

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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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



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Lord Jesus, remember us. Give us a share in the spirit of forgiveness that you so generously expressed from the Cross, the spirit of generosity that enabled you to turn from your own sufferings to comfort another, and the spirit of trust in your Father, expressed in your last words. Amen.

The collection for Sunday NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Sunday	\$4017.00
E-Giving	\$1377.00
Total	\$5394.00

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

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for your consistent contributions.

There will be a special collection on **Thanksgiving Day** for the poor and needy.

Mass is at 9:00 AM. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek for "thanksgiving," and there's no better way to start your day of gratitude than by attending Mass. The celebration of the Eucharist reminds us of the ultimate gift God has given us--His Son. Offer your prayers of thanks during Mass and carry that spirit into your day.

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

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Stewardship Sharing

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" (JOHN 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share through **Stewardship** your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

From the Pastor's Desk

Remembering and Understanding Our Sacred Tradition

Dear Parishioners,

When I finished high school and was accepted for admission to a college seminary to study for the priesthood, I was told at the time that I needed to study both *Latin* and *Greek*—two years of each. I had no familiarity with either language up to then. Since we belong to the *Latin or Roman Rite*—we are **Roman Catholics**—the study of ecclesiastical Latin provided me with some valuable background for what is still our *official church language*. (Moreover, *Koine* or biblical Greek would prove very beneficial for my understanding of Sacred Scripture.)

At times, various people will reference **Vatican II** (the *Second Vatican Council*) and not know what the documents from that ecumenical council actually say. **Sacrosanctum Concilium**, the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* of the Second Vatican Council, actually states the following: **Particular law remaining in force, the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites** (#36). It certainly makes no sense to me to disregard approximately two thousand years of our precious history and tradition.

That is why, at various times during the liturgical year, I encourage our musicians to introduce various elements of Latin and Greek into our liturgy—specifically, the **Kyrie** (Greek) and the **Sanctus** and **Agnus Dei** (Latin) during the seasons of **Advent** and **Lent**. By now, if we regularly attend Mass, we should all know the English translations for the above as the **Lord, Have Mercy**, the **Holy, Holy, Holy** and the **Lamb of God**. With time, it would also be beneficial to know the *Our Father*, *Gloria* and *Nicene Creed* in Latin as well. Moreover, this variation gives us an opportunity to experience some **Gregorian Chant**, another significant tradition from our musical heritage. I believe we should change our routine during **Advent** and **Lent** since these liturgical seasons are meant to be different from *Ordinary Time*.

Interestingly enough, my experience in the classroom has shown me that if it is presented in a positive manner, children and teens are receptive to learning these parts of the Mass in the ancient languages. (Sadly, I sometimes have received much more resistance from others of *slightly older generations* who seem to have an aversion or even *disgust* for anything considered *pre-Vatican II*).

Someone once disparagingly reminded me how Latin is no longer a *spoken* or *conversational* language. It is used for the *liturgy* and in *church documents and writings*. Interestingly enough, as a result, it allows an ancient language to be *unique* and *set aside* for sacred matters, like **addressing God in prayer**. Keeping something as special or reserved for God **alone** seems like quite a novel idea, doesn't it! Maybe its use would reflect a bit more **reverence above and beyond** the colloquial or pedestrian language that we use for everyone and everything else.

[As a side note, another matter referenced in this document was the assumed *ad orientem* position of the priest (i.e., facing liturgical **East with the people**). The priest facing the people (*versus populum*) is never mentioned in this document! Yet, high altars were moved or even destroyed in many churches and the priest *regularly* faces the people during the post-Vatican II liturgy. This, however, is a topic for another day.]

I leave you with the following Latin motto which one of my seminary professors used to inscribe atop his papers and handouts: **A.M.D.G.—Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam**. It is the motto of the *Society of Jesus*, the *Jesuits*, of which **Pope Francis** is a member. May all things be done **for the greater glory of God!**

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

CHRIST THE KING, November 24, 2024

Ministry Schedule November 30/Dec. 1

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr.	Florence	E. Beckman	J. Cepeda	
8:30 AM	Fr.	Celine/Julie	K. Witts	K. Kraemer	D. & C. Witts
11:00 AM	Fr.	Celine/Julie	J. Galati	L. Galati	J. Hayden, M. Marsden



Confirmation November 17, 2024



REMINDER: There is no class on Sunday, December 1, 2024 because of the **THANKSGIVING** weekend holiday.

Classes will resume on Dec. 8th.

MASS attendance is not cancelled. See you there.

Dec. 1st is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent should be a time of joy and hope, but also one of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, in preparation for the great feast of Christmas.



How Can We Be Better Together?

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

There is still time to 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.

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.

ADVENT RETREAT—St. Vincent Pallotti Church 901 Hopkins Rd., Haddonfield, NJ

Worship, Witness & Wonders

Tues. Dec. 10th 7:00-8:00 PM

Learn about miracles, especially miracles of St. Rita presented by Fr. DiGregorio from the National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia, Phila. Pa.

Wed. Dec. 11th 7:00-8:00 PM

Hear testimonies from three witnesses who experienced the healing power of God's grace. Adoration and Benediction. All are welcome. Call 856-858-1313 for more

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.



CHRIST THE KING, November 24, 2024

MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, November 23

4:30 PM **Connie Portella and Olga V. Mignone**
r/b Donald Mignone

SUNDAY, November 24

8:30 AM **Genevieve Sueck** r/b Harry & Jean McAneny
11:00 AM **Holly Kensicki-Lind** r/b Flynn Family

MONDAY, November 25

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

TUESDAY, November 26

9:00 AM **Elva Clark** r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso
9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, November 27

9:00 AM **Virgilio Redondo** r/b Clarina Redondo
9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, November 28

9:00 AM **Catherine Namiotka**
NO Adoration

FRIDAY, November 29

9:00 AM **Living and deceased members
of Morgan family in Ireland**
NO Adoration

SATURDAY, November 30

4:30 PM **Elva Clark** r/b Fitzpatrick Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:30 AM **Elva Clark** r/b Lorraine Kennedy
11:00 AM **Michael Vigrass** r/b Family

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for December

Pilgrims of HOPE

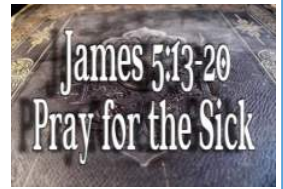
We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith,
helping us recognize the Risen Christ in our lives and
that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

- kindness - courtesy - humanity -
- prayer - trust - distance - cleanliness - alone together -
- strength - love - care - patience -
- HOPE - safety -
- perseverance - social -
- putting other first - selflessness -

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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
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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,
PFC Timothy Kenny, U.S. Army and *all those serving
our country.*



St. Thomas More **Consolation Ministry to
the bereaved** will be having a luncheon on
Friday, December 6, 1 pm, at Siena's Italian
Creative Cuisine located at 300 White Horse
Rd, Voorhees, NJ 08043-2500. Please
contact one of the ministry members
listed below if you wish to attend.

Our mission is to be a source of love,
comfort, and support to those who experience loss through
death. We work to reach out to those who experience loss, so
they will feel the healing comfort of God through this faith
community.

We hope you will allow us to walk alongside you through
your grief journey as a companion who has seen the same
terrain. Join us or call for more information.
AnnMarie Lento 856-344-7454, Jon Lisitski 856-905-6162,
Marian Kapischke 856-424-2053



Spanish Ministry Prayer Group St. Thomas More Parish Friday: Dec. 13 and 20

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

CHRIST THE KING, November 24, 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 First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024 – Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves...Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Commentary:

A supervisor in an office checked the contents of all the employee's desktop computers. Some people on the floor were panicked, since they had a lot of activity on their computers that was not exactly work-related. But some folks in the office were relatively serene in the face of the unexpected inspection. They had nothing to fear. They used their workplaces to do their work and gave their employers a just day of labor. In the season of Advent, the gospels have a lot to say about the coming day of justice, when "people will die of fright" because of what they've done and failed to do. We don't have to be in that number. *All we have to do is live thoughtfully, intentionally, and vigilantly, as if every day could be the day of our reckoning.*

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?

Retreats

- SAT & SUN **DECEMBER 7 - 8, 2024: ADVENT**
- SAT **MARCH 15, 2025: LENT**
- SAT **MAY 10, 2025: MARIAN RETREAT**



Day of service
SAT **JANUARY 25, 2025**

Moments of prayer
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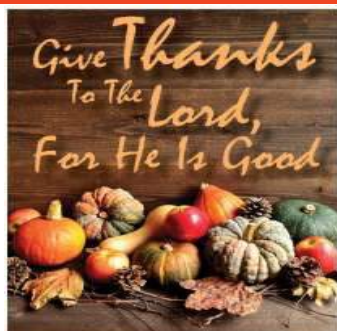


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Pro-Life Corner: O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death.

Help us to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend life in all of its forms. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace.



faith justice

Angel Tree Gift Program

St. Thomas More will begin our 3rd Annual **Angel Tree Program**. This program enables parents who are incarcerated to send a Christmas gift to their children. This weekend our Angel Tree will be up in our Gathering space. Please take an Angel Tree **Tag and Instruction Sheet** and complete a **Donor Receipt Form** if you'd like to donate a gift. The tag will have the child's age and suggested gift items. (suggested amount \$25.00). You can also make a cash donation (see basket by tree). Our team will use what is collected to purchase gifts for the Angel Tree children. All gifts must be returned to STM by Sunday, 12/1/24 **UNWRAPPED along with the tag**. A table will be in the gathering space. Any questions, please call Chris Betson-Smith (609) 313-0982.



Christmas and Food from Around the World

**December 7, after 4:30 pm Mass
St. Thomas More Parish Hall.**

All are invited to participate and share in this celebration. This is your opportunity come together in fellowship and experience the foods of other cultures while sharing your family tradition. We are looking for a few more people 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.

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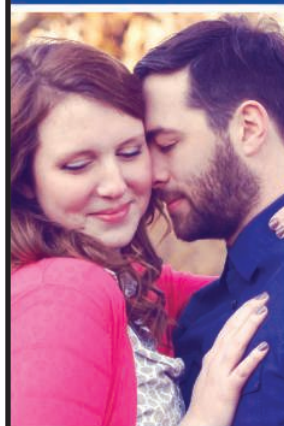


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