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Mass Schedule

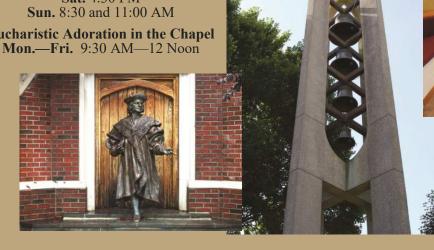
Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in

the Chapel

First Saturdays: 9:00 ÅM 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 Sheila Tartamosa, Business Manager Jennifer Flynn, PCL Colleen Mayhew, Secretary Julie Linn, Music Ministry



Send all bulletin announcements to: smtartamosa@comcast.net by 2:00pm Monday

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 13, 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 KN through Eight - Sunday 9:30 AM—10:45 AM September through May

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

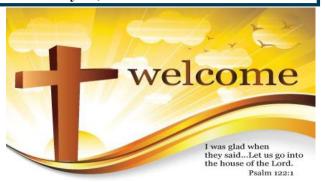
New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish

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



Your words are Spirit and life, O God. Help me do more than memorize or recite your commands and the teachings of Jesus. Help me to meditate on them and find them deep within me, so that I can think with your mind, love with your heart, and help others know your mercy. Amen



The Collection for July 6, 2025

Sunday \$4273.00 E-Giving \$2471.00 Total \$6744.00

The Second Collection today will be for the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Please be generous.



Greta would like to thank all her family, friends and fellow parishioners for their heartfelt 95th birthday prayers, wishes and greetings.

You made her birthday so very special.

God Bless You!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewards Love

"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"
LUKE 10:37

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don't like. All because <u>Stewardship</u> is lived without expecting anything in return.



From the Pastor's Desk

The "Curse" of the Cell Phone (and/or Mobile Device)

Dear Parishioners.

I have a favorite statement about the use of technology in modern society: *Technology is wonderful . . . when it works!* Unfortunately, I have increasingly been questioning technology's overall advantages, practically on a daily basis.

Having been one of the first to embrace various dimensions of the rapidly changing *techno-sphere*, I am ever weighing *benefits vs. risks* when it comes to the use of technology, the *internet*, *AI* (artificial intelligence), etc. It all began with such objects as a "bag phone" in my car, my first *AOL* account, and various types of desktops, laptops, tablets and mobile phones over the years. I had a device around my wrist to monitor my heart rate, inserted ear buds when at the gym and when commuting, configured security cameras inside and outside of my rectory, find *Alexa* waiting and listening for my every command, etc. You get the picture?

It is all so good? Has society been irreparably changed or damaged into the foreseeable future? Let me point out a few observations from my perspective as a priest.

I dare say far too many people spend more time on their devices than they would ever give to *prayer*, *meditation* or *worship of God*. People are glued to such devices. They are an appendage to the body. To think such things did not even exist when I was a teenager. Now there is hardly a teenager or child who has not been raised on them!

People are on their apparatuses in restaurants, around the dinner table, when driving, when in church, when walking or exercising, when in the bathroom, when in bed, etc. We get pictures of what someone is eating, where they are vacationing, what their body looks like, who they are with, and some of the possibly *questionable* activities in which they may be involved. *YouTube*, *Instagram*, *Rumble*, *Google*, *TikTok*, *Facebook*, and *Wikipedia* are just some of the familiar terms used in most households. We have an *app* for everything. We can't think or calculate without a gadget. We can't locate a place or drive without some device giving directions. We are even encouraged **to pray** using an *app* such as *Hallow*.

How about some truly evil aspects of technology? Pornography has directly penetrated many households. People with addictive behaviors can become dependent on gambling or betting apps. Dating apps can provide *hookups* for people looking for casual sexual encounters. Narcissists, perverts and sociopaths can even attempt to post their evil deeds for all the world to see!

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is already revealing how someone's voice or image can be replicated, having the person apparently say or do something that is blatantly false. What is real or what is fake becomes harder to discern.

Yes, there are those (including myself) who try to promote the Gospel message through the internet. I have a blog, *YouTube* and *Rumble* channels. I use *Facebook* and occasionally *X* (formerly *Twitter*). *Mea culpa*.

With much, much more to reflect on with time, I currently ask one important thing of all of you. **Please silence your cell pones and devices while in church.** We request this at the beginning of Mass week after week. I am trying to escape the world for a time and offer a sacrifice to Almighty God. The ringing of the phone is <u>not</u> meant to be part of the worship of God and it distracts from the lifting of the heart and mind to God. It is a most <u>unwanted distraction</u> that can and should be prevented and eliminated during Holy Mass. Thank you.

Enough said for now.

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 13, 2025

Ministry Schedule July 19/20

Mass Time	Clergy Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Coronado	Len	G. Tyrrell	K. McFadden	
8:30 AM	Fr. Norris	Julie	B. Massey	T. Smith	A. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Norris	Marta/Julie	T. Librojo	B. Haughwout	J. Hayden



Religious Education Registration is now open. Register before August 15th to avoid late fees.

Returning Families:

will register via ParishGiving.org

Families must use the same login information that was created last registration period. Parish Giving will send a welcome emailwith your login credentials and instructions on how to register. If you have any questions regarding "login", please call 866-307-7140.

New Families: Use the QR code. Once the form is complete, please follow the prompts from the "Parish Giving" emails.



Class begins on Sunday, September 21st 2025. Stay tuned for "special first day" details.

Classes are held Sunday mornings from 9:30am -10:45am.



Next weekend, June 19/20 is our Society of St. Vincent de Paul collection

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.



"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



Save

the Date

Starting Mon. July 14th, we will have workers and heavy equipment in the parking lot and on our grounds TRIMMING and CUTTING our TREES. We ask that you be aware of this activity and walk, drive and park Cautiously when coming to the Church.

Join us Thurs., Aug. 14 at 1:00 PM "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.



SATURDAY, July 12

4:30 PM James J. Grady, Jr. r/b Pedone Family

SUNDAY, July 13

8:30 AM Alberto Librojo r/b Tess and Children 11:00 AM Jerry McMenamin r/b Jeannine MONDAY, July 14

9:00 AM John Papotto r/b Josie Welsh9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, July 15

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, July 16

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

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, July 17

9:00 AM Frances Ramos

r/b John and Letty Duffy

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, July 18

9:00 AM Cesar Sumnga r/b John and Letty Duffy **SATURDAY**, **July 19**

4:30 PM James Angelini r/b Fitzpatrick Family **SUNDAY**, **July 20**

8:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of the McCarthy Family

r/b Marguerite Dwyer

11:00 AM Joseph Lord r/b Ann and Bill Vigrass

The Flowers on the Altar this week are in memory of Alberto Librojo requested by Tess and Family



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 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, Joe Centonze, Grace Cobin, Joseph Console, Mary Cowan, Catherine



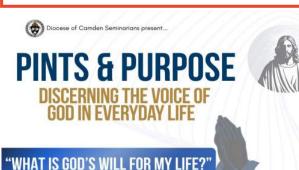
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PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

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*.



Join us for a joyful and faith-filled evening exploring vocations, identity, and taking your discernment & discipleship to the next level. Learn practical tips and gain insight into finding & following the Lord's plan for <u>you</u>. Accompanied by good friends, good food, & good spirits!



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS & INFO

Keynote Speaker & Panelists
Hear The Testimonies & Tips For Discernment From

Question & Answer Panel
Ask, Discuss, & Discover More Together!

Young Adult Social

Enjoy Fellowship & Connect With Catholics From
Neighboring Communities!

Refreshments
Enjoy The Cash Bar & Complimentary A





Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 13, 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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 20, 2025 – Luke 10:38-42

"Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.' The Lord said to her in reply, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Many of us look at Martha's behavior as "normal and worldly," while Mary's as "special and spiritual." However, there was nothing "normal" about Martha! First of all, she welcomed Jesus into her home; no typical woman of first-century Israel would take the initiative to speak to a man, much less invite him to "her" home. Since Martha and Mary lived with their brother, he would be the obvious head of the household, even if he were much younger than his sisters. Astonishingly, Lazarus is not home to host or chaperone this event. Mary may have chosen "the better part," but Martha's role was equally bold and unconventional.

- 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 AFTEROON at the MOVIES Date: July 24, 2025 at 1:00 PM ST. THOMAS MORE ROOM

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.

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DESSERTS/SNACKS WELCOMED



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 OR code include

"Council 6173" when asked and use the promo code:

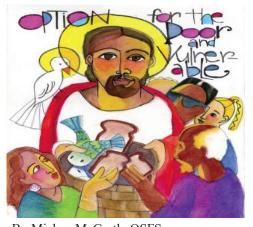
BLESSEDDMCGIVNEY to join.





Catholic Social Teaching -

A basic moral test is how those who are most vulnerable and marginalized are doing in society. When making decisions, the needs of the poor and vulnerable should be considered first (Matthew 25)



Art by Br. Mickey McGrath, OSFS



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

"Not only is the fact of the destruction of so many human lives still to be born or in their final stage extremely grave and disturbing, but no less grave and disturbing is the fact that

conscience itself, darkened as it were by such widespread conditioning, is finding it increasingly difficult to distinguish between good and evil in what concerns the basic value of human life." (Evangelium Vitae)

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