St. Thomas More Church

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Mass Schedule

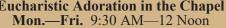
Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in

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







Rite of Reconciliation **Saturday**

3:00—4:00 PM In the Chapel First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

Father Edward Namiotka, Pastor Father Victorino Coronado, In Residence Julie Linn, Music Ministry Sheila Tartamosa, Business Manager



Send all bulletin announcements to: smtartamosa@comcast.net by 2:00pm Monday

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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



Jesus has welcomed you into the family of God. Welcome boldly!

Jesus has welcomed you into his mercy and grace. Welcome unconditionally!

Jesus has welcomed you into his eternal inheritance. Welcome generously!

Welcome as Christ has welcomed you!

The collection for Sunday, October 6, 2024

Sunday \$4316.00 E-Giving \$2745.00 Total \$7061.00

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

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for your consistent contributions.

You are invited

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Please join us for a Memorial Mass for all our loved ones who died during this past year.

We will read the names of our deceased family and friends and light a candle as we pray for them. All are welcome to gather together in prayer and offer

support to one another. Please call the Parish Office at 856-424-3212 or email Info@stthomasmorenj.org

Stewardship Corner:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Calling

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (MARK 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. However, in <u>Stewardship</u> we are <u>all</u> called to be generous with <u>all</u> of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:30 PM Bll 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

MONDAY, October 14

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00 AM Cari Kerkman

r/b Luchtman Family

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 AM Nick and Vince Menna

r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 AM Alberto Librojo r/b Tess & Children

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

4:30 PM **Jim Tobin** r/b Tobin Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:30 AM Mildred & David Royster

r/b Una & Barry Dempsey

11:00 AM Catherine Namiotka

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.

Spanish Ministry Prayer Group

St. Thomas More Parish

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

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



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, Baby Finley, Arlene Pajic, Tim Fitzgerald.



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.

Join us for the **Knights of Columbus** #6173 benefit at

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500 Route 38 E, Maple Shade, NJ

Tuesday, **October 22nd** from 11 AM-10 PM Present this flyer **or** identify yourself as a supporter and the K of C will receive 15% of your total check.



From the Pastor's Desk

My Spiritual Journey with St. Joseph

Dear Parishioners,

When I began elementary school at *St. Ann Regional School* in Wildwood, I first became acquainted with the *Sisters of St. Joseph* (Chestnut Hill/Philadelphia). They taught me for twelve years both in grade school and at *Wildwood Catholic High School*. Later, when I entered *St. Charles Borromeo Seminary* in Philadelphia for college, some of the faculty members were also sisters from that same community.

After ordination, I spent twenty years in Catholic education, fourteen of which were at Sacred Heart High School in Vineland, also staffed by the *Sisters of St. Joseph*. Ironically, I was to become the first principal of the school who was not a member of that religious community. From the high school's establishment, every principal until me had been a *Sister of St. Joseph*.

Some years later, I was appointed pastor of *St. Joseph Church*, Somers Point. With an elementary school and convent on the campus, I once again experienced the presence of the same community of religious sisters. They continued to be a part of my life and ministry.

It was during my time as pastor of *St. Joseph Church* that my choir director suggested to me that I compose a hymn dedicated to St. Joseph. I took on the task and with the help of some of my friends *O Joseph, Righteous One*—an original hymn honoring St. Joseph—came to be.

In more recent times, after a dinner discussion with a longtime friend, **Tom Raniszewski**, while I was back in my hometown, we decided to compose a Christmas piece from the unique perspective of St. Joseph. It was my thought that St. Joseph never received much attention in the Christmas story, although he was usually seen in every Nativity scene with the Virgin-Mother Mary and the Baby Jesus. I knew how much Tom loved Christmas and everything related to this feast. If I was going to take on such a project, Tom seemed the right person for the task.

From a completely unconventional manner of composing a song, *The Carpenter's Son* came into being. Tom and I did not ever sit in the same room or, in fact, collaborate other than through text messages, emails and phone calls. Yet, everything miraculously seemed to come together. The finished product is now available on most streaming platforms well in time for Christmas. The gifted vocalist is **Drew Seigla**, a Julliard graduate and New York musical theater performer. The streaming proceeds will be donated to the *South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal*.

St. Joseph has been accompanying me since my youth and this latest accomplishment is but another time he has influenced my thinking and spiritual journey. Although he says nothing in the Sacred Scriptures, his actions speak boldly and clearly. He was obedient to God. He was described as a righteous man whom God entrusted with the care of His Only-Begotten Son. Joseph loved, cared for, protected, and provided for both Jesus and Mary. Jesus was known as *the carpenter's son* (Mt. 13:55).

I hope that you will listen to and enjoy this piece and that it will help more people to incorporate St. Joseph into their spiritual journey as well.

Fr. Ed Namiotka Pastor

Ministry Schedule September October 19/20

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Len	E. Beckman	C. Betson-Smith	T. Johnson
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	K. Witts	K. McFadden	R & A Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Marta/Choir/Julie	D. Staton	J. Johnson	S. Andino, J. Hayden



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Pope John Paul II was a devotee of the Rosary, creating the Luminous Mysteries in 2002 with the goal of returning Catholics to the contemplative element at the heart of this prayer.

"If this repetition is considered superficially, there could be a temptation to see the Rosary as a dry and boring exercise," Pope John Paul II wrote in his apostolic letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae in October 2002. "It is quite another thing, however, when the Rosary is thought of as an outpouring of that love which tirelessly returns to the person loved with expressions similar in their content but ever fresh in terms of the feeling pervading them."

The Rosary uses a tried-and-true technique: repeating familiar prayers while focusing on a profound truth—in this case, one of the spiritually significant moments in the life of Jesus or his mother, Mary. These moments, known as mysteries, are gathered into four sets: the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous mysteries. Each set of mysteries includes five moments. When you begin each decade (ten Hail Marys) of the Rosary, you imagine and contemplate one of the mysteries.

Bring the Rosary to life for your children—as you pray each mystery, ask your children to act out the scene being described. Don't worry if their attention spans wane before you finish; go as far as you can, then pick up where you left off next time.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society members will be at the doors of the Church next weekend October 19/20 accepting your donations for those in need. Thank you for you generosity.



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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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 20, 2024 – Mark 10:35-45

Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Commentary:

If the Son of Man serves humanity to the point of death, those who follow in his way must also "be the slave of all." The greatness of discipleship is measured, not in terms of position in the community or glory in the kingdom, but by the extent to which the disciple resembles Jesus who serves and gives his life.

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" An old Irish proverb says, "it is in the shelter of each other that the people live." Indeed we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family

members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to "shelter" them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Caring for loved ones at Life's End.

CAMDEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Cherry Hill

Fall Open House: Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 7PM. For more information go to www.camdencatholic.org 856-663-2247



Thanks to the generous support of St. Thomas More Parishioners, \$620 was donated to Joseph's House of Camden and their ongoing efforts to end homelessness.

Due to our successful plastic collection, a bench has been received. Once it is assembled, we will share photos. We are continuing to collect plastic and hope to soon share more exciting news about that. Thanks for your support.

Can you help take plastic over to Sprouts once a month? If so, call the office. 856-424-3212

Next weekend Oct. 19/20 is **World Mission Sunday**. Please help support the Church's mission work in over 1,150 territories worldwide. Our prayers and contributions help build churches, train clergy and provide essential services for those in need.

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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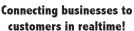
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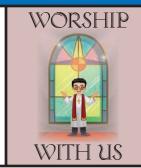
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