

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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Father Victorino Coronado, In Residence
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The Ascension of the Lord—June 1, 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



Welcome, everyone to St. Thomas More Church We are so glad you are with us today as we worship the Lord together in the House of God! Let us all praise God as we “enter His gates with thanksgiving and his court with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.” Psalm 100.



The Collection for May 18, 2025

Sunday	\$3,401.00
E-Giving	\$1,736.00
Total	\$5,137.00



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 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.

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.

Call 856-424-3212

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Ascension of the Lord **Living Stewardship**

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (REVELATIONS 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school. Living **Stewardship** gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away.



From the Pastor's Desk

40 Hours Devotion and Corpus Christi

Dear Parishioners,

Beginning Thursday night (6/19/25) with a 7 PM Mass in *St. Thomas More Church*, we will offer the opportunity for prayer and adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament around the clock, commonly known as the **Forty Hours Devotion**. We will have two Masses on Friday (6/20/25) at 9 AM and 7 PM and conclude on Saturday evening (6/21/25) at the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass for *Corpus Christi* with a Eucharistic Procession at the conclusion of Mass. I have asked Fr. Joseph Szolack, pastor of *Our Lady of Hope Parish* in Blackwood, to be the guest preacher. All Masses and Eucharistic Adoration will be in the **church**, not the chapel.

This Forty Hours Devotion, which can be traced to Milan, Italy around the year 1530, is a formalized period of prayer and adoration centering on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Prior to this period in the Catholic Church's history, there were times of exposition and benediction, Eucharistic processions and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. However, both Saints Philip Neri and Ignatius of Loyola instituted the Forty Hours Devotion (with reference to Jesus' 40 hours in the tomb and recalling other biblical citations in which the symbolic number 40 was specified) in reparation for sin.

Fr. William Saunders, whom I knew from my college seminary days, wrote a rather thorough article, "40 Hours with Jesus Christ," originally for his diocesan paper (*Arlington Catholic Herald*) describing this devotion. I quote from a part of it here:

While the Mass is the central act of worship for us Catholics, an act which participates in the eternal reality of our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection, Vatican Council II upheld and encouraged the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. Of course such devotion derives from the sacrifice of the Mass and moves the faithful to both sacramental and spiritual communion with our Lord (*Eucharisticum Mysterium*, #50). . . . Pope John Paul II has repeatedly "highly recommended" public and private devotion of the Blessed Sacrament, including processions on the Feast of Corpus Christi and the 40 Hours Devotion (cf. *Dominicae Cena*, #3, and *Inaestimabile Donum*, #20-22).

It was the 4th Bishop of Philadelphia, St. John Neumann who was a strong promoter of this devotion in his diocese. The practice would also spread to our area of New Jersey and beyond.

After considering this brief history lesson and the official encouragement by saints, popes and church documents, I really think that the essence of this devotion comes down to our belief—our deep faith—in Jesus' Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. If Jesus is really there, why wouldn't we want to spend time with Him in prayer?

I can simply relate to you from my own personal experience that spending time with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist has been for me my most fruitful times of prayer beyond comparison. I love the Holy Eucharist in all of its dimensions—from offering the Mass to the reception of Holy Communion to adoring and worshiping Jesus' Real Presence in the tabernacle / monstrance. Jesus is present throughout—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Those that I know (and have known) who have prayed in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament have overwhelmingly come to appreciate what a most precious gift that we have. The Mass is so much more meaningful. The reading of the Sacred Scriptures becomes alive and motivating. The inspiration and wisdom that comes from sitting at the feet of the Master is beyond price!

I invite you to come to Mass and to spend some time during these days—*June 19th to June 21st*—with our Eucharistic Lord. Please sign up so that all the time slots are filled! Our Lord deserves nothing less.

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

The Ascension of the Lord—June 1, 2025

Ministry Schedule June 7/8

Mass Time	Clergy Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr.	Music Ministry	E. Beckman	C. Betson-Smith	
8:30 AM	Fr.	Music Ministry	Sr. Diana	T. Smith	A. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr.	Music Ministry	J. Galati	L. Galati	J. Hayden

This weekend the second collection will be for the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the U.S. using the internet, television, radio and print media.

Your support spreads the gospel message.

Devotion to the **First Fridays** (June 6) and **First Saturdays** (June 7) incorporates devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary into our monthly routines.

First Friday devotion, calls for the faithful to receive the Eucharist on the first Friday of the month for nine consecutive months in honor and reparation of Jesus' Sacred Heart.

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.

Join your fellow parishioners after the Sunday Masses this weekend for coffee and hospitality. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



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.



"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 reached \$40,921.00

Sexual abuse is a crime that must be reported, investigated and responded to so that victims are protected and those who commit abuse are removed from ministry

A special toll-free number has been established to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, religious, employees and/or volunteers. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-964-6588.

Diocese of Camden

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SATURDAY, May 31

4:30 PM Sally Ann Schweitzer
r/b The Glaviano Family

SUNDAY, June 1

8:30 AM William Byrnes r/b Pat and Kevin Byrnes

11:00 AM Sr. Peter Marie Buttacavoli
r/b Tina Petrone

MONDAY, June 2

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, June 3

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

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, June 4

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

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, June 5

9:00 AM

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

First FRIDAY, June 6

9:00 AM

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

First SATURDAY, June 7

9:00 AM

4:30 PM Dolly Staton r/b Sirley Kane

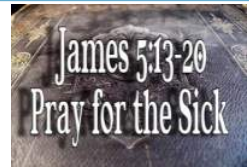
SUNDAY, June 8

8:30 AM

11:00 AM Teri Bones r/b Joyce DeMichele

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.

Please Note—We have Mass intentions available in the
coming weeks.

A Mass intention may be requested for a Mass for: a
deceased loved one; a living person who is sick or suf-
fering; a living person who is celebrating a birthday,
anniversary or other special moment in their life; in
thanksgiving to God.

Call or stop by the Parish Office to schedule.

Prayer Intention for June

For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to
undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find
Welcome and new opportunities in the countries that
receive them.

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.



VITALITY

Catholic Healthcare Services

Seniors are invited to join
Life to the Fullest Membership
Program which informs and
connects seniors to the resources
they need to stay safe and healthy.

Membership is free.

Email Christine Willard at
Christine.willard@camdendiocese.org for more
information.



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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 Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025 John 14:15-16

"...I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always."

Commentary: We celebrate the remarkable feast of Pentecost as the birthday of the Church. The same Spirit that separated the earth from the sky, the sea from the dry land; the same breath that was breathed into Adam now comes to rest on a group of frightened people, and a new being is created. The origins of the Church lay with common people moved by the Spirit of God to follow after Jesus of Nazareth, before they had any idea what was going to be asked of them.

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?

Save
the
Date

St. Thomas More Feast Day
FORTY HOURS DEVOTION
Thurs., June 19th 7:00 PM through
Sat. June 21st 4:30 PM Mass.

This is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition.
Please plan to spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord.



Respect Life Corner

I plead with you--never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.
Pope John Paul II

faith  justice

The Faith & Justice team hosted a wonderful speaker, Beth Ford McNamee, who talked about Catholic Social Teaching, its history from Pope Leo XIII through to Pope Leo XIV. She led engaging discussions on what it means for all of us today.

There was a great turnout with 49 people from St. Thomas More and 12 other parishes across the Diocese and a reporter from the Catholic Star Herald.

Key themes at the heart of Catholic Social Teaching will be included in future bulletins.

TREX Challenge—Remember to check the poster on top of the TREX Box for what is acceptable.

Hard plastics such as water bottles and plastic containers are **not** acceptable for making TREX products.



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Questions? Contact: Michael Sims
856-583-2910
Michael.Sims@CamdenDiocese.org

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 **SPRING SPRINT**
FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
South Jersey Scholarship Fund

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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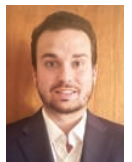
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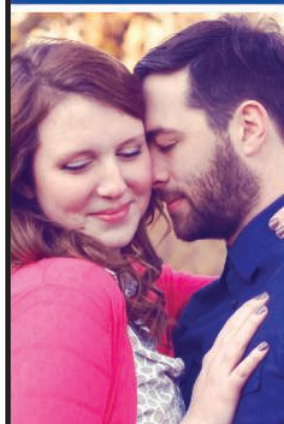


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