

St. Thomas More Church

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Mass Schedule

Daily **Mass**: Mon. - Fri. 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



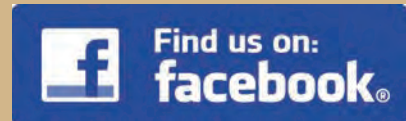
Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

In the Chapel

First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

Father Edward Namiotka, Pastor
Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
Julie Linn, Music Ministry
Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Marylee Garber, Parish Secretary
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 17, 2022

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.

RCIA

The Rite 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 contact Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104.

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



Welcome to St. Thomas More!
We are so glad to have the privilege of worshipping 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."

Diocesan Mass for Centenarians & Nonagenarians
Sunday, September 11, 2022
VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services
Registration with name, address, phone number,
parish, age and birthdate before August 19th.
More details to follow



The collection for Sunday, July 10, 2022 was:
\$4556 70 donations in church
1857.28 28 online donations
\$ 6433.28 98 donations.

Thank you for your continuing

"If my people, who are called by My Name, **shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My Face, and turn from their wicked ways; then** will I hear from heaven, and will **forgive** their sin, and I will **heal** their land."
2nd Chronicles 7:14



Stewardship Corner: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Faith

"...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*

We are all 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 live in Stewardship, joyfully expressing your faith the next time the opportunity arises.**



From the Pastor's Desk

"In the Beginning . . . "

Dear Parishioners,

Unless you have been living on a deserted island isolated from all contact with civilization, you must realize there is a lot of chaos going on throughout the world. The Church, politics, morality, social order, etc., all seem to be *crazy* (dare I say *utterly insane*?) at this moment in history. Good is bad and bad is good. People no longer talk things out but "cancel" each other. Lies have become tolerated and accepted, often without much needed critical thinking. Propaganda is rampant and good people wonder whom they should trust or believe.

Maybe we should return to reading the Sacred Scriptures for the guidance we need. Eternal biblical truths are available to us and we need to reflect on them and live by them. I suggest we begin with the book of **Genesis**. Remember when reading biblical texts, they are not meant to be scientific manuals, precise documentaries, or strict biographies. The Bible is meant to convey **truth** concerning what we need to have eternal life. Sacred Scripture reveals God to us. The Bible is a *theological* masterpiece. So what are some of the basic truths found by reflecting on **Genesis**?

God created. Absolutely everything has its origin in God. All creation was created *ex nihilo*, out of nothing. We are creatures, not God, subject to Divine Authority. We are not responsible for our own existence but are responsible for our eternal destiny by the choices we make.

God created human beings in His image and likeness. Human beings are endowed with intelligence and free will. We can *think* and *make choices* as God can. This elevates us above all other living, bodily creatures.

God created them *male and female*. There are only **two** sexes by God's design. Human beings who try to determine they are something other than what they were created at conception are deceiving themselves. Cells throughout the entire body tell us scientifically if we are male or female.

God told them to be fruitful and multiply. We are meant to reproduce and create other humans with God's assistance--He infuses us with an eternal soul--and by God's design. There is something unmistakably contrary to God's will with artificial contraception, deliberate sterilization, homosexual acts, masturbation, abortion, etc.

Man has the capacity to sin by being disobedient to God. Eating the forbidden fruit is really about disobedience to God's command. Remember the first humans were given *everything* in the garden, and they still wanted more.

Human beings can be deceived. The serpent tricked Eve who then convinced Adam of the lie. The devil hates humanity, tries to bring it down and would destroy us, if he could. He certainly wants our eternal loss. He lies and uses others to spread these lies. And we are *all* vulnerable.

We are all going to die. It was the serpent who told Eve that she would not die but be like God. This was one of his many, many lies. We are all going to die as a result of sin and face God in judgment. Don't be deceived by thinking otherwise.

The earth and all in it was meant for man and woman and not the other way around. Let us not forget to take care of our earthly home but also remember that *human life* takes priority over everything else. The earth was given to us but it is not an end in and of itself. Eventually the earth will cease while we go into eternity.

I hope this was a helpful refresher to keep us focused on truth and not deception and lies.

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 17, 2022

Ministry Schedule for July 23/24

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Norris	Len	G. Tyrrell	J. Cepeda	R. Cepeda
8:30 AM	Fr. Norris	Becca Julie	B. Massey	K. Kraemer	T. Kenny E. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Norris	Becca Julie	J. Galati	L. Galati	L & G Hutchinson S. Andino



May we bless our time of vacation. JESUS is already present there and all we need to do is to “LOG IN or ON TO HIM. We know about missed opportunities regarding many different things in life, but do we ever think about the **Missed Opportunities** we HAD to LOG ON or IN to JESUS? He has much to offer us that the world and its promises can’t do. Yes, at times we wish not to be found by GOD and “then and there” is where GOD is most present, for we can’t ever hide from HIM, all our vulnerability is present to HIM as a Father. We need not fear for HE already knows all about us.

Intimacy With God

Speaking in the silence,
waiting in the midst of contemplation,
listening on the other line of prayer
awaits the answer
to the relentless yearning of the human heart.
Do not come seeking secret knowledge.
Do not expect divine visions,
to become enlightened,
or to transcend physical reality.
But come to the silence simply desiring and
longing for
intimacy with the Divine, experiencing God’s
love and mercy directly,
which we, in turn, share with the world.

Justin Farley

Anyone wishing to volunteer to work with our children in religious education/formation, please write to srclarefmij.stmc@gmail.com



RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. **The next program begins the weekend of August 19 - 21 and October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.**



A Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Lord Jesus, we ask you to bless the Diocese of Camden with an increase in vocations to the priesthood. We pray that young men from our parishes and families will hear Your call and be both generous and courageous in their response. May more young men serve You as priests who teach the faith, preach the gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and make You present among us through their ministry. Encourage them to embrace the joy-filled and fulfilling life of a diocesan priest. May parents support priestly vocations in their families by prayer and good example. We entrust these prayers through Mary Immaculate, our patroness, hopeful that you will bless our diocese with more priests in the near future, who live and reign forever and ever. AMEN

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Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, JULY 16

4:30 PM Dick Haughwout
r/b Ron & Mary Von Stetina

SUNDAY, JULY 17

8:30 AM Carlos Barrientos r/b family
11:00 AM Jim Bones r/b Teri

MONDAY, JULY 18

9:00AM Ron Kramer r/b Gerri Boyle
9:30AM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, JULY 19

9:00AM Peace in Ukraine r/b Helen Protzman
9:30AM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

9:00AM Vaina Stevane & Franca Stevane
r/b Franciscan Sisters
9:30aM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, JULY 21

9:00 AM Brian & Mary Bones r/b Teri
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, JULY 22

9:00 AM Intentions of Trisha Marie Santa Teresa
r/b Cristina Castillo
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, JULY 23

4:30 PM Patrick Kurlej r/b Dolores Kreal

SUNDAY, JULY 24

8:30AM Beatrice Cargen r/b Michael Dwier
11:00AM Jerry McMenamin r/b Jeannine

Pope Francis' July Prayer Intentions - Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

House of Charity 2022 "From Many...One Body"

When our parish collects its goal amount, up to 10% is returned to our parish for our local charitable needs. Additionally, 75% of all funds received above our parish goal will also be returned to our local parish to foster our charitable and ministerial work. This year **St. Thomas More Parish goal is \$89,700.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Grace Cobin, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Mary Cowan, Catherine Diana, Elizabeth Garber, Eileen Goodwin, Marjorie Graham, Jean Haines, Maureen Howe, Audrey Johnson, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Bob Lento, Marie Manalo, Sheila Mohan, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Dale Strack, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ann Vigrass, Sarah Warner.



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

SPC Jordan Beckman, Captain Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Major Anthony R. Cosentino, USAF, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, SSgt. Kris Knaup, Lt. Christopher Mawn, Lt. (j.g.) Jacqueline A. McCabe, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Rimbaugh, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin, Sisi Tyrrell, USMC, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country in the armed forces.*

What did Father say? Did you catch that? Have trouble hearing what is being said at Mass? PERSONAL HEARING DEVICES are available for those who have a difficult time hearing at Mass. They are simple to use. If you would like to use one of these hearing devices at Mass, please see an usher before Mass and they will assist you.



To assure that these hearing devices are available for all in need, it is important that you return them after Mass. Devices are sanitized after every use.



Consolation: the comfort received by a person after a loss or disappointment; a person or thing providing comfort to a person who has suffered a loss or disappointment. **Consolation Ministry will meet in the Parish Hall on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 1:00 PM.**

All are welcome.

July 25th—29th Saint Mary's Church Vacation Bible School for 2022. Children ages 4-10 are immersed in colorful Biblical stories, art and crafts, music, outdoor games and more while learning about their faith! **Details and registration: TinyUrl.com/StMaryVBS22** or call the Office 856-424-1454.

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

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. Faith Sharing helps ordinary people connect their faith with everyday life experiences.

4 Excerpt from the Gospel for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 24, 2022 - 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.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

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?



Pro-Life Corner:

A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion. Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen

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Please remember your *Soap for Hope* donation (unused travel-sized soaps and shampoos for the homeless) and place in the basket in the gathering space. Thank you.

Going on vacation? Need to find a church? For nationwide Mass times and locations: www.masstimes.org



Roe's Reversal is call to 'redouble efforts to help moms and babies (Archbishop Lori)

“As happy as we may be over this decision,” [overturning Roe v. Wade] Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori said, “I think it is also important for us to recognize our need, our obligation, to redouble our efforts to help women in difficult pregnancies..” The Catholic Church's efforts to assist women facing difficult or unplanned pregnancies, Archbishop Lori noted, include the Gabriel Network, pro-life pregnancy centers, and the “tremendous services” offered by Catholic Charities.

In addition, the U.S. bishops in 2020 launched a new initiative called “**Walking with Moms in Need**”, which aims to engage every parish “in providing a safety net to ensure that pregnant and parenting moms have the resources, love, and support they need to nurture the lives of their children.

It is an “opportunity for parishioners to come to know women in difficult pregnancies, know what they need and link them to services they, the parishioners, can provide”. **Call the Parish Office (856-4424-3212) or email the Faith & Justice team at: stmfaithandjustice@gmail.com if you wish to assist in this ministry.**

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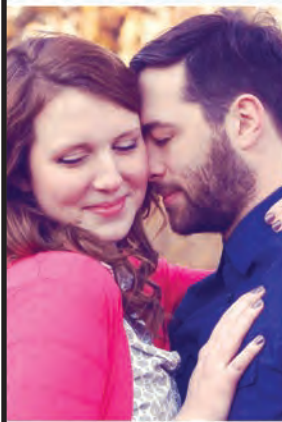


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