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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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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 20, 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

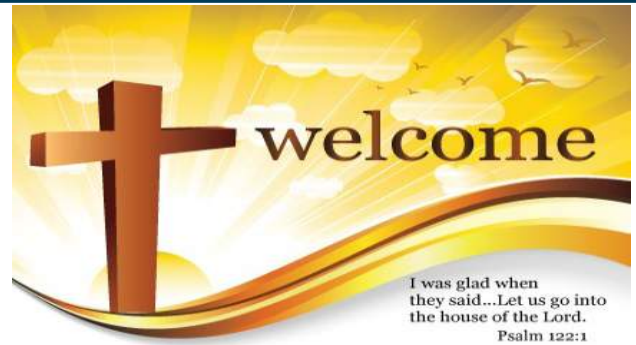
New members are welcome in our community of faith.
Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish

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



Welcome to St. Thomas More! We are so glad to have the privilege of worshiping alongside you today in the House of God! Let's reflect together on the following scripture from Hebrews 12:28, which says, "Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."

	The Collection for July 13, 2025	
	Sunday	\$3277.00
	E-Giving	\$1770.00
	Total	\$5047.00



Elaine and Rick Beckman and Family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and kind expressions of condolence on the death of their beloved daughter Marisa.
May she rest in peace.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewards Evangelize

"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." COLOSSIANS 1:25

Stewards are called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.



From the Pastor's Desk

Martha and Mary

Dear Parishioners,

Most of us are probably familiar with the two sisters *Martha* and *Mary* from our reading of Sacred Scripture.

When Jesus visited them, *Martha* was busy about the household tasks while *Mary* sat and listened to Jesus. When Martha complained to Jesus that Mary was not helping her, Jesus replied that “Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” (Luke 10:42)

Without realizing it, many of us probably go through something similar in our lives. We experience the need **to do things** and may put off or seriously neglect the **need to sit quietly and reflect**. I think that there is a tension that often occurs between the need for contemplation in a world so filled with action.

While sitting in front of the **Blessed Sacrament** when I should be praying, I can find my mind drifting with various concerns and things that have to be done: *Why are there so few people during the weekend Masses? The church roof still needs to be replaced. Will we have enough income each week to pay the bills? The air conditioning didn't seem cold enough last weekend.* I am supposed to be praying but these and other worries and concerns still pop into my mind.

I am reminded from examples of the lives of saints like **St. Pope John Paul II** and **St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta** that prayer needs to come first before any action is ever carried out. Despite their unbelievable schedules and workload, both of them were known to have spent hours each day in front of the **Blessed Sacrament**. It was from their intense prayer life and love of the Lord Jesus *truly present in the Blessed Sacrament* that the fruit of their labor became so rich and apparent to all.

For the past year or so I have been offering Mass for the **Poor Clare Sisters** in Chesterfield, NJ (near Bordentown). They are a community of contemplative religious sisters who live their vocations with much prayer and solitude. From a worldly or secular perspective, some may not see their lives as productive or useful. However, it is contemplative communities like theirs who are a source of spiritual power and strength for the rest of us. They remind me to *slow down* from the rapid pace to which we have become accustomed.

I find the **Trappist monks**, where I usually make my annual retreat, to be the same. They are a community of priests and brothers who live in prayerful solitude at the monastery. Their prayer and work (*ora et labora*) illustrates for me both *Martha* (work) and *Mary* (prayer or contemplation).

So don't ever think that you are too busy to take the time to pray and reflect. Find time to spend in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Our chapel is open weekdays for prayer and adoration. We all need quality time with the Lord and it is from the time with Him that we will find the time and strength to do *the other things* that we think so urgently need to get done.

The better option is spending time with Jesus.

Just ask Mary.

Fr. Ed Namiołka, Pastor

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 20, 2025

Ministry Schedule July 26/27

Mass Time	Clergy Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Coronado	Florence	E. Beckman	J. Cepeda	T. Johnson
8:30 AM	Fr. Norris	Celine/Julie	B. Massey	K. McFadden	
11:00 AM	Fr. Norris	Celine/Julie	J. Galati	L. Galati	L. Vascisin



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 email with 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.



"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**



This 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.



Thurs., Aug. 14 at 1:00 PM

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

"Conversation of Your Life"

Presenter: Michelle Gentek-Mayer from the Camden County Surrogates Court.

The surrogate educates the community on the need for advanced planning. She will discuss the importance of wills, living will, funeral agent, power of attorney and personal records.

REGISTRATION is REQUIRED. We need to know how many people to plan for.

Call the Parish Office at 856-424-3212 to register,



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 & Family

MONDAY, July 21

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, July 22

9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Duffy and Pasion Families r/b John and Letty Duffy

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, July 23

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

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, July 24

9:00 AM Marisa Schuenemann r/b Dee Soderstrom

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, July 25

9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Dwyer Family r/b Marguerite Dwyer

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, July 26

4:30 PM Intentions of the Beckman and Schuenemann Families

SUNDAY, July 27

8:30 AM Loraine Kerkman r/b Pat & Karl Luchtman & Family

11:00 AM Jerry McMenamin r/b Jeannine

The Flowers on the Altar this week were placed there in loving memory of John Vivone, Sr., requested by family.

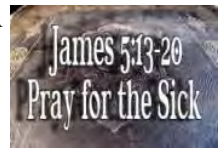


On Sat., July 26th, Bishop Williams and the Diocesan seminarians will host a Day of Fellowship for young men ages 16-25, who are discerning the priesthood from 12-5 PM at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Hammonton. For more information visit CamdenPriest.org



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, 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 and AnnMarie Lento, Marie Manalo, Kelly Moore, Carter Oakley, Tina Petrone, Dom Sacca, 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.*

Spanish Ministry Prayer Group

Meeting Date: **Friday, July 25, 2025**

11:00 AM Guest Speaker Andres Arango, Diocese of Camden
Delegate for Hispanic Ministry

12:30 PM Mass in Spanish
Misa en español
Celebrant Bishop Dennis Sullivan

Assumption Vigil Wedding of the Sea

August 14 @ 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm EDT

Notre Dame de la Mer Parish cordially invites you to the Vigil of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary followed by the procession down to the beach and the Wedding of the Sea. Preludes by our Music Ministry and Orchestra will begin at 4:00pm.

-Bishop Williams will preside over the Liturgy which will begin at 4:30pm at St. Ann Church, Wildwood.

Solemnity of the Assumption Mass and Wedding of the Sea Atlantic City August 15, 2025

Mass 10:00 AM at Hard Rock Hotel and Casino followed by the Blessing of the Sea.
www.weddingofthesea.org

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 20, 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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 27, 2025 - Luke 11:1-13

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Commentary: In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples "how" to pray by teaching them the Our Father. Jesus then advises his listeners to be persistent in prayer and to never tire of asking for what is needed. My mother had a saying that went like this: "Ask and you don't get; don't ask and you don't want." In other words, we who were children at the time could not win. Jesus tells us something else. He says that we should be persistent in prayer and God will reward us with the Holy Spirit. In other words, what we ask for in prayer will be granted if we have the faith needed. "Everyone who asks receives." Jesus encourages faith and persistence. He never tires of hearing us ask, in prayer, for what we need.

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?

RULING of the HEART

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AFTERNOON at the MOVIES
Date: July 24, 2025 at 1:00 PM
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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 QR code include



"Council 6173" when asked and use the promo code:
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faith + justice

U.S. Bishops' President Reacts to Passage of One Big Beautiful Bill Act

Reacting to the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Archbishop Broglio, president of the USCCB, lamented the great harm the bill will cause to many of the most vulnerable in society, making steeper cuts to Medicaid and clean energy tax credits, and adding more to the deficit.

Archbishop Broglio said: "My brother bishops and I have repeatedly and consistently urged lawmakers to use the budget reconciliation process to help families in need and to change course on aspects of the bill that fail the poor and vulnerable. The final version of the bill includes unconscionable cuts to healthcare and food assistance, tax cuts that increase inequality, immigration provisions that harm families and children, and cuts to programs that protect God's creation. The bill, as passed, will cause the greatest harm to those who are especially vulnerable in our society. As its provisions go into effect, people will lose access to healthcare and struggle to buy groceries, family members will be separated, and vulnerable communities will be less prepared to cope with environmental impacts of pollution and extreme weather. More must be done to prevent these devastating effects."

<https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/us-bishops-president-reacts-passage-one-big-beautiful-bill-act>



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-Cardinal Timothy Dolan

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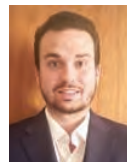
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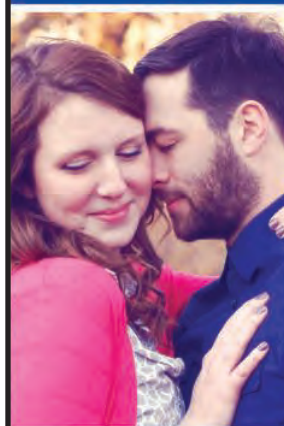


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