

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

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

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 31, 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



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The Collection for The Catholic University of America underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines. The collection for Catholic University is taken up on Sept. 7th.

Jubilee 2025
Walking Pilgrimage
Walking from Church to Cathedral
Saturday, September 6, 2025

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Walk
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START at St. John's Church
9AM- Mass
9:45AM- Depart
11:30AM- Arrive at the Cathedral
11:45AM- Tour
12:30PM- Lunch

For lunch, travel planning,
and more information
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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Lifestyle

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." LUKE 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a **Stewardship** lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.



From the Pastor's Desk

Learning Humility

Dear Parishioners,

When I was a young, (dumb) seminarian preparing for ordination to the Priesthood, I thought that it might be a good idea to pray for **humility**. It seemed, at the time, to be a wise aspiration.

Gradually, things were brought to my attention concerning the topic of *humility*—now on a somewhat regular basis. I heard things said to me like: *Be careful of what you pray for, you might get it* and *The quickest way to humility is through humiliation*.

On the day of the senior class graduation from the college seminary, there was a well-planned *Baccalaureate Mass*. I happened to be the sacristan of the seminary chapel at the time. I would be the person leading the reader to his appropriate place at the pulpit during the proclamation of the readings from Sacred Scripture. The chapel was packed. Family and friends, the entire faculty and various dignitaries were present for this momentous occasion. The homily was thoroughly prepared by the priest assigned to preach, based primarily on the first reading, which I later found out had been chosen from the book of the *Prophet Jeremiah*.

I led the reader to the pulpit after making the appropriate bows. As we looked at the Lectionary and the reading set open in front of us, he whispers to me, “This isn’t the right reading.” In a state of panic I said quickly and without much thought: “Well . . . read it anyway.” I instructed him to read the incorrect reading in front of everyone. It was from the *Acts of the Apostles*. It had multiple difficult names to pronounce. The homily, I came to find out, had been based *almost entirely on the reading from the Prophet Jeremiah*. I was humiliated. I guess I began to learn *humility*.

Fast forward to when I initially became a principal of a diocesan high school. It was the night of the open house. I was hurrying around the buildings trying to make sure the bathrooms looked clean and presentable for any guests. I began to clean things up. *Not really a pleasant job for anyone*, I thought. Then I recalled the brilliant words of advice that I had given to my students at various times: *Stay in school. Get your degrees so that you don’t wind up cleaning bathrooms for a living*. Who was it now cleaning bathrooms? *Humility*? Hmm . . .

At other times *humility* kicks in as well. One Sunday the **deacon** had preached during the Mass that I offered. We went to the back of church to greet the people as they exited. “*Great homily Father!*” One particular gentleman had said that right to my face with all seriousness. *I hadn’t preached at that Mass*. He hadn’t a clue. *Great homily* . . . Oh well! *Humility* . . .

Be sure to heed the words from a Gospel passage from St. Mark:

[Jesus and his disciples] came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” (Mk. 9: 33-35)

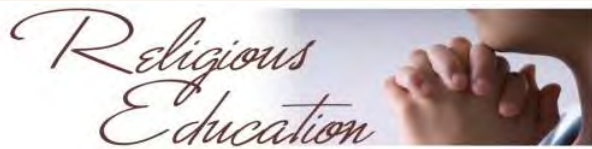
May I also add my own words of caution when praying for something (like *humility*): Be very careful; you might actually get what you pray for!

Fr. Ed Namiołka, Pastor

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 31, 2025

Ministry Schedule Sept. 6/7

Mass Time	Clergy Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr.	Music Ministry	E. Beckman	J. Bland Campbell	
8:30 AM	Fr.	Music Ministry	Sr. Rosa	K. Kraemer	A. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr.	Music Ministry	J. Flynn	L. Flynn	N & M Flynn



**Religious Education Registration
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 at 8:30 AM Mass**
Classes are held Sunday mornings from 9:30am - 10:45am.

Parish Office: 856-424-3212
Jennifer Flynn: 310-740-0629 -

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Visit our website: stthomasmorenj.com

Catechist Meeting— Sun., Sept. 14th
9:30-10:45 AM
Catechetical Sunday- Sun. Sept. 21st
8:30 AM Mass followed
by Breakfast and Parent Meeting



***"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 \$51,990.00



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.

Sept. 5th 9:00 AM Mass and Confessions

Sept. 6th 9:00 AM Mass and Confessions



SATURDAY, August 30

4:30 PM Regina “Jean” Flueher
r/b Chris Betson-Smith

SUNDAY, August 31

8:30 AM Rafael Serrano
r/b Son, Ralph

11:00 AM David Thompson
r/b Pat and Carl Luchtman

MONDAY, Sept. 1

9:00 AM People of the Parish
NO ADORATION Labor Day

TUESDAY, Sept. 2

9:00 AM Anthony Centonze r/b Joe Centonze

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 3

9:00 AM Anibel “Monte” Montes
r/b Pauline Montes & Family

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, Sept. 4

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

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, Sept. 5 FIRST FRIDAY

9:00 AM Aurora Arrufat r/b Nephew, Ralph

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, Sept. 6 First Saturday

9:00 AM Intentions of Greta Tyrrell
r/b Pat Luchtman

4:30 PM Marisa Schuenemann
r/b Stan & Annette Thompson

SUNDAY, Sept. 7

8:30 AM Intentions of Sheila Tartamosa
r/b Marguerite Dwyer

11:00 AM Gerri Kurlej
r/b Lorraine Kennedy

Spanish Ministry Prayer Group

Meeting Dates: **Friday, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26**
Join us as we Pray the Rosary, Lectio Divina,
and reflect on themes of faith.

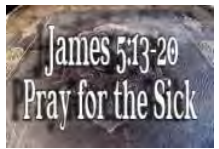


For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might
experience our interdependence with all creatures who
are loved by God.

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 Sklenkar, 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.*

NJ BISHOPS' Mass for Life

Thursday, September 25, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



CELEBRANT
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., D.D.,
Archdiocese of Newark



HOMILIST
Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney, D.D.,
Diocese of Paterson



NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE

*The NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral








For full information, visit: dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 31, 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 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 7, 2025: Luke 14: 25-33

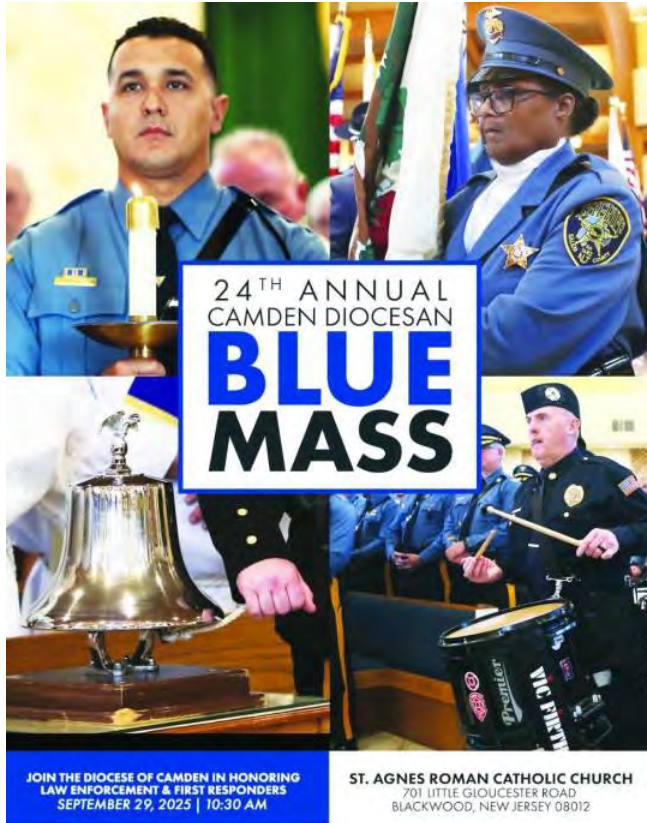
Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple...In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all of his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Commentary:

People often speak fondly of Luke's Gospel as being soft. Luke contains the familiar Christmas story and is the only source that preserves beloved parables like the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. Jesus cures more people in Luke. And Luke includes more stories about women, the poor and outsiders than any other Gospel. Luke presents Jesus as a "kinder, gentler" Lord. Until it comes to possessions. Here, Luke is the strongest taskmaster in the New Testament. Today's Gospel is upsetting. A very few pious people may renounce all possessions, but how can the rest of us, with families to provide for embrace this message? At the very least, this stipulation contradicts our cultural assumption that possessions are the ultimate prize.

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 Commentary resonates with me?



Care for Creation Symposium

Saturday, September 13, 8:30 am - 12 noon
St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall, 200 Tuckahoe Road, Marmora, NJ 08223

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email stmfaithandjustice@gmail.com.



The Knights of Columbus will pray the Rosary after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, August 31st. (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.



"Helping Others Say Yes to Jesus"

Evangelization Workshop

St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Haddon Township
Saturday, September 27th, 10am - 12pm

All are invited to a special workshop - Improving and Emphasizing our Missionary Focus", presented by the Diocese of Camden Office of Evangelization.

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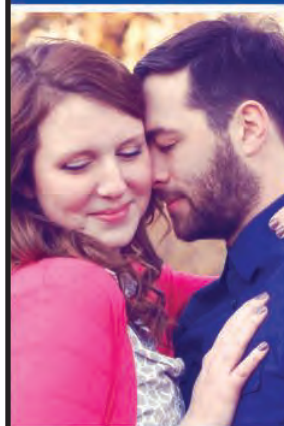


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