

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



Almighty God, You grace us with signs of new life each and every day. Give us eyes to see you present in our midst. Give us arms to carry you into our world. Give us voices to be zealous missionaries for you in our homes and neighborhoods so that we might make your kingdom visible now. Amen.



**The Collection for
June 22, 2025**

Sunday	\$3313.00
E-Giving	\$1919.00
Total	\$5232.00

This weekend, June 28/29 we will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection** to support the Universal Church and the charitable work of the Holy See. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous.

**GRETA's
Birthday**



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Living Stewardship

"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." (2 TIMOTHY 4:7)

How many of us can say this? St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God doesn't call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful." How many times have we been blinded by the success of the world at the expense of our faith? Matthew Kelly says, "Take one minute each day to live **Stewardship** reminding yourself that you are just passing through this life and will die one day; you will live more intentionally with a passion and purpose."



From the Pastor's Desk

Saint Peter and Saint Paul

Dear Parishioners,

St. Peter the Apostle (a.k.a. *Simon*) was personally chosen by Christ to head what would become known as the *Catholic Church*. “. . . You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church.” (Mt. 16:18) Peter was a weak, imperfect man. He denied Christ three times. He fled the crucifixion scene. Peter fell asleep when Christ asked him (and others) to pray with Him in the garden of Gethsemane. Christ strongly rebuked Peter when he tried to contradict Christ's prediction of His future suffering and cross. “[Jesus] turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.’” (Mt. 16: 23) Nevertheless, Peter became the leader that Christ wanted for His Church.

St. Paul (a.k.a. *Saul*) initially persecuted the early Church:

“Now Saul, still breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, that, if he should find any men or women who belonged to the Way, he might bring them back to Jerusalem in chains.” (Acts 9: 1-2)

He had some culpability for the death of St. Stephen. “Now Saul was consenting to [Stephen's] execution.” (Acts 8: 1) Yet, Christ had other plans for him. Eventually he became known as the *Apostle to the Gentiles* willing to go far and wide to proclaim **Jesus is Lord**. (See Phil. 2:11)

What lessons can we learn from Christ's choice of these two men? First, Christ does not necessarily choose only the perfect, the holy, the best or the brightest. He chooses sinners, the weak, the lowly, and the seemingly insignificant. He chooses whomever He wills in spite of what others may think. After all, He is God.

Next, Christ has the power to transform even the worst possible situation into something holy and salvific. Peter and Paul were sinners who became saints. They did not initially act in accordance with what Christ intended for His Church. However, with the grace of God's transformative love, they became holy. They learned to love Christ. They suffered and died for Him. They are officially recognized as *saints*. The Church's history is filled with many such scenarios.

Additionally, we see how it is the *power of Christ* that works through these men and sometimes in spite of them. Peter could only walk on water when he kept his eyes focused on Christ. Otherwise he sank. (See Mt. 14: 22-33) Paul's zeal for his religion was initially misdirected to destroy Christianity until Christ turned him around and allowed him to see clearly. He then became one of Christianity's greatest proponents and missionaries.

Tradition has it that Peter was eventually *crucified* like Jesus. However, he requested to die upside down because he was not worthy to die in the manner his Lord had died. Paul, after a time of imprisonment, was *beheaded*. Peter is symbolized by *keys* illustrating his binding and loosing power as head of the Church. Paul is symbolized by the *sword* indicating the power Sacred Scripture has to pierce one's being (See Heb. 4: 12) as well as the manner of his death.

As we honor these two great Church leaders on this solemnity, may we aspire to be transformed in like manner by Jesus into zealous disciples.

Fr. Ed Namiootka, Pastor

Ministry Schedule July 5/6

Mass Time	Clergy Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	Sr. Agnes	C. Betson-Smith	Please fill in if you are at this Mass
8:30 AM	Fr. Coronado	Music Ministry	Sr. Diana	T. Smith	A. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	J. Galati	L. Galati	S. Andino

Our Lady of MT. CARMEL
150th Anniversary Festival
1 Mt. Carmel Lane, Hammonton, NJ
July 14-19, 2025

Feast Day Procession on July 16th begins at 4PM
Longest running Italian Festival in the Country.
Amusements, Food, Music.
For more information visit
www.MountCarmelSociety.org

Save
the
Date

Join us Thurs. Aug. 14 at 1:00 PM
In the Parish Hall.

“Conversation of Your Life”

Michelle Gentek-Mayer from the
Camden County Surrogates Court
will discuss the importance of

wills, living will, funeral agent, power of attorney
and personal records



While enjoying the summer months, please do not
forget your parish.

Your help is still needed to meet our ongoing
expenses.

Your talents are still needed to provide
meaningful, participatory liturgies.

Going on Vacation?
Need Mass Schedules?
Download MASS-TIMES.org



“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 jour-
ney to build up the Church in South Jersey.

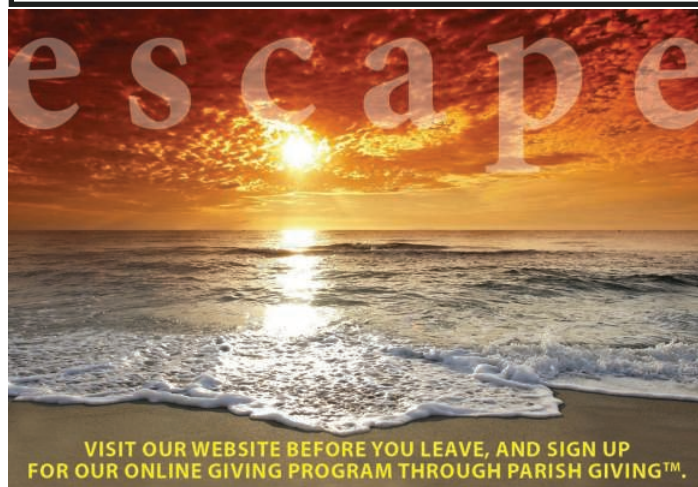
Accept and use our Stewardship to the South Jersey
Catholic Ministries Appeal in the same way you
Multiplied the loaves and fishes to feed a multitude.

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



VISIT OUR WEBSITE BEFORE YOU LEAVE, AND SIGN UP
FOR OUR ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM THROUGH PARISH GIVING™.



SATURDAY, June 28

4:30 PM Anthony Centonze, Frank Bracchi and Catherine Appalucci r/b Joseph Centonze

SUNDAY, June 29

8:30 AM Marisa E. Schuenemann r/b MG

11:00 AM Dolly Staton r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

MONDAY, June 30

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, July 1

9:00 AM Intentions of Sheila Tartamosa
r/b Greta Tyrrell

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, July 2

9:00 AM Intentions of Bill McCarthy
r/b Marguerite Dwyer

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, July 3

9:00 AM Intentions of Geoffrey Tyrrell
r/b Greta Tyrrell

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

First FRIDAY, July 4

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

NO ADORATION

First SATURDAY, July 5

9:00 AM Intentions of Bill McCarthy
r/b Marguerite Dwyer

4:30 PM Erlinda Lorenzana Yrastorza
r/b Emily Swartz & Family

SUNDAY, July 6

8:30 AM Marisa Schuenemann
r/b Joyce DeMichele

11:00 AM Jerry McMenamin r/b Jeannine

Prayer Intention for July

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Spanish Ministry Prayer Group

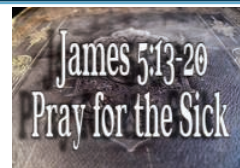
Meeting Dates July 11, 18, 25

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, Bryn Large.



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 months.

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.



**Hope
for a
Better
Marriage**

Helping marriages heal and grow.
Over 100,000 couples helped.

**The Retrouvaille
Marriage Program**

Weekend programs in
February, August, and
October in Malvern PA

HelpOurMarriage.org
215-766-3944



Saints Peter and Paul — June 29, 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.

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 6, 2025 - Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

(Jesus appoints seventy-two disciples to help with the preaching. He sends them out with specific directions to cure the sick. The seventy-two returned rejoicing.) They said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Commentary:

Success is sweet. When we know we've done well, it's a great feeling, and when someone else congratulates or praises us, that's even better. The seventy-two return from their first mission exhilarated by many successes. They expect Jesus to say, "Well done!" Jesus does commend them but warns them not to celebrate the wrong event. Jesus knows well that the hour will come when the powers of darkness gain the victory and even the Lord of life will be taken. The real victory is not the temporary effect you can see, but the eternal one still hidden from view.

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?

ST THOMAS MORE AFTERNOON at the MOVIES

Date: July 24, 2025 at 1:00 PM

ST. THOMAS MORE ROOM

RULING of the HEART

Ruling Of The Heart

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

When a strict judge gets stuck in a café during a snowstorm, he's confronted by two people he made judgments against and learns that the truth isn't always what appears on the surface. As he looks deeper into the lives of others, as well as himself, he finds the proper balance between justice and mercy.

MARIANNE GORIN

856 3461811

JON LISITSKI

JONLLI@COMCAST.NET

DESSERTS/SNACKS WELCOMED



The Knights of Columbus will pray the Rosary after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, June 29th. (5th Sunday)

All are invited to participate.



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.



Pope Leo XIV's Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Lord, I come to your tender heart today, to you who have words that set my heart ablaze, to you who pour out compassion on the little ones and the poor, on those who suffer, and on all human miseries.

I desire to know you more, to contemplate you in the Gospel, to be with you and learn from you and from the charity with which you allowed Yourself to be touched by all forms of poverty. You showed us the Father's love by loving us without measure with your divine and human heart. Grant all your children the grace of encountering you.

Change, shape, and transform our plans, so that we seek only you in every circumstance: in prayer, in work, in encounters, and in our daily routine.

From this encounter, send us out on mission, a mission of compassion for the world in which you are the source from which all consolation flows.

AMEN



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

We have been created to love and be loved. This is easy to forget. Make love a priority. St. Teresa of Calcutta

YOUR
Catholic
Cemetery

CONSECRATED
Holy & Sacred Place

St. Thomas More
Parishioner
Discount

JESUS, BREAD of LIFE Cemetery & Mausoleum

A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS

HEATED & AIRCONDITIONED



Crypts * Marble Niches * Plots * Glass Niches * Columbariums - Professionally Landscaped

NEW

A Ministry of Hope
in Eternal Life

PRE-PLANNING OPTIONS
AVAILABLE: 0%/24 MONTHS

MILITARY/KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
1ST RESPONDERS DISCOUNT

1.5 MILES FROM ROUTE 295 | 3055 FOSTERTOWN ROAD, MOUNT LAUREL NEW JERSEY | (856) 317-6400 | WWW.CATHOLICCEMETERIESSOUTHJERSEY.ORG



\$350 Off

Any New Stairlift
With This Ad

- FREE in home evaluations
- Family owned & operated for more than 20 years

1.888.900.8883

www.Tri-StateStairlifts.com

tri-state
STAIRLIFTS

Connecting businesses to
customers in realtime!



FindingFIBER



Almark Home Improvements

Handyman Jobs

Home Repairs & Remodeling

856-261-2460

Lic.#13VH09325300

Fully Insured



Sterling Tax & Advisory Group

3000 Atrium Way Suite 200, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

FRANK A. CHIACCHIO
Enrolled Agent

Office: (856) 209-5086 | Email: info@sterlingtag.com



TAX PREPARATION | ADVISING NJSEA

Jim Doyle

Church Bulletin Representative
I'm here to help your business
be noticed!



jdoyle@jppc.net
609-410-6325
www.jppcadvertising.com



JOHN PATRICK
publishing company, inc.
27 Richard Road - Ivyland, PA 18974

Advertise your business in the
Church Bulletin

- In print, online and interactive app
- Reaches parish families and visitors each week
- Constant presence keeps a strong link between you and customers
- Well-read publication - a trusted source
- Affordable Advertising - local, targeted to community

RIDESHARING SAFETY TIPS

BEFORE YOU GET IN A RIDE SHARE

ASK #WHATS
MYNAME

in remembrance of
Samantha Josephson

Morgan basement waterproofing

In Our 4th Decade of Quality Service

French Drains Foundation Repair Mold Remediation

All Work Guaranteed

877-401-4777

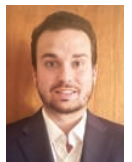
www.morganbasementwaterproofing.com



Memorial Planning

Edward McGlinn

Family Service Counselor
Locustwood Cemetery
& Arlington & Bethel Cemeteries



1500 Route 70 W • Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

856-685-9673 • emcgl@everstorypartners.com



BILL'S FLOORING & REMODELING

ABOUT BILL'S FLOORING & REMODELING

Serving the Tri State Area for over 32 Years.

We offer Luxury Vinyl Plank, Carpet, Hardwood and Tile.

We can install most flooring the next day.

We also offer Kitchen & Bathroom remodeling.

Call us at: **856-264-1079**



\$500 OFF With A Free Estimate

CONTACT US TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE



BRADLEY FUNERAL HOME



"Celebrating 50 Years of Commitment to Community"

Jill Bradley Ingram, Mgr., N.J. Lic. No. 4226 • Wilson R. Bradley, N.J. Lic. No. 2917 • Patrick P. Smarrito, N.J. Lic. No. 3571
Brian J. Barnett, N.J. Lic. No. 3909 • Kevin T. Comber, N.J. Lic. No. 4660

One Location ~ Serving Your Family Since 1968 | www.BradleyFHMarlton.com | 856-983-1005

McNulty Roofing
SIDING & WINDOWS
DONE THE WAY THINGS USED
TO BE DONE, WITH PRIDE.
In Cherry Hill
Over 30 Years
856-667-4545
www.mcnultyroofingandsidingco.com

 **Batastini**
Orthodontics
www.braceme.com
Cherry Hill (856) 428-1888 Vineland (856) 696-2600 Hammonton (609) 561-2424
PFB NJ#3672

DOUGLAS A. FENDRICK, ESQUIRE
ELDER LAW
ESTATE PLANNING
SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING
LIFE CARE PLANNING
 **FENDRICK MORGAN**
LIFE REQUIRES PLANNING www.fendrickmorganlaw.com
1950 Route 70 East Suite 200
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
(856) 489-8388

BOCCO FUNERAL HOME

Joseph C. Bocco, Jr., Manager, N.J. Lic. No. 3323

Nicholas Joseph Lukaszewicz, Director, N.J. Lic. No. 5119

1300 North Kings Hwy. • Cherry Hill

(856) 795-5991

www.boccofuneralhome.com

 **Doctor HVACR**
ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING
Serving NJ & PA • Licensed & Insured
\$25 AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM TUNE-UP
(\$125 Value) Residential & Commercial

Healing Your Home, One System at a Time
Mobile: 856-900-2260 • Kevin H. Nguyen, PhD
10 Year Warranty On Parts & Labor On New Installations

Family Owned and Operated Since 1987 FREE INSPECTION
Licensed & Insured
 **RIGHTWAY**
WATERPROOFING CO.
BASEMENT WATERPROOFING
MOLD REMEDIATION
FOUNDATION REPAIR
 Church Member Discounts **856-317-1111**
 **BBB** ACCREDITED BUSINESS
www.RightwayWaterproofing.com

catholicmatch®
New Jersey

CatholicMatch.com/dateNJ

SCHETTER FUNERAL HOME

304 W. Route 70 • Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

www.schetterfh.com • 856-429-8545

William A. Schetter III, Manager, Lic. # 4826 • William A. Schetter, Jr. Director, Lic. # 3393

Edmund J. Putnick, Director, Lic. # 3949