

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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FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER—May 11, 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 Love We thank you for the gift of our mothers, Who guide us on life's journey, Who teach us how to pray to you, Who listen and cry with us, Who applaud our progress and laugh with us., Who want the best for us and dream with us, Who have forgiving hearts and love us always. Bless and care for our mothers. May they be cherished and beloved, Not just on Mothers' Day, but every day. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, who loved His mother very much.



The Collection for May 4, 2025

Sunday	\$5,645.00
E-Giving	\$2,066.00
Total	\$7,711.00



Memorial Day Mass Schedule at Cemeteries

*Remembering Those Who Have Served and Who Have
Gone Before Us*

Please join us for our Memorial Day Masses held on Monday, May 26, in most of our Catholic Cemeteries to honor those who have served our country and paid with the ultimate sacrifice. For a complete listing of locations and times, please visit us at SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

4th Sunday of Easter

Joyful Stewardship

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, Jesus fills his **Stewards** with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!



From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Mother's Day!

Dear Parishioners,

I wish a ***Happy Mother's Day*** to all mothers this weekend.

Having lost my mother over a year ago at the age of 90, I still miss seeing her and hearing her voice. She and I became very close over the years as I was her oldest and only unmarried child. I had time to visit her at home (usually weekly), to vacation with her and to act as her "social director" during the many years she was able to travel. We would go out to dinner, go to the movies, go to the beach, and attend various theater performances, etc. for the many years after my dad passed (in 1995).

For most people there is a *special bond* between mother and child. Our mothers carry us in their wombs for nine months. They endure the pangs of birth. They feed us, bathe us, clean up after us, teach us, comfort us, caress us and, most importantly, *love us*.

How often they are *willing to sacrifice* for us!

Thanks *mom*s for your strength, patience and ability to make things better by your calming and reassuring presence. Whenever we take you for granted or forget what you have done for us over the years, we apologize. You deserve better from us.

We love you!

For those who have lost their earthly mothers like me, please remember to pray for them and have Masses offered for them. Our faith teaches us, whether they are in purgatory or in heaven, they can pray for us! Let's aid them in getting to heaven by offering our prayers, Masses and sacrifices for them.

In addition to our biological (or adoptive) mothers, I think that it is also important to remember to honor our *Spiritual Mother* as well. Our Blessed Lady should play an essential role in the lives of Catholics and indeed all Christians. She was given to us as our mother through St. John at the foot of the cross:

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. (John 19: 26-27)

We honor Our Lady as our *Queen and Mother*. After First Holy Communion last week, we crowned her at the 11 AM Mass. We pray that she will continue to intercede for her children here on earth and we place our confident hope and trust in her.

We need to ask her continually to *pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death*. Pray her *Rosary* and meditate upon the mysteries of our faith. You can also choose to wear a *Miraculous Medal*, *Brown Scapular* or some other outward sign of commitment/consecration to her care and protection. We desire to share eternity with her and her Son ***Jesus*** in His Heavenly reign.

Whether *biological*, *adoptive* or *spiritual*, **Happy Mother's Day** to all our *mothers*! Thanks for loving us!

Fr. Ed Namiołka, Pastor

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER—May 11, 2025

Ministry Schedule May 17/18 2025

Mass Time	Clergy Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Len	Sr. Agnes	J. Cepeda	
8:30 AM	Fr. Coronado	Becca/Julie	Sr. Diana	T. Smith	A. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Becca/Choir	M. Garber	L. Galati	S. Andino



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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.

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.

Our Goal this year is \$74,300.00

To date we have raised \$32,921.00 - 44.3%

Permanent Diaconate Information Session

The Office of the Diaconate is holding a meeting to provide information and answer questions concerning the life and ministry of a permanent deacon. If you, or someone you know, believe that Christ is calling you to serve the Church as a deacon please attend this meeting:

When: Tuesday, May 20th from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Where: The Diaconate Center (133 N. 3rd St., Hammonton)

Who: Any man ages 30 – 55

Please confirm your attendance by calling the Diaconate Office (856-583-2858) or emailing Linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org.

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SATURDAY, May 10

4:30 PM Deacon 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

MONDAY, May 12

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, May 13

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

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, May 14

9:00 AM Tim Votra r/b Greta Tyrrell

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, May 15

9:00 AM Brett Audino r/b Sharon and Jack Weinberg

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, May 16

9:00 AM Intentions of Sr. Roseangela Ganau
r/b FMSIJ

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, May 17

4:30 PM Donald Tumini r/b The Camma Family

SUNDAY, May 18

8:30 AM Margaret Mary Farley
r/b Roseanne and Robert Luther

11:00 AM Andrew Kerkman
r/b Pat and Carl Luchtman

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

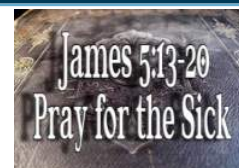
Friday: May 16 10:00 AM

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,
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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
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.*



Next weekend May 17/18 is our **Society of St. Vincent de Paul collection** weekend. We ask that you bring some of the below non-perishable food items to restock our pantry. These items support the food insecure in our area.
THANK YOU!

Canned vegetables—Pasta—Pasta Sauce—Peanut Butter—Jelly—Canned Fruit—Soups—Canned Tuna—Cereal.

They will also sponsor coffee and donut hospitality after the Sunday Masses next weekend.



Join us for Coffee and Treats on Thursday, May 15th after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Gathering Space.

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER—May 11, 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 18, 2025 – John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Commentary:

There are many examples in the Bible of farewell speeches. They always include leaving a farewell gift. Jesus addressed his disciples as "my children," like a father would on his deathbed. Jesus' gift is the commandment to "love one another." This is the key to eternal happiness. "Love your neighbor as yourself" had been around for a long time. There was something new in Jesus' command. **They were to love each other as Jesus loves.** It is to be a totally selfless love. Jesus' death on the cross is the highest expression of his love. It is this love which identifies the disciples with Jesus. **What we believe, how we behave and worship must be motivated by his command to "love one another" as he loves us.** This is the necessary mark of a truly Christian community.

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 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.

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



Thank you woman who are mothers. You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you...the one who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life." *St. John Paul II*



St. Thomas More F & J Event - May 20, 7 PM This will be held at St. Thomas More

Beth Ford McNamee, Director for Sisters of Saint Joseph Center for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation will speak about Catholic Social Teaching and Why it Matters.

Hospitality provided

Registration is helpful for planning, either by phone 856-424-3212 or email stmfaithandjustice@gmail.com.

We are still collecting items for our TREX Recycle Program. Place your items in the boxes at the Church doors.

Do take a few minutes to review the items that TREX wants for recycling and what they cannot use. The poster on top of the TREX Box provides this information along with frequently asked questions.

SANTACRUZAN 2025

Sunday, May 18th 1:00 PM

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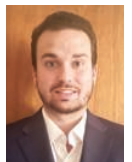
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