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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

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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



GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

For all you do throughout the Easter Season and the **entire year**, we say **THANK YOU!**

To everyone who helped make our Lent and Easter Season spiritually enriching.

Our Small Christian Community facilitators and those who participated. All those who helped organize and provide refreshments for our Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience. The St. Vincent de Paul Society for helping those in need. Our Religious Education Catechists and aids and all those who participated at the Ronald McDonald House and Joseph's House outreach. Our Altar Servers, Altar Linen Committee, Church decorators, Consolation Ministry, Counters, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Faith and Justice Committee, CH Food Pantry volunteers, Gardeners/Flowers, Greeters, Knights of Columbus, Lectors, Music Ministry, Prayer Chain, Sacristans, and Ushers. Those who visit and take Holy Communion to the homebound. Those who drive parishioners to Mass.

We thank everyone who donated for the Easter Flowers. You and the names you listed will be remembered in prayer.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Stewardship Light

"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (ACTS 10:38)

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives in **Stewardship** reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!



From the Pastor's Desk

Easter: Christ is Risen!

Dear Parishioners,

An ancient Christian Easter (Paschal) greeting is the following: **Christ is Risen!** The other person would respond: **He is Risen indeed!**

What is your reaction to this statement?

When St. Paul went to Athens and spoke to the people there, the following occurred: “When they heard about resurrection of the dead, some began to scoff, but others said, ‘We should like to hear you on this some other time.’” (Acts 17:32)

What happened on **Easter Sunday** is the most significant event for all humanity but especially for us as believing Christians. Christ rose from the dead demonstrating for all his divinity and giving us, His followers, the promise and hope of eternal life. Christ conquered sin and death. He now offers us a share in His **Resurrection** (eternal life).

So again I ask: What is your reaction?

Is it one that takes this event for granted? Is it one of intellectual curiosity like some of the Athenians? Is it one of doubt and confusion? Do we scoff with unbelief like some of the Athenians? (I would then have to question the very fact of your coming to church today, if that is the case.)

Or is your reaction one of belief, gratitude and hope? And if we do believe, does our belief express itself in the way we live our lives?

When we get to that point in our earthly journey when we realize our own mortality—we are all going to die—it is our belief in the **Resurrection of Christ** that turns despair and grief into **life** and **hope**.

I again refer to the words of St. Paul: “. . . If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.” (1Cor. 15:17-18)

I can only imagine the inexplicable **joy** that the apostles had when they saw Jesus alive again. I am sure that it surpassed their greatest expectations and gave them a faith in Christ that they would subsequently take to the ends of the earth. They would live and die for Christ, trying to spread His message of Good News—the Gospel. They would speak about resurrection and eternal life. They had their hope restored and they attempted to give others hope in Jesus.

This Easter I pray that you experience the **joy** of the Risen Christ. May your faith in Him and love for Him increase and radiate from your entire being. He is not dead but very much alive!

Today as a Church we boldly proclaim our belief in the **Risen Lord**. **Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Happy Easter!**

Fr. Ed Namiołka, Pastor

EASTER—April 20, 2025

Ministry Schedule April 26/27 2025

Mass Time	Clergy Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Coronado	Florence	G. Tyrrell	J. Cepeda	T. Johnson
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Becca/Julie	B. Massey	K. McFadden	Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Becca/Julie/Choir	J. Galati	L. Galati	S. Bresani



Dear Jesus, help me to trust in your plan, even when things seem sad or uncertain. I know that with you, there is always hope. Amen

No Religious Education Classes this Sunday, April 20 in celebration of Easter.

The Resurrection of Christ is the Greatest holy day of the Christian year.

Wishing you a joyful Easter!

St. Carlo Acutis Canonization will take place on April 27, 2025 in Rome. Carlo's legacy inspires youth worldwide, showing that sainthood is attainable today. His life offers a blueprint for using technology to spread love and truth. His story inspires generations to seek God's presence and live authentically.



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



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631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102
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“Our Journey United in Hope,”
Campaign Prayer

Heavenly Father,

In this time of planning and service, we ask that you bring us hope. Hope that will renew us in this journey to build up the Church in South Jersey.

Accept and use our Stewardship to the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal in the same way you Multiplied the loaves and fishes to feed a multitude.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and Reigns One God forever and ever. Amen.

We are the Church and this is our calling. Since the time of the first apostles, we have been charged with providing care to those who need it, inspired by the sacrificial love our Savior taught us. It is our hope that you will answer that call, as you faithfully do each year, and join together in doing something wonderful.

Thank you to all who already made a gift!

If you have not, pledge cards are at the doors of the Church.

Please prayerfully consider donating once again.

Our Goal this year is \$74,300.00



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.



SATURDAY April 19

8:00 PM Bill Kane r/b Family

SUNDAY April 20

8:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Teri Bones r/b Ann and Bill Vigrass

MONDAY, April 21

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, April 22

9:00 AM Teri Bones r/b Marie Fitzpatrick

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, April 23

9:00 AM Intentions of the Living and Deceased
Morgan Family

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, April 24

9:00 AM Dolly Station r/b Mike and Helen Hawksley

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, April 25

9:00 AM Intentions of Kathy P. Tyrrell
r/b Greta Tyrrell

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, April 26

4:30 PM Charles Boninfanti
r/b Marguerite Dwyer

SUNDAY, April 27

8:30 AM Eileen Goodwin
r/b Dr. Patrick and Janet Houston

11:00 AM Dolly Staton r/b Joyce DeMichele

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Spanish Ministry Prayer Group Meeting Dates

Friday: May 9 and 16 10:00 AM

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, 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...

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, PFC Timothy Kenny, US Army and Brendan Marcy, Ens., USCG and *all those serving our country.*

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Remembering the Innocent Ministry of Christ the King Parish invites those who have suffered the loss of a child in utero, infancy or early childhood to attend a **MASS of REMEMBRANCE and HEALING** on Mon., April 28, 2025 at 7:00 PM celebrated by Fr. Chris Bakey.

All members of the family and friends affected by this loss re welcome.

Fellowship and refreshments to follow.

More information Call 856-429-1600 or religiouseducation@cthhaddonfield.org

EASTER—April 20, 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 Second Sunday of Easter, April 27, 2025— John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you"... Thomas, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Commentary:

Our fifty day celebration of Easter is not about remembering all the people long ago who saw Jesus. It is about us having encountered the Risen Lord. If we can't honestly say, "We have seen the Lord," then it really doesn't matter who else may have seen him. We find ourselves in Thomas' shoes, listening to other people talk about an experience that sounds otherworldly and maybe, frankly, unbelievable. If you personally have witnessed light in darkness, new life from death, hope arising from despair, talk about that. Give testimony to your experiences. And if you haven't yet had those experiences, then pray, seek, insist, and be outrageous in your quest for a divine encounter - just like Thomas.

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?

Banns of Ordination to the Diaconate

The Most Reverend Joseph A. Williams, D.D. announces that he intends to ordain Mr. Nickolas Bruno Nattichione to the Sacred Order of Deacon on Saturday, the 10th day of May, 2025 at Holy Trinity Parish, Saint James Church, 6415 Atlantic Avenue, Ventnor, New Jersey.

The faithful of the Diocese of Camden are asked to pray for this young man of their parish who is being called by God to service in the Church. At the same time the faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to sacred orders, if they know of any, by contacting their pastor before the ordination in accord with the norms of cc.1043 and 1051.2 of the Code of Canon Law.



"Give us the grace – When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy **unborn life**."– St. John Paul II

Next weekend, April 26/27 the second collection will be for **Catholic Home Missions**.

Every year, parishes across the U.S. take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Because of those generous donations, this year the Appeal will fund over \$7 million in grants to more than 70 dioceses.

The St. Thomas More **Consolation Ministry** to the bereaved will be holding its next meeting on Thurs., April 24th at 1 pm in the St. Thomas More Room.

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.

Jon Lisitski 856-905-6162, Marian Kapischke 856-424-2053



As we celebrate Easter, let us remember the Church's social teaching, which is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.

This is the second in a series from the **US Conference of Catholic Bishops**.

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Call to Family, Community, and Participation

The person is not only sacred but also social. [How we organize our society](#) -- in economics and politics, in law and policy -- directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. [Marriage and the family](#) are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to [participate in society](#), seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.



Divine Mercy
Sunday, April 27th at 3:00 PM
St. Mary Church, Cherry Hill, NJ
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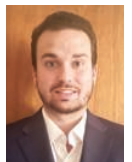
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