St. Thomas More Church

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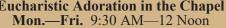
Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in

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







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.

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





Congratulations

Mark Timothy Purwin on your
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Gabrielle.

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- Psalm 139

The collection for Sunday NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Sunday \$5120.00 E-Giving \$2053.00 Total \$7173.00

THANK YOU

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father,

we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Diocese of Camden prayer cards with picture of our **Seminarians** are at the doors of the Church. Please take one and pray for them.

Stewardship Corner:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Givers

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." (MARK 12:43-44)

Jesus gets right to the point – <u>Stewards</u> are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

From the Pastor's Desk Election Day

Dear Parishioners,

As I write today (Election Tuesday), people are going to the polls (or may have already voted) to elect a president and various other officials throughout the country. I have no idea what the results will be by the time you read this message in the Sunday bulletin. However, I have a few comments and observations I wish to make regarding the current state of politics in America.

First, I have never been affiliated with any one political party for as long as I have been eligible to vote. While I know that this may prohibit me from voting in certain *primary* elections, I have found no compelling reason to make a complete allegiance to any political party as they currently stand. *My allegiance is and will always be to Almighty God and to my Catholic faith.* I publicly endorse no candidate, although I will certainly have leanings toward (and have voted for) those who clearly represent my beliefs as a Roman Catholic. The biggest of these is the *right to life* issue. We can <u>never</u> support an intrinsically evil action such as the killing of the innocent unborn through **abortion**.

I do vote <u>regularly</u> and I vote based on the *issues*, on a *candidate's observable moral character and values*, on what a candidate and his/her party's *platform* actually stands for, on a *candidate's record of service* and *past voting on issues*, etc. This sometimes makes voting very difficult, considering most candidates *without a major party affiliation* probably do not have the money or political clout necessary to run a campaign that is actually able to win. Is choosing the *lesser of two evils*—a position in which we may find ourselves all too often—ever the optimal moral position to be in?

I raise the following ongoing election concerns:

- Enough with the negative campaigning and political mudslinging! If you are going to run a political ad, tell me what you are going to do, not how bad your opponent is! I suppose that negative campaigns must produce a greater result, or they would not be used by so many. But I am truly sick of them! My hope is that there will be a backlash against those proponents of the negative campaigns and that your efforts will ultimately backfire.
- Stop lying to the people! Personally, I do not want continually to be told what you are going to do simply to pacify me or to get my vote. If I do not see results or I see broken promises time and again, you simply will not get my vote again. Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me!
- If you are elected to public office, do your jobs! We have a political system that was intended to have a *check* and balance system. Deliver me from a plethora of executive orders, from activist judges, from a congress that does not do what it is actually elected to do—continually stuck in political gridlock from partisan loyalties rather than the good of the constituents. Deliver me from all abuses of political power, in whatever form they may
- appear!
- If you <u>do not vote</u> or <u>fail to become informed on the issues</u>, you have no one to blame but yourself! I hope and pray that when they interview people on various TV shows, the people are not as ignorant about social and political matters as they make them out to be. If they really are, God help our country!
- Dear news media: please <u>report</u> the news and not continually slant it to meet your own political objectives! Is there such a thing as objective journalism anymore? Does everything have to be seen through a political pundit's eyes? We are intelligent enough to make good decisions if the facts are actually presented and propaganda is not spewed forth continually.

I think that I represent the average American citizen. I did not come from wealth or privilege. Because of my parents, I was provided an excellent education and raised with a decent work ethic. My parents struggled to raise five children, to put food on the table and to make ends meet each week. They taught us the value of the dollar and advised us to live within our means. Like many Americans, I think that I have become *highly disillusioned* with our current state of politics and don't know exactly how we are ever going to get out of the mess that we are currently in God help us! The genuine **hope** that I hold comes from remembering that *no matter who is elected to public office*, **Jesus Christ is still King!**

Fr. Ed Namiotka Pastor

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Ministry Schedule November 16/17

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Florence	G. Tyrrell	C. Betson Smith	
8:30 AM	Fr. Coronado	Becca/Julie	B. Massey	S. Oatway	A. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Becca/Julie	Clergy Confirmation Mass	L. Flynn	L. Vascisin, T. Johnson, N & M Flynn, C & D Witts



Every year on **November 11**, people in the United States celebrate **Veterans Day**. The holiday honors veterans, or people who served in the U.S. military. The day especially honors those veterans who died while fighting in a war.

As a family, take time to pray for our brave men and women who serve our country:

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces.

Give them courage, hope and strength.

May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing.

Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light.

To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. *Amen*.

Bishop Joseph Williams will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at the 11:00 AM Mass. All are invited.



Camden Catholic High School

THE ULTIMATE CLASS REUNION IS HAPPENING Saturday, November 16 in the CCHS Gym from 7-11PM Tickets include Live Music, Beer Food, Fun and Friends...You won't want to miss this! Ages 21+ only \$40/Person

The Class of 2020 is FREE! kate.bieg@camdencatholic.org.



How Can We Be Better Together?

Join a Small Christian Community at our parish for **Advent**!

This weekend, sign-up to join our Small Christian Communities (SCCs) during Advent. Joining is one of the best ways to connect in faith and fellowship at Saint Thomas More parish while strengthening our relationship with God.

Here are some things to know about SCCs:

Group size: Averages 5–12 people.

Meeting frequency: Weekly during Advent and Lent; some groups meet monthly all year.

Meeting Location: Saint Thomas More Church Parish Hall or the home of a group facilitator.

Activities: Members gather to pray, read, reflect on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, learn how to apply the Scripture's teachings to our daily lives, and do works of charity as a group. It's not a Bible study.

Materials: Each Group Facilitator utilizes handouts that guide participants and offer a reflection on the Gospel with questions for faith-sharing during each meeting.

Purpose: Hear the Word of God through Scripture, relate it to what is happening in your life right now, and then determine what God is calling you to do or change individually and collectively.

Sign-up sheets with the various days and times of the meetings are on a table in the entryway at our church. Groups that meet for Advent start the week of November 24th

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.

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MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, November 9

4:30 PM Richard Spence r/b Carol & AJ Ariani

SUNDAY, November 10

8:30 AM Elva Clark r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley

11:00 AM Barbara L. Marazzo

r/b Coen & Rellosa Families

MONDAY, November 11

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, November 12

9:00 AM Fr. Francis Ravi r/b Luchtman Family

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, November 13

9:00 AM Vince Menna r/b Fitzpatrick Family

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, November 14

9:00 AM ALL SOULS

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, November 15

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

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, November 16

4:30 PM **Fr. Michael Rush** r/b Carol Petrone, Diane Slotkin, Nancy Tagland, John Vivone

SUNDAY, November 17

8:30 AM Elva Clark r/b StVdePaulSociety

11:00 AM Catherine Namiotka

r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For November
For anyone who has lost a child: We pray that all parents
who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in
their community and receive peace and consolation from the
Holy Spirit.

Second Collection next weekend, Nov. 16/17 is for the **CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN for**

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN for HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.

Your generosity toward this collection empowers those working on the margins to break the cycle of poverty. We need your help to ensure the success of this collection

Spanish Ministry Prayer Group St. Thomas More Parish Friday: Nov. 15, 22

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, Joe Centonze, Grace Cobin, Joseph Console, Marie Corco-



ran, 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, Jose Dorotan, Hilda Maldonado.



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.*

VITALITY Catholic Healthcare Services

Join our Life to the Fullest Membership Program that informs and connects seniors to the information they need to stay safe and healthy. Membership is free to all seniors 65 and over living in the South Jersey area.

For more information, visit www.vitality.camdendiocese.org or email Christine.willard@camdendiocese.org

Gratitude is an important component to healthy aging, Practicing and nurturing an "attitude of gratitude" helps us focus on what is rather than what is not.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

members will be at the doors of the Church next weekend Nov. 16/17 accepting your donations for those in need.

Thank you for you generosity.

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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 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 17, 2024- Mark 13:24-32 Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates...Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Commentary:

With so many natural disasters, wars, and injustices against human beings before us, and many other things that we see each day in the news, perhaps we start to question: Are these not the signs Jesus speaks of in Scripture? All of these sorrows remind us that under God's reign, things would be very different. The second coming of Jesus is our greatest hope. We do not know when this will be. However, in each moment of our lives, God is present. The invitation is to be alert and discover the symbols, the signs, that indicate God's daily and continuous presence in our lives.

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

CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Clients who receive food assistance from the Cherry Hill Food Pantry will once again be able to shop for their own groceries rather than receive prepackaged bags. This provides greater dignity to those who come to us in need.

This change will require many more volunteers than our previous drive through method for receiving assistance.

St. Thomas More's new volunteer times are Thursday, November 14, Tuesday, November 19 and Thursday November 21. Tuesdays 5:30 PM -7:45 PM and Thursdays 10:30 AM to 1:15 PM.

Volunteers will guide and help our shoppers. We have many elderly and disabled clients who need extra assistance. Volunteers in the past have found this to be a very rewarding and fulfilling experience and our clients enjoy forming personal relationships. Please consider volunteering for this vital parish ministry at St. Thomas More. Thank you.

Contact Elaine Beckman at 856-428-8431 or email elainevbeckman@gmail.com



Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Chapel Monday through Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass until Noon.

As Catholics we believe that when we pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (Jesus in the Tabernacle or the Monstrance), the fullness of His life, power and love are present. Jesus is here with you right now!

Former parishioners who have moved away from the area have a mausoleum crypt for sale at Locustwood Memorial Park, Rt. 70 Cherry Hill. If interested please call Al at 856-495-5457.



Learn about Catholic Charities and Ways to Get Involved -

November 13, 7 pm St. Thomas More Parish Hall

Meet the new Executive Director Maria Elena Hallion of Catholic Charities of South Jersey. She will present an overview of Catholic Charities' programs and services and how they serve the vulnerable in South Jersey and opportunities to get involved.

Christmas and Food From Around the World-December 7, after 4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas More Parish Hall.

Would you like to provide an hors d'oeuvres or dessert that is part of your Christmas Celebration? Contact us by email stmfaithandjustice@gmail.com or call 856-424-3212.

We are looking for volunteers to deliver <u>Angel Tree</u> <u>Christmas gifts</u> to families residing in Camden, Cherry Hill, Pennsauken and Mt. Laurel before 12/20/24.

If you are able to help us, please call Chris Betson-Smith at (609) 313-0982 or

email stmfaithandjustice@gmail.com. Thank you!



Pro-Life Corner:

In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's *glory*.

The Gospel of Life, 84



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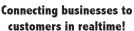
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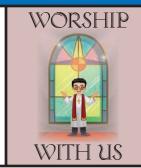
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