

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

First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

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FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER—May 18, 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



Loving God, You became one with us that we might become one with You and with one another. May Your love for us made uniquely visible in Jesus, teach us how to love one another as He did, so You can make all things new. Amen



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

5th Sunday of Easter **Stewardship Love**

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part for **Stewards** – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.



From the Pastor's Desk

You're Invited!

Dear Parishioners,

On **Pentecost Sunday**, June 8, 2025, after the 11 AM Mass you are invited to attend our ***Meet the Ministries Luncheon***.

Primarily, we want to bring our parishioners together for a social opportunity in which we can meet one another and be introduced to the various groups, ministries and organizations currently active in the parish. In our parish hall (and the adjacent courtyard, weather permitting), we will have tables of representatives from the various parish organizations and ministries explaining who they are, what they do, when they meet, etc. We encourage our parishioners to find out more about the various ministry opportunities currently available in our parish.

Pentecost is seen as the birthday of the Church when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Church came alive and began to spread from those *tongues of fire* which the early Church received from God (see Acts 2 ff.) It is my hope and prayer that the same Holy Spirit will help our parish to grow and flourish in various ways as we join together, first in prayer and worship, then in fellowship leading to ongoing Christian service.

You are invited to hear more about our *catechists, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, choir/music ministry, and ushers*. You can see what is involved with *Faith and Justice, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, Small Christian Communities, Spanish Ministry*, etc. Maybe you would like to be part of bereavement/consolation, volunteer to work in the parish office, consider preparing the altar linens, be a member of the pastoral/parish council, go on a retreat, help plan a parish picnic, assist decorating the church or see where you might find your particular niche within our parish.

In my various assignments as pastor, people would sometimes say they were “never invited” or that only a “select group of people” did everything. Well, **you** are hereby invited to come and see. You are invited to join us for lunch. You are invited to meet other parishioners. You are invited to consider getting involved in whatever capacity you may see yourself being drawn.

We all should realize that the Church is considered *Catholic* or universal for a reason. The Gospel message goes out to all the world and people are invited to respond to the *invitation of the Lord*. God never forces us to do anything. He freely invites us to “Come and See” (Jn. 1:39) to “Follow Me” (Jn. 1:43) and to “Make Disciples” (Mt. 28:19). As your current shepherd, I should follow Christ’s example. I extend ***my personal invitation*** to all my parishioners to help build and grow **this parish** for the greater honor and glory of God. I cannot do this alone!

If you plan to attend our luncheon, please notify the parish office **before June 1** indicating your name and the number of people coming so that we can adequately plan for lunch. We want this to be a memorable time for all. However, I do not have the capacity *to multiply loaves and fish* on the spot as Jesus did, so please let us know you are coming!

May the Holy Spirit continue to build, strengthen and guide the Church and our parish! Please do your part to make this happen!

Fr. Ed Namiołka,

Pastor

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER—May 18, 2025

Ministry Schedule May 24/25 2025

Mass Time	Clergy Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Florence	R. Javier	J. Bland Campbell	T. Johnson
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	B. Massey	S. Oatway	A. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Erin/Julie	T. Librojo	J. Johnson	L. Vascisin

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DESSERTS/SNACKS WELCOMED

SANTACRUZAN 2025

Sunday, May 18th 1:00 PM

Christ Our Light Parish, Cherry Hill

All are invited to this Filipino-American religious tradition which has been celebrated for over 100 years in the Philippines.



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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 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 and Family

MONDAY, May 19

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, May 20

9:00 AM Vincent Tyrrell r/b Greta Tyrrell

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, May 21

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

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, May 22

9:00 AM Michael Montes r/b Pauline Montes

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, May 23

9:00 AM Mary Cyberey
r/b Greta Tyrrell

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, May 24

4:30 PM Gerri Kurlej
r/b Dave and Lin Lyon

SUNDAY, May 25

8:30 AM Gerri Kurlej r/b Beaney Family

11:00 AM Dolly Staton r/b Pauline Montes

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

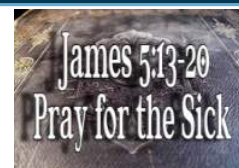
June 6, 13, 20, 27

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 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.*



This 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 this weekend.



Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.

~Jeremiah

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER—May 18, 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.

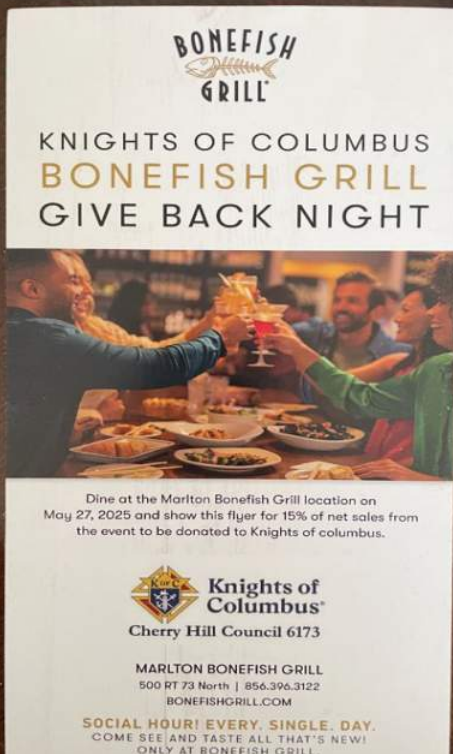
Excerpt from the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 25, 2025 - John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him...The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives peace do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

Commentary: Jesus tells his disciples that his peace is different. How different? Jesus' peace is everlasting.

Compared with global diplomatic relations, which tend to fall apart in a generation or less, Jesus' everlasting peace is good news. Christ's peace is not contingent on anything that the world attempts to offer us in the guise of peace. The peace that Jesus gives comes clean, free, and permanent, with no strings attached. It is a peace that doesn't crumble on contact when the troubles of this world crowd in. St. Paul called Jesus' peace "a peace which passes understanding." (Philippians 4:7)

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?



Tuesday, May 20, 7 PM
St. Thomas More F & J Event

Learn about Catholic Social Teaching and Why it Matters.

Speaker: Beth Ford McNamee, Director for Sisters of Saint Joseph Center for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation.

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



Support the South Jersey Scholarship Fund's Spring Sprint for Scholarships appeal running now through June 30. Last year, the fund provided scholarship assistance for 165 Catholic school students in the Diocese of Camden. For many of these families, this support enabled them to continue sending their children to Catholic school.

For more information or to contribute, visit southjerseycatholicschools.org/springsprint
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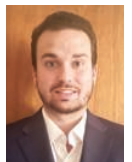
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