St. Thomas More Church

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Mass Schedule

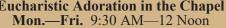
Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in

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



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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.



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





We welcome Roman Anthony Potts, child of Thomas and Colleen into the Saint Thomas More Parish faith community. It is always a wonderful day when children enter our Catholic faith through the waters of Baptism.

The collection for Sunday, October 13, 2024

Sunday \$2847.00 E-Giving \$1637.00 Total \$4484.00

This 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. Your contributions are appreciated.



You are invited

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

Saturday, November 2, 2024 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 to let us know if you and your family are able to join us.

Stewardship Corner:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Service

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."
(Mark 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change to <u>Stewardship</u> will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

From the Pastor's Desk

"How Did We Get Here?"

Dear Parishioners,

I recently heard our Coadjutor Bishop, **Joseph A. Williams**, speak about how he would attend daily Mass with his father. His father is a physician with a family of nine children, yet found time not only to attend Mass each Sunday but *each and every day*. God bless him!

Over the years I have heard hundreds, if not thousands, of the confessions of children whether it was in the Catholic school or in the religious education programs. I regularly try to put the children at ease and try to help them realize that God is a *forgiving* God, if only we request His *mercy*. I tell them that there is no sin God can't forgive, if we are truly sorry. My emphasis is on how *merciful* God is to all of us. I want this sacrament to be one in which children will <u>never</u> be afraid and will continue to keep a positive attitude toward it as they mature into adulthood.

Without going very long I usually begin hearing from the young children how they are "too busy" to go to Sunday Mass, that they "have sports on Sunday," that their family "usually goes to Mass for Christmas and Easter" but not necessarily each week, and a whole bunch of similar comments. All this is unfortunately telling me that going to Mass each Sunday is far from a priority in many, many families. I dare not even mention *Holy Days of Obligation*—like the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven* (August 15), *All Saints Day*, (November 1), or the *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (December 8). Holy Days of *Obligation* are treated with an attitude of *optional* at best, similar to the overwhelming number of Catholics who think in similar manner about Sunday Mass attendance each week.

Let me answer a few questions directly. Do Catholics still have an *obligation* to attend Mass <u>each week</u>? (*Yes*) Has this requirement *changed* over the years? (*No*)

"Sunday... is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church." "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass." (2192, CCC)
[Please refer to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) under the section on The Ten Commandments for a complete explanation.]

So what is a *pastor* to do? I certainly have an obligation *before God* for the spiritual well-being of my people. I care about them. I **love them.** I pray for them each day.

1) Maybe I can pretend that there is no problem. Just be silent and not bring up the topic. I will only alienate people further. (How much worse can it get? About four-fifths of the average parish is missing each Sunday already!?

2) Maybe I can gently urge and try warmly to invite people. (Realistically, I have been attempting to do this almost every day of my priestly life. The results, unfortunately, have not been overwhelming.) 3) Should I preach hell, fire and damnation like the good, old days? (While I think that the Fear of the Lord is a much needed virtue for our times, most of society does not want to be told what to do—rarely, if ever.) 4) Should I go on trying to live and lead by example? Will my striving for personal holiness and my desire for conversion of life became contagious and lead people to Christ? (I can only hope and pray!)

Growing up as a child in the 60's and 70's was, in my humble opinion, a very crazy time. Free-love, the drug culture, Vietnam, the Cold War, unrest on college campuses, racial tension, etc. all seemed overwhelming to me as a kid. Yet, somehow God was present to me in the midst of it all. Despite the many adversities, I mysteriously heard the call to be Jesus' disciple. God could truly penetrate even the most difficult of situations—then and now. **Just look at the cross.** Didn't this, too, seem to be the worst of all situations? When I ask myself today "How did we get here?" as a culture and as a Church, I know deep down I must continue to trust that God is still in charge and in His plan for salvation **good will ultimately triumph**.

Please come to Mass each week. I will never stop asking (begging). I care about your eternal salvation much too much.

Fr. Ed Namiotka Pastor

Ministry Schedule October 26/27

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Coronado	Len	R. Javier	C. Betson-Smith	
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	Sr. Diana	T. Smith	A. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Erin/Choir/Julie	J. Flynn	B. Haughwout	M. Flynn, M. Marsden

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Corner

God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. The Sunday Connection, by Loyola Press, provides Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way. Gospel Reading Mark 10:35-45

In the daily routine of family life, power struggles seem unavoidable. Today's Gospel can be an invitation to consider how authority is exercised in your household.

As you gather as a family, invite family members to participate in a role play in which family roles are reversed. For example, you might assign children the role of parents. You may have them role play parents asking for cooperation from children to clean up the family room.

When the role play is finished, ask if everyone cooperated when asked? What happens when someone doesn't cooperate? How are the conflicts resolved? Observe that conflicts based on power struggles in situations such as these seem unavoidable in family life. Talk with your family about ways in which you might apply Jesus' words in your family life.

Pray together the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy .O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Mary Vangala would like to thank everyone for their **prayers** and support during her recent illness.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

members will be at the doors of the Church this weekend October 19/20 accepting your donations for those in need. Thank you for you generosity.



Coffee and donuts, sponsored by the STVdP will be available after the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses this weekend. Come join us.

South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries now offers a new interactive, online guide called, A Planning Guide for A Catholic Funeral. This guide provides information about a Catholic funeral, and it allows you to provide details about your wishes for your funeral, including your vigil, funeral Mass and committal service. Second it allows you to fill in the document providing pertinent information such as personal and family history, legal and financial information, social media and additional considerations that will be needed at the time of your passing. Your completed guide will help to alleviate stress for you and your family, and it will make your wishes known. This free guide is available at South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries' website where you can download it to your computer, and then fill in your information. We encourage you to visit https:// southjerseycatholiccemeteries.org/wp-content/



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

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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

MONDAY, October 21

9:00 AM Richard Berner r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass **9:30—Noon** Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 AM Intentions of Living & Deceased Pasion and Duffy Families

r/b Duffy Family

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00 AM Leonor P. Cueto

r/b John and Letty Duffy & Family

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00 AM Margaret Crawford

r/b Robert Crawford

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

4:30 PM Pat Beaney r/b Terri Conway

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:30 AM Kathy and Dick Haughwout

r/b Brian Haughwout

11:00 AM Catherine Namiotka

r/b Benedict's Place SCC

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 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



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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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 27, 2024 – Mark 10:46-52

...On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, Bartimaeus, a blind man, began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Commentary:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. When Jesus hears Bartimaeus crying out, he issues a call of his own. Jesus asks the man, "What do you want me to do for you?" His reply, "Master, I want to see," could become the daily prayer of every person of faith. When Jesus gives him his sight, and his freedom - "Go your way" - Bartimaeus chooses to go the way of Jesus. If we really see, where else would we want to go?

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?



Pro-Life Corner:

"I Came So That They Might Have Life"

Join thousands of Catholics praying a Respect Life Month Novena on Tuesday, October 22-Wednesday October 30. Get daily prayers, reflections, and more.

Sign up at respectlife.org/celebrate!

CAMDEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Cherry Hill

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

ADVENT **Small Christian Community** facilitator Meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024 in the Parish Hall at 4:00 PM.





After collecting over 1,000 pounds of thin-film plastic in a little over 4 months, we received our bench. Our parish has responded to the Church's call for the care for creation! The bench is located outside the main Church doors. Come and sit for a bit.



What's next? We will now collect plastic for the Franciscan Sisters! So please keep bringing it in.

We would love to have more parishioners join our plastic recycling team. Can you help once a month by taking plastic to Sprouts? Find out more by sending an email to stmfaithandjustice@gmail.com.

REMINDER and Agenda for all those who signed up

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



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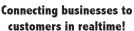
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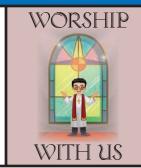
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