St. Thomas More Church

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Mass Schedule

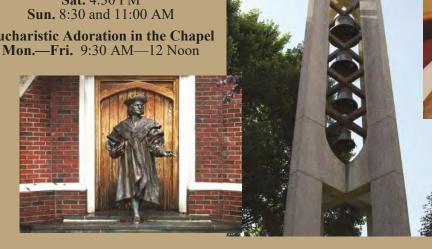
Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in

the Chapel

First Saturdays: 9:00 AM in the Chapel

Sat. 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel





Rite of Reconciliation **Saturday**

3:00—4:00 PM In the Chapel First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

Father Edward Namiotka, Pastor Father Victorino Coronado, In Residence Julie Linn, Music Ministry Sheila Tartamosa, Business Manager



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PENTECOST SUNDAY—June 8, 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



Father of Light, from whom every good gift comes, send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind... And by the flame of your wisdom, open the horizons of our minds. Loosen our tongues to sing your praise in words beyond the power of speech, for without your Spirit we could never raise our voices in words of peace or announce the truth that Jesus is Lord!



The Collection for **June 1, 2025**

Sunday \$4,643.00 E-Giving \$1,898.00 Total \$6.5431.00

REMINDER: For those who registered/signed up

Pentecost Sunday,

June 8, 2025, after the 11 AM Mass

Meet the Ministries Luncheon.



For I know well the plans I have in mind for you ... plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope. When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me...and I will change your lot. (Jeremiah 29:11-14)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Pentecost Sunday Stewardship Advocate

"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." (JOHN 14:26)

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What Stewards put in their mind, heart, and soul affects actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

From the Pastor's Desk

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I Place my Trust in Thee

Dear Parishioners,

In the Catholic Church, the month of June is traditionally dedicated to the **Sacred Heart** of Jesus. I think it is no mere coincidence that the secular world puts an emphasis on something contrary to Christ and the teaching of His Church. Rebellious human beings would rather act defiant to God's design and try to tell God how they should be allowed to live and act. The first deadly sin—*pride*—once again rears its ugly head.

For fourteen years of my life I had worked at a high school named for Our Lord's **Sacred Heart**. The motto of the school was: *Fac Cor Nostrum Secundum Cor Tuum*. (The translation of the Latin: *Make our hearts like unto Thine* or *Make our hearts like Your Heart*.)

The image of the **Sacred Heart** centers on a devotion to Jesus' physical heart as representing His Divine Love for all humanity. The Sacred Heart is often depicted in Christian art as a flaming heart shining with divine light. It is bleeding, pierced by the lance-wound, surrounded by a crown of thorns, and surmounted by a cross. The wounds and crown of thorns allude to the manner of Jesus' death, while the fire represents the transformative power of Christ's love.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque is associated with the devotion to the Sacred Heart. She entered the Visitation Convent in 1671 and six years later Christ appeared to her in a vision in which she said: "I could plainly see His heart, pierced and bleeding, yet there were flames, too, coming from it and a crown of thorns around it. He told me to behold His heart which so loved humanity. Then He seemed to take my very heart from me and place it there in His heart. In return He gave me back part of His flaming heart."

In all, there were four revelations, during which the now-familiar Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart were made:

- 1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
- 2. I will establish peace in their homes.
- 3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- 4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
- 5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- 6. Sinners will find in my Heart the source and an infinite ocean of mercy.
- 7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
- 8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
- 9. I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
- 10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- 11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
- 12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

The last of these promises is responsible for the nine *First Fridays'* devotion. Also requested by Jesus was the establishment of a feast in honor of His Sacred Heart. We now celebrate this *Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* on the first Friday after the octave of the *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ*. This year it falls on *June 27, 2025*. Additionally, we honor the Sacred Heart every first Friday of the month. It is also a Catholic tradition to have an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus enthroned in the family home.

Now that you have a brief history, what truly matters is whether or not we are becoming more Christ-like and whether our hearts reflect Christ's love for us.

The simple prayer said — *Make my heart like Your Heart* — should remind us of the task in front of each of us.

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

PENTECOST SUNDAY—June 8, 2025

Ministry Schedule June 14/15

Mass Time	Clergy Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Florence	R. Javier	K. McFadden	
8:30 AM	Fr. Coronado	Julie/Celine	K. Witts	S. Oatway	Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine/Choir	T. Librojo	J. Johnson	S. Andino

St. Thomas More Feast Day FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

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.

Fr. Joseph Szolack, pastor of *Our Lady of Hope Parish* in Blackwood, will be the guest preacher.

All Masses and Eucharistic Adoration will be in the **church**, not the chapel.

You are invited to come to Mass and to spend some time during these days—*June 19th to June 21st*—with our Eucharistic Lord.

Please sign up after Mass today on the forms in the Gathering space so that all the time slots are filled! We would like to have at least TWO people for each time slot.

Travel Opportunity in Eastern Europe- April 2026 Come for an informational meeting on Wednesday, June 11, at 7pm in St. Bridget Parish Hall (125 Church St- Glassboro, NJ) to find out about a tour with Fr. John Rossi next Spring through GoAhead Tours. From April 11-19, we plan to traverse the beautiful Eastern European Cities of Krakow, Prague and Budapest with a journey through a scenic area of Slovakia. All this with airfare and many meals included at a projected cost under \$4,500. At this time, the tour is in its planning stages. Depending on the number of interested travelers, the cost and itinerary may be subject to change. Please attend the meeting to answer your questions and help decide if this travel destination is right for you.



"Our Journey United in Hope," <u>Campaign Prayer</u>

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.



Next weekend June 14/15 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.



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, June 7

4:30 PM Dolly Staton r/b Shirley Kane **SUNDAY**, **June 8**

8:30 AM People of the Parish 11:00 AM Teri Bones r/b Joyce DeMichele MONDAY, June 9

9:00 AM People of the Parish 9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, June 10

9:00 AM Anna Cyberey r/b Greta Tyrrell **9:30**—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, June 11

9:00 AM Catherine Ann Segrest r/b Dom and Marie Sacca 9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, June 12

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

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, June 13

9:00 AM Intentions of Julia and Danny Byrnes r/b Pat and Kevin Byrnes

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, June 14

4:30 PM Bill Kane and Rudy Peins r/b Shirley Kane

SUNDAY, June 15

8:30 AM Father's Day Intentions 11:00 AM Father's Day Intentions

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 13, 20, 27



Join us as we Pray the Rosary, Lectio Divina, and reflect on themes of faith.

NOTE: The Spanish Ministry is looking for volunteers to help some of their members better understand the English language. Sr. Rosa will be at the Ministry Lunch on Sunday if you have any questions or to sign-up.

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 suffering; 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.

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.



Calling All Seniors!

Membership is free.

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY—June 8, 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.

The Gospel for The Most Holy Trinity, June 15, 2025 - John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason, I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

Commentary:

The Gospel reading emphasizes the work of the "Spirit of truth" in the Christian community. Jesus is about to leave his disciples and is making provision for their future. The "Spirit of truth" will guide them throughout the centuries in their efforts to grow in understanding. A striking feature of this passage is its stress on the common working of Jesus, his Father and the Spirit of truth. They possess in common; they act in common. What can the Holy Trinity teach us about community and relationships?

- 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?

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AFTEROON 1:00 **MOVIE** ST. THOMAS MORE ROOM

Wish Man

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

<u>Frank Shankwitz</u>, an Arizona motorcycle cop with a troubled past, survives a near-fatal accident during a high-speed pursuit. As part of Frank's rehabilitation, police chief Sgt. Eddie Newman asks him to spend time with a terminally ill little boy, Michael, whose dying wish is to be a Highway Patrol motorcycle officer. To Michael, Frank is a hero and an unlikely friendship is born. The boy inspires Frank to follow a new path, which leads to the creation of the <u>Make-A-Wish Foundation</u>. Movie epilogue states that over 450,000 wishes have been granted since the beginning of the charity.

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Catholic Social Teaching - From our Recent Speaker

"Catholic Social teaching strives to foster a living faith that leads to loving action in the world today by raising up a social vision that is transformative, thereby making visible the reign of God.

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is the Church's presentation and articulation of its reflection upon human beings in society. It sets about naming the realities (at a given point in time), highlighting the dangers to full human flourishing and critiquing them from the point of view of the Catholic faith."

TREX Challenge—We are still collecting recyclable plastic.

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

Father's Day Remembrance envelopes and cards are at the doors of the Church. Please list your intentions on the envelope with your donation and put in the collection basket or drop off at the office during business hours. Envelopes will be placed on the altar and they will be remembered in prayer during the month of June.



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