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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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THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER—May 4, 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



O Light of lights, Risen Jesus, enter our hearts with Your Good News. Enlighten our minds to understand how You overcame death by Your own dying and rising. Help us to feel the joy that filled the hearts of the first disciples, and to trust in the life that is promised through faith in YOU. O, Radiant Light, be in our midst as we gather to more clearly hear and welcome Your Word of Life. Amen.



The Collection for April 27, 2025

Sunday	\$3392.00
E-Giving	\$1599.00
Total	\$4,991.00

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS/REMEMBRANCES



During the month of May, the parish will remember all mothers, grand-mothers, sisters, aunts, daughters etc. living and deceased. If you would like your relatives or friends remembered in this special manner, please return the Mother's Day envelope sent along

with your weekly collection envelopes. Extra envelopes are available in the gathering space or parish office. All returned envelopes will be placed on the altar during May.

*Mother's Day cards are also available in the gathering space which can be sent to your **living** mother telling her that she will be remembered at all of the Masses at St. Thomas More.*

Evangelization means extending yourself in order to nurture the spiritual well-being of another person.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

3rd Sunday of Easter Stewards Love

"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (JOHN 21:17)

How often in **Stewardship** do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all were made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.



From the Pastor's Desk

Deep in the Heart Of Texas

Dear Parishioners,

As I write, I am currently near Austin, Texas attending some days of continuing education courtesy of the **St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology**. This is my fourth year participating in various conferences and workshops led by Catholic scholars including *Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. John Bergsma, Dr. Jeff Morrow, Dr. Shane Owens* and others. About 170 priests are in attendance from various parts of the United States and some other countries. The topic for this year is **Jubilee**, referencing the **Jubilee Year of Hope** that the Catholic Church has declared for the year 2025.

Being blunt, I would bet that many Catholics (and others) do not understand the concept of a **Jubilee Year**. I know that I did not fully realize or appreciate its significance for the Church and its people. This week I am learning much about the biblical origin and history of a jubilee year and the connection that it has to the *Jewish Sabbath* and the Christian *Day of the Lord* (Sunday). **Jubilee** is also associated with making a spiritual pilgrimage to a holy place, such as Rome.

A major premise was made during the conferences that we have to understand and re-establish the importance of the *Lord's Day* in our parishes in conjunction with any appreciation of a *Jubilee Year* for the Church. **Sundays** should be primarily **set aside** for Christian worship of God (going to Mass), for prayer, and for rest from unnecessary labor and other servile work (such as shopping and various tasks that I did not have time to do during the rest of the week). This is a proper interpretation of *Keeping the Lord's Day holy*--the Third Commandment. Contemporary culture primarily sees Sunday as *part of the weekend*, often with little or no recognition of God, worship or some rejuvenating rest for body and soul.

In my opinion, various **sports** at all levels of competition have reigned as a false *god* for generations. I enjoy most sports as much as the next person, both to watch and as a participant. However, too often excuses are made that *the kids have soccer or baseball on Sunday*, that *the weather is nice so dad went golfing* (instead of attending Mass), that *there's a playoff game on TV*, etc., which allots an inordinate amount of time, money and/or energy to the sport. Much more time, money and energy can be invested in the sport than is ever given to God in prayer or worship. An entire half-year of Sundays can be given to the NFL in "worship," just to reference one particular instance.

Then there are those who go to **Saturday** evening Mass *to get it over with, to have more time for what I want to do on Sunday, so I can sleep in*, etc. Sunday is nothing special or set apart for God.

How can we ever understand or recognize and *entire jubilee year* in a spiritual manner when we, as a culture, do not see the spiritual importance of Sunday as the *Day of Resurrection* where we weekly renew our covenant with the Lord and set the day apart from the activity of other days?

I will have more to say specifically on the **Jubilee Year of Hope** in future weeks. However, let me challenge everyone who calls himself or herself **Catholic** to examine the ways we may be ignoring or minimizing the commandment to **Keep the Lord's Day Holy**. It would make a good examination of conscience.

Fr. Ed Namiołka, Pastor

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER—May 4, 2025

Ministry Schedule May 10/11 2025

Mass Time	Clergy Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Coronado	Florence	E. Beckman	K. McFadden	
8:30 AM	Fr. Norris	Julie	K. Witts	K. Kraemer	D. & C. Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Norris	Marta/Choir	J. Galati	L. Galati	J. Hayden



Please pray for these students who will receive Eucharist for the first time on May 4, 2025.

Finn Bresani
Marlee Johnson
Adam Kalinowski
Jude Nelson
Donald Newell
Audrey Oyola
Emilia Vascisin



We will have a May Crowning procession after the 11:00 AM Mass today.

We acknowledge with **Gratitude** our Catechists.

Sr. Maria Liber, LSIC

Judy Galati

Angela MacNeill

Kathleen Kraemer

Jose Andino

Jennifer Flynn

Nick Bresani

Sara Bresani

Katie Witts

Assistants: Ryan Witts, Maryann Wilkins & Erika Andino



We congratulate our Altar Servers in training.

Joseph Galati, Connor Hayden, Aleah Johnson, Kacper Kalinowski and Victoria Vascisin.



“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.



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SATURDAY, May 3

4:30 PM Doly Staton r/b Chris Betson-Smith

SUNDAY, May 4

8:30 AM Maria Lourdes Manalo Aseremo

r/b Marie and Tomas Manalo

11:00 AM Dolly Staton r/b John and Lena Galati

MONDAY, May 5

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, May 6

9:00 AM Intentions of Mercedes Mc Carthy

r/b Marguerite Dwyer

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, May 7

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

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, May 8

9:00 AM Vincent John Tyrrell r/b Greta Tyrrell

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, May 9

9:00 AM Intentions of Juamita Perez

r/b Pauline Montes

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, May 10

4:30 PM Michael Welsh

r/b Josephine Welsh and Family

SUNDAY, May 11

8:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions

11:00 AM Mother's Day Intentions

Prayer Intention for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Spanish Ministry Prayer Group Meeting Dates

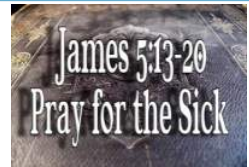
Friday: May 9 and May 16 10:00 AM

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, Eileen Demcsak.



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 Knap, 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.*



For registration and information
Contact 856-518-0184 or
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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 Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 11, 2025 – John 10: 27-30

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Commentary:

Consider the folks who have led you to become who you are today: family members and first teachers, mentors and heroes, friends, and maybe a few enemies along the way. You may have followed the inspiration of an idea or a dream, or received your greatest encouragement from people you only met in books or learned about from history. In ways we may scarcely be aware of, we have also been led by the small, still voice of our Creator, calling us to a greater and fuller life. If we have been raised in the Christian tradition, we also have been listening to the good news of Jesus Christ down through the years. Though we may stray after our demons from time to time, we can always find our way back to the center if we listen for the voice of Jesus. He calls us to our most authentic selves and tells us who we really are. Even when we are out finding ourselves, we are already found in his hands.

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 Naticchioneto 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 and for the young men 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.

Mary Immaculate, patroness of the Diocese of Camden, intercede for this man and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood here in South Jersey.

Banns of Ordination to the Priesthood

The Most Reverend Joseph A. Williams, D.D. announces that he intends to ordain Reverend Mr. Timothy Stephen Mulranen and Reverend Mr. Thomas Kristopher Piro to the Sacred Order of Presbyter on Saturday, the 17th of May, 2025 at Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 500 Greentree Road, Glassboro, New Jersey.

The faithful of the Diocese of Camden are asked to pray for these men and for the young men of their parish who are 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.

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Encourage Congress to Support Religious Workers and the Communities They Serve.

The New Jersey Catholic Conference shared an action alert last week and how you can contact our representatives with just a few clicks.

An increasing number of priests, religious sisters and brothers, and others serving the Church throughout the United States will be forced to abandon their ministries if policymakers do not act soon.

Unfortunately, many churches, schools, and other Catholic institutions have already had to part with men and women who served in our country for years because of challenges with the Religious Worker Visa Program.

Simply go to <https://www.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/125628/Respond>



May we, the body of Christ, do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish.



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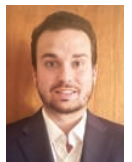
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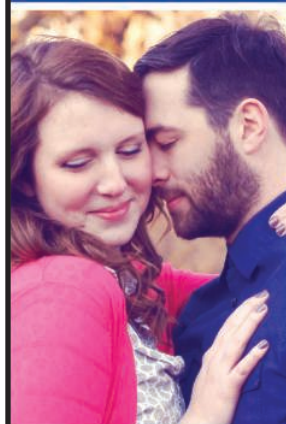


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