St. Thomas More Church

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Mass Schedule

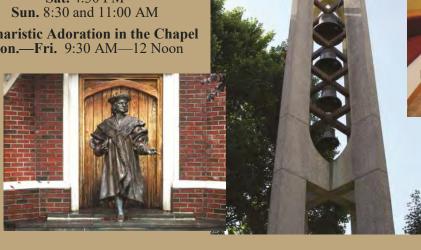
Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in

the Chapel

First Saturdays: 9:00 ÅM in the Chapel

Sat. 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel 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

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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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 27, 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



Lord, let me give some comfort to someone in need, by a smile or nod – kind word or deed. Guide me to do whatever I can to ease things for my family and neighbors. Help me to be a welcoming disciple who gives with the grace of a generous heart your material and spiritual blessings. Amen.



The Collection for July 20, 2025

Sunday \$8,500.00 E-Giving \$1,676.00 Total \$10.176.00

The total includes a yearly offering as well as a half year offering. With appreciation.

Tree cutting update



Last week the crews were out doing some much needed cutting and chopping of four old/dead trees and extensive trimming of the trees around the parking lot and walkways for the safety of our parishioners and visitors.

The cost of this project was \$12,500.00 We have a beautiful campus that requires lots of constant care and upkeep. We appreciate your support.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grateful Stewards

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9 Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more!

Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.



From the Pastor's Desk A Couple Pilgrims of Hope

Dear Parishioners,

It's been a few years since I was in Europe. The last time was a pilgrimage to Oberammergau in 2002 for its well-known Passion Play. Now I write on my way to Italy (and other countries) during this **Jubilee Year** as a Pilgrim of Hope. I travel with another priest with whom I was assigned when I was pastor in Somers Point, Fr. Larry Polansky.

Our journey began in the city of **Barcelona**, Spain. What a magnificent place to see! We visited the 13th century Cathedral dedicated to the Holy Cross and St. Eulalia at the heart of the Gothic quarter of the city. St. Eulalia was a young martyr who died in Barcelona in the 3rd century for not renouncing her Christian faith. Then we walked to the nearby 14th century Basilica of **Santa Maria del Mar** (St. Mary of the Sea). Finally, we were able to concelebrate an international Mass at the famous Basilica of **La Sagrada Familia** (the Holy Family). The **Sagrada Família** is a basilica designed in 1883 by the Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí in a modernist style. It is perhaps the most recognized church in the city, popular with tourists. Two of these churches are designated as pilgrimage sights for this Jubilee Year by the Archdiocese of Barcelona.

During the Mass at La Sagrada Familia, two of the young altar servers left quite the impression on both Fr. Polansky and me. Multiple languages were used during the Mass, while the Mass parts were primarily in Latin. The two boys seated directly behind us proudly responded in beautiful Latin and sang with strong, clear voices. After Mass, we asked them about themselves. They told us they were both from Ukraine and they introduced us to both of their mothers. Please pray for Julian and Sasha as there might be the beginning of a vocation there.

We boarded a cruise ship at the port of Barcelona with our next stop in **Cannes**, France. The city famous for its annual film festival, is nestled along the French Rivera. There we visited **Église Notre-Dame d'Espérance** (the Church of Our Lady of Hope). Perched above the city in the old town (Le Sequet), the church construction was completed in 1627. While the view from the church was stunning, getting there involved an uphill climb and many, many stairs. Along the way we met a young American couple on vacation trying to manage about five heavy pieces of luggage (one with a broken wheel) up those same stairs in the 90 plus degree heat. God bless them!

Today (Tuesday) we are off to **Genoa**, Italy. Scheduled are visits to the **Cathedral of San Lorenzo** and the **Church of the Jesu**. While I have been in Italy a few times before, Genoa is not a place I have visited yet.

Later in the week we journey to the Eternal City with **St. Peter's Basilica** and the Vatican as the primary destination. Pope Leo XIV is at Castel Gandolfo for the summer, so we do not expect to see him.

The final leg of the journey includes Malta, Tunis and Greece.

Incidentally, there is no official priest functioning as the cruise chaplain, so Fr. Polansky and I volunteered our services to celebrate Mass for the Catholic on board.

See you when I return.

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

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Ministry Schedule August 2/3

Mass Time	Clergy Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	Sr. Sophie	C. Betson-Smith	Please Serve if you are available
8:30 AM	Fr. Coronado	Music Ministry	Sr. Clare	K. Kraemer	Please Serve if you are available
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	T. Librojo	J. Johnson	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.



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,



"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.

Our Church's Jubilee celebration calls us to be pilgrims of Hope to those who find themselves in need: the poor, the elderly, the sick, the imprisoned, the young and many others.

Please prayerfully consider donating. We are getting close to our goal. In the spirit of the *JUBILEE* Year, 100% of what we realize over goal will remain with the parish.

Our Goal this year is \$74,300.00 To date we have reached \$49,490.00

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





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 MONDAY, July 28

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, July 29

9:00 AM Florianna Gilden r/b Daughter, Debbie

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, July 30

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

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, July 31

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

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

*First FRIDAY, August 1

9:00 AM Intentions of Charlotte Centonze

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

*First SATURDAY, August 2

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

4:30 PM Intentions of Greg Tyrrell r/b Clara Lee SUNDAY, August 3

8:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Dwyer Family r/b Marguerite Dwyer

11:00 AM Joe Sklencar r/b Marquerite Dwyer

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

The Flowers on the Altar this week were placed there in loving memory of Jerry McMenamin requested by Jeannine



August Prayer Intention

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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 Dates: Friday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 2025

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





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. For more information www.weddingofthesea.org

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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.

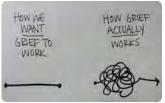
Excerpt from the Gospel for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 3, 2025 - Luke 12:13-21

"Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.' Jesus replied to him, 'Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?' Then Jesus said to the crowd, 'Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Commentary:

Inheritance is the mother lode of all wealth, of course, precisely because it is not earned. It is also one of the touchiest money matters because of the way it can divide the affections of families. Jesus refuses to wade into this business with one indignant heir. Instead, he widens the focus of the issue to how we are tempted to fixate on wealth above all other matters. Is an inheritance more important than a brother? Is money more valuable than time? Is our net worth a greater concern than the person we are becoming as we make our bank deposits? Greed City may be a nice place to visit, but we can't live there forever.

- 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?



The St. Thomas More Consolation Ministry to the bereaved will be holding its next meeting on Thurs., July 31st at 1 pm in the St. Thomas More Room.

Our mission is to be a source of love, comfort, and support to those who experience loss through death. We work to reach out to those who experience loss, so they will feel the healing comfort of God through this faith community. We hope you will allow us to walk alongside you through your grief journey as a companion who has seen the same terrain. Join us or call for more information.

Jon Lisitski 856-905-6162, Marian Kapischke 856-424-2053





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.

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Register Now for SSJ Top Golf Fundraiser In May we heard a wonderful presentation on

Catholic Social Teaching from a member of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. They have a great way to have fun and support the SSJ Neighborhood Center in Camden.

On August 7 is their third annual Top Golf Fundraiser.

Registration closes July 31.

Register here ssinc.org/topgolf/.

Questions: call SSJ at (856)338-8220 or email

stmfaithandjustice@gmail.com

VIRTUS courses: Protecting God's Children

All adults - volunteers and employees - who are in regular contact with minors in the Diocese of Camden must complete an in-person safe environment training program. Adults must be recertified in this program, VIRTUS Protecting God's Children, after five years. The next courses are below; contact the parish or school to register.

Protecting God's Children for Adults • Holy Eucharist Parish (Cherry Hill) • 7/22/2025 6 p.m. • Deacon Thomas Jennings & Clare McNamee (Instructors) • 50 person maximum Call: 856-429-1330

Protecting God's Children for Adults • Christ The King Parish (Haddonfield) • 8/13/2025 6 p.m. • Dolores Mozzillo (Instructor) • 75 person maximum • Call: 856-429-1600

* Protecting God's Children for Adults • St. Vincent de Paul School (Mays Landing) 8/21/2025 • 9 a.m. • Robin Strough (Instructor) • 100 person maximum Call: 609-625-2124

* For new teachers/employees

For more information or questions, contact Robin Strough, director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection for the Diocese of Camden, at Robin.Strough@camdendiocese.org or 856-583-6114.

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