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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

Mon.—Fri. 9:30 AM—12 Noon



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

In the Chapel

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FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT- March 30, 2025

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



God of compassion, we rejoice in your holy Word, Jesus, who again and again offers us mercy for our sins, helps us to forgive and love one another. As we continue our journey to Easter, may heaven grant us the courage to change what needs to be changed in our lives. Fill us with the joy that comes from experiencing you as a God of mercy. Make us welcoming ambassadors, able to embody your love. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Collection for March 23, 2025

Sunday	\$4007.00
E-Giving	\$1874.00
Total	\$5881.00

This weekend, March 29/30, the Second Collection will be for **Catholic Relief Services**.

Your support helps CRS address the needs of people in developing countries through innovative solutions that strengthen communities and equip them with resources and skills to prosper-and you also support five other Catholic organizations outreach to other vulnerable people.



Here's how to take part in **40 Days for Life** in our Community from March 5-April 13
Vigil Location: Outside Cherry Hill Women's Center on Kings Hwy.

Vigil Hours can be scheduled from 7 AM-7 PM Tues.-Sat.

Our local Contact is Claire Howson
Claire@helpersnj.org 856-313-986

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

4th Sunday of Lent

Stewardship Security

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." - JOSHUA 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide his **Stewards** with all that we need.



From the Pastor's Desk

When Two Eyes Met

Dear Parishioners,

Back in 1982, when I was reflecting on the **Stations of the Cross** during **Lent**, I wrote the following poem when thinking about the **4th Station: Jesus Meets His Mother**. I pray that it may lead you to a deeper insight and appreciation of a *Mother's love for her Son and a Son's love for his Mother*.

The Meeting of the Eyes (The Fourth Station)

On *Via Crucis* the time arrived
When they should meet each other.
He bore the timber: the saving cross;
—Redemption out of Adam's loss—
Slowly he neared his Mother.
She stood and watched her only Son
And shared the pain he knew.
A feeling so helpless and ever-intense;
An ache in the womb: her motherly sense
That longed to do more than view.
His face was covered with dirt and blood;
His body all scarred from beating.
A crown of thorns upon his head
Pressed cruelly down until he bled.
—Yet his eyes awaited the meeting.
He knew his Mother to be close by;
She carried him in his youth.
Upward he sought and she was there;
Her aid by presence and inner prayer.
She cried to the Father for truth.
And now their eyes had pierced each other;
All hurt and sorrow laid bare.
Her eyes peered into eternity—
His eyes beheld her purity—
The words unspoken spoke care.
Flowed down his brow this Victim's blood,
Co-mingled with a tear.
His sight more blind as each drop fell
Into those eyes she knew so well.
—Hers filled with pain and fear.
From distance still she kept her watch
As soldiers forced him on.
Her will unceasing in its trust
Of God, all-loving and all-just.
Life's victory shall be won.
Internal pangs: a sword so sharp;
She tended upon the death-spot.
Though in her heart she yearned to be
Fastened also upon the tree,
—Her silence continued the *fiat*.

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Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT- March 30, 2025

Ministry Schedule March April 5/6 2025

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Coronado	Music ministry	Sr. Agnes	C. Betson-Smith	
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music ministry	Sr. Diana	D. Mayfield	Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music ministry	J. DeMichele	L. Galati	J. Hayden



Lent is a special time before Easter...a time to pray, a time for forgiveness, a time for giving.

What can we do?

Sock Drive for St Joseph's House: Please bring in new adult men and women's sock to class by March 30th. The students will visit Joseph House in Camden and distribute the socks, chocolate and food to the homeless.

The students will then visit the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for a tour.



Rice Bowl to be returned to class by April 6, 2025.
Everyone deserves food to eat!

Dear Jesus, when I feel like giving up, help me to remember how you kept going, and give me the strength to keep trying. Amen



"Our Journey United in Hope,"

is inspired by the theme of the Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope."

It reflects our collective commitment to walk on the path together with the hope Christ has provided us.

By supporting the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*, you are supporting programs and ministries of the Diocese of Camden. These ministries serve the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the hungry and challenged.

To date we have \$25,701.50 (34.6%) of our Goal.

Your *Catholic Ministries Appeal* gift helps our young men and our seminarians to become "men of prayer", helps guide them as they discern if they are called and then helps prepare them to stand "in the person of Christ" and serve their bride, the Church, through their preaching and teaching and most of all by celebrating the Sacraments.

Support the **South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal**
www.camdendiocese.org/sjcma



Join us for an **Intergenerational Pilgrimage Walk**

The Way of St. James on the Road to Life
for Seniors and their Families



Enjoy the quiet and simplicity of nature on this pilgrimage.
The day begins with morning prayer, followed by a 2.5 mile walk, Mass and lunch.

Saturday
April 26, 2025
9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m

Check-in starts at 8:00 a.m

Starting at Holy Trinity Parish
St. James Church, Ventnor, NJ

To register scan the QR or call 856-583-6121



VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services
601 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102
www.vitalitycamdendiocese.org



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, www.kofc.org/joinus with this QR code include "Council 6173" when asked and use the promo code: **BLESSEDDMCGIVNEY** to join.



All are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for a **Fifth Sunday Rosary** prayer service on March 30th after the 11:00 AM Mass in Church.

Please join us in celebrating our Masses in our chapel **mausoleums**. Masses are at 10:00 AM
For more information,
visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org

MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, March 29

4:30 PM Edith Christophe r/b Pauline Montes

SUNDAY, March 30

8:30 AM Margaret Toogood r/b S & R

11:00 AM Robert Hendrickson r/b Greg Tyrrell

MONDAY, March 31

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, April 1

9:00 AM Antonia Flaquer Salaclin de Colon
r/b Rosemarie Colon

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, April 2

9:00 AM Peter A. Buttacavoli r/b Tina Petrone

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, April 3

9:00 AM James Vecchiola r/b Mary Von Lintig

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, April 4 (First Friday)

9:00 AM James Vecchiola
r/b Dom and Marie Sacca

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY April 5 (First Saturday)

9:00 AM

4:30 PM Mitzie Fernando, Sandra Roseman,
Norayda Wenceslao
r/b Swartz Family

SUNDAY April 6

8:30 AM Conrado Mendoza r/b Lily and Gen Delena

11:00 AM Intentions of Grace Sklencar

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Spanish Ministry Prayer Group St. Thomas More Parish Meeting Dates

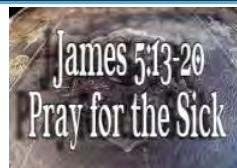
Friday: April 11, 2025

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, 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, Bob Lento,
Marie Manalo, Kelly Moore, Carter Oakley, Tina
Petrone, Dom Sacca, Carlos Santiago, Teddy Shaffer,
Grace Sklencar, Claire Spence, Stacia Strack, Michael
Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ed Targonski, Sr., Ann Vigrass,
Joanne Wachman, Sarah Warner, Baby Finley, Arlene
Pajic, Cecilia Sim, Barbara Cremean, Mark DeYoung,
Felician Lopez, Jon Lisitski.



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

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

**Thank you to all those who donated so generously to
the Diocesan Faithful Food Drive .**

We collected 950 lbs. of items requested.

**St. Thomas More's volunteer times at the
Cherry Hill Food Pantry are:**

Tuesday, April 1 and 8 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 3 and 10 from 10:30 AM-1:00 PM

Volunteers will guide and help our shoppers. We have
many elderly and disabled clients who need assistance.
Volunteers have found this to be a very rewarding and
fulfilling experience. Please consider volunteering for
this vital parish ministry at St. Thomas More.

Contact Elaine Beckman at 856-428-8431

or [email elainebeckman@gmail.com](mailto:elainebeckman@gmail.com)



FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT- March 30, 2025

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 30, 2025 – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

(The parable of the Prodigal Son) While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." (The father ordered a feast to celebrate the young son's return. The older son, on hearing about the feast grew angry and jealous. He had been faithful and had no party. His younger brother had strayed from home and now was being rewarded with a feast). The father said to the older son, "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

Commentary: Jesus says to the prodigal in all of us: "You do have a father like this. He is waiting for you to find yourself, your true self made in his image and likeness, and come on home. Never mind where you've been or what you did. The most important thing is who you are: a child of God. There's not a thing you can do to lose that identity. The party waits for you."

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 Reflection resonates with me?



Daily Mass is celebrated Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM in the Chapel.

Rite of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:00-4:00 PM as well as First Friday and First Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass. Make plans to receive the Sacrament of Penance during Lent.



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. Come join us.

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

April 4 **First Friday** 9:00 Mass and confessions

April 5 **First Saturday** 9:00 Mass and Confessions

Devotion to the First Fridays and First Saturdays incorporates devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary into our monthly routines.

On the first Saturday of every month, the faithful should go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say the Rosary, and meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary for fifteen minutes.

Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat. All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain from meat.

Immigration Then and Now...

Thursday, April 3rd at 7 PM
Saint John's Church

As immigration dominates the headlines, many Catholics may be grappling with questions about our complex immigration system. Join us for a talk with immigration lawyer and parishioner Joanna McGill-Gardner, who will walk us through the ways the immigration laws have changed using the story of her own immigrant ancestors, who came to the U.S. from Italy through Ellis Island. Along the way she'll help us answer the questions: "Why should Catholics care about immigration?" and "Why don't they just come legally?" We hope you'll join us for an informative talk on a timely issue.

No registration is needed.
For more info, contact Michelle Boddart of St. Teresa of Calcutta, michelle.boddart@gmail.com or Michael Sims, Michael.Sims@camdenocese.org or 856 585 2910

PARKING: Saint John Church (a worship site of Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish) 809 Park Ave and Lees Ave in Collingswood, NJ. There is a parking lot next to and behind the church, on-street parking on the church side of Park Avenue, and parking on both sides of Lees Avenue. Another option is the free parking lots of the Patco Speedline behind the Atlantic Avenue church.

Where we came from, and where we're going

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Masses

April 13, 2025

Saturday - 4:30 PM

Sunday – 8:30 and 11:00 AM

SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday

"Mass of the Lord's Supper" – 7:00 PM

Adoration at the Repository in the Chapel until 10 PM

Good Friday

(A day of fast and abstinence)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3 PM

Stations of the Cross – 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets – 12 noon

April 19/20

Easter Vigil Mass

8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

Masses

8:30 and 11:00 AM

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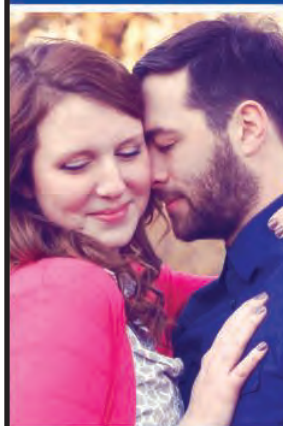


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