the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Commentary:

Today's Gospel illustrates the frequent conflict between wisdom and wealth. The man who asked the secret of everlasting life was clearly a thoroughly good person. But Jesus senses in this man an attitude of not needing anyone else. Jesus tells him, in effect, "All the resources on which you rely are useless. Get rid of them, trust in God, and follow me." The challenge here was not to poverty as such, but to trust. Salvation is God's gift, not a reward for human efforts.

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 Commentary resonates with me



Pro-Life Corner:

"I Came So That They Might Have Life"

"When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



Thank you to everyone who **donated** last weekend to support Joseph's House of Camden. We appreciate your efforts *taking steps to end homelessness*.

Diocese of Camden White Mass

October 13, 2024 at 10 AM
The Chapel at Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes
Haddon Ave., Camden
Reception immediately following the Mass
Honoring Doctors, Nurses & All Health Care Professionals

Spanish Ministry Prayer Group St. Thomas More Parish

**Friday: October 11, 18 and 25
at 10:00 A.M.**

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



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.
7:30 PM		Departure following Mass
		Bus arrives at Holy Eucharist parking lot

Cost per person \$35.00 Space is limited

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