

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



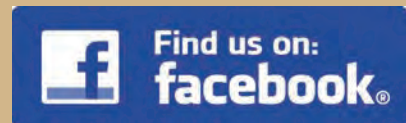
Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

In the Chapel

First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

Father Edward Namioika, 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
Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration



Send all bulletin announcements to:
stmsecretary1439@gmail.com by 2:00pm Monday

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Sacristans

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Bridge Groups

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Parish Festival
Women's Club

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 7, 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



Lord, I praise you as my constant helper.
And I call you as my loving protector.
I want to do what you ask of me,
in the way you ask, for as long as you ask,
because you ask it.
Let me love you, Lord, as my God,
and see myself as I really am: a pilgrim in this world;
a Christian called to respect and love
all those lives I touch.

Diocesan Mass for Centenarians & Nonagenarians Sunday, September 11, 2022

VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services
631 Market Street Camden, NJ 08102

Att: Karen Fisher

Registration with name, address, phone number,
parish, age and birthdate before August 19th.

More details to follow



The collection for Sunday, July 31, 2022 was:

\$3852	88 donations in church
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\$5801.61	120 total donations

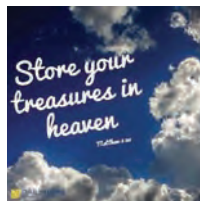
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

“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: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Hearts

“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” *LUKE 12:34*



Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? **How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must live Stewardship and let go of some of the things of this world.**



From the Pastor's Desk

Judgment Day and/or the End of the World!

Dear Parishioners,

Many years ago as I was walking through **Times Square** in **New York City**, a man was standing there holding a sign announcing the *end of the world*. He was warning everyone of impending doom. There was a specific date on his sign on which the end was supposed to occur. I cannot recall that particular date now, but it really doesn't matter. Whatever the date was, it has since *come* and *gone*.

Just before the year **2000**, I travelled with my mom to **Israel**. During a part of our trip we encountered heightened security because of a number of fanatics who thought that the end was coming with **Y2K**. The Israeli security troops told us that many crazed people were going to **Megiddo**—thought by some to be the sight of biblical **Armageddon** (Rev. 16:16) and were committing suicide there. *Their* end came, but *the* end (of the world) obviously never arrived.

Subsequently, there were those who warned us to prepare for the end times on some other specific dates: May 21, 2011 or December 21, 2012. I'm always *ever-so-suspect* when I saw web sites selling *t-shirts* and *survival kits* for one or the other of these occasions.

Truth be told, we should always be prepared for our own end. Jesus warned us over and over again in parables like the **Wise and Foolish Virgins** (Mt. 25: 1-13). Jesus concludes His teaching there by saying, ". . . stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Today's Gospel from St. Luke (Lk. 12: 32-48) is another prime example of being told to be ready for the Master's return:

Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. (Lk. 12: 35-36)

From these and many other passages like them from Sacred Scripture, I know I have to be prepared and ready. *Conversion, repentance for sin* and *vigilance* are a major part of the Christian message, as are *love, forgiveness, hope, Resurrection* and *eternal life*.

Our own end will come soon enough. Depending on our age, it could come in ten, twenty, thirty years or more. It could come tomorrow. It could come in an hour or less after reading this.

What do we do to prepare for our own end? We need to *live out the Gospel message* in our daily lives. We need to cling to **Jesus**, pray and be faithful. And if we are doing this, then we can follow the advice of **Saint John Paul II** which he proclaimed repeatedly during his pontificate: ***Be not afraid!***

A story is told about *St. Francis of Assisi* who was out hoeing his garden. When someone asked him what he would do if he were suddenly to learn that he would die before sunset that very day, he simply replied, "I would finish hoeing my garden."

Follow the **Lord Jesus**. Always be spiritually prepared.

Be not afraid!

Fr. Ed Namiootka, Pastor

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Ministry Schedule for August 13/14

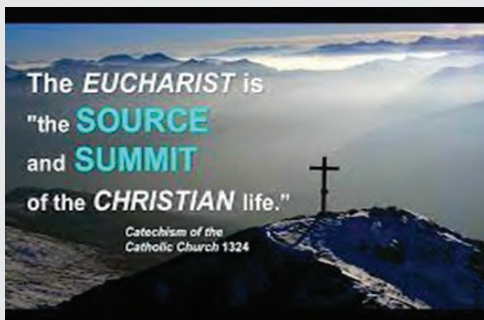
	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Mena Julie	E. Beckman	K. McFadden	T. Kenny E. Bresani
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine Julie	K. Glover	S. Oatway	
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine Julie	J. Galati	L. Galati	L. & G. Hutchinson



The message of the Liturgical Reading this Sunday is about FAITH. "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." It is a gift, it needs

to be accepted, nurtured, appreciated, loved, cared for. Many Catholics say that they believe in God, they are good people, pray often, give more or less generously to meet the needs of others, etc. Yet they will confess that they don't go to Mass, and don't experience the need to receive JESUS in the Eucharist. This provides proof that FAITH needs to be nourished and there is effort needed, faithfulness and heroism. All the known saints had great devotion for the Eucharist and spent hours in prayer before it. Spiritual nourishment is not to be compared to food..... We eat what we like and leave what we don't like. In the Spiritual realm time is of the essence, and facing ourselves in all our vulnerabilities, may be daunting and so we back off. This is the catch: "recognizing our insignificance before God is the starting point, receiving JESUS in the Eucharist is the food our Spirit needs.

Assistants are needed for several grades, **especially grade two**. Anyone feeling inspired to serve the parish in the ministry of Catechesis, please email srclarefmij.stmc@gmail.com



Celebrating 25, 50, 60 or 70 or more years of marriage in 2022?

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 25, 2022 3:00 PM
St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish
1417 New Road Northfield, NJ 08225**

(A light reception will follow in the parish hall.)

Registration forms are available in STM parish office. Deadline to register is September 9, 2022. For more information call St. Thomas More Parish Office: 856-424-3212



Hospice Volunteers Needed!

In the late 60s & early 70s, Hospice started as a grass roots effort, in reaction to how cancer patients were ignored and left in pain, when curative measures were exhausted. The first Hospice in the United States was started in 1974 and volunteers were instrumental in the origin and facilitation of that effort. 5% of total direct-care-hours of the agency must be from volunteers. Due to recent events, our volunteer pool has dwindled and we are seeking help. If this sounds like something you are interested in, **contact: Spiros Ballas: sballas@holyredeemer.com or call: 609-815-3573 with your contact information.**

Funeral Service for Sheila Mohan

**St. Thomas More
Monday, August 8
9:00—10:00 Viewing
10:00 AM Mass**

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Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

4:30 PM Brian Deutsch r/b mom

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:30AM Emelia Marchesani
r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club

11:00AM Don Kreal r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

9:00AM Protzman- Mahoney family
r/b Helen Protzman

9:30AM-12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

9:00AM Emelia Marchesani
r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

9:30AM-12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00AM Dick Haughwout r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

9:30aM-12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 AM Yves Fils r/b Esther

9:30 AM-12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 AM Marie Phipps r/b Greta Tyrrell

9:30 AM-12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

4:30 PM Bill Kane & Rudy Peins r/b family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:30 AM Dorothy Doberstein r/b Maria Marinelli

11:00 AM Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Elena Soriano
Mary Lou Thomas
Sheila Mohan

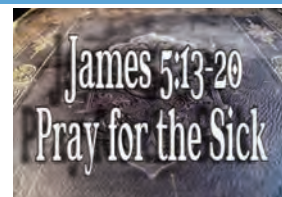


Pope Francis' AUGUST intentions:
For small businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

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, Jacob Rivers, Jaxson Rivera, 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.*

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. To date, we have collected \$59,916. We are making progress and still need your help!**

Thanks to all who have already contributed.



On Saturday, October 29th, 2022, the faithful of the Diocese of Camden are invited to participate in their pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Most Rev. Dennis J. Sullivan, Bishop of Camden, will be the principal celebrant of the Pilgrimage Mass.

More details to follow.

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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.

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 14, 2022 - Luke 12:49—53

Jesus said: "Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter—in law."

Commentary:

Jesus shocked his disciples when he declared that he would cast fire and cause division rather than peace upon the earth. What kind of fire did Jesus have in mind? God's fire both purifies and cleanses, and it inspires a reverent fear of God and of his word in us. Jesus regarded the coming of the kingdom of God as a time of judgment. His word of judgment was meant to help people take seriously the consequences of their choices—either for or against God. The essence of Christianity is loyalty to Jesus Christ, a loyalty that takes precedence over every other relationship. The love of God compels us to choose who will be first in our lives. To place any relationship (or anything else) above God is a form of idolatry. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. Does the love of Jesus Christ compel you to put God first in all you do?

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: Options for Women Pregnancy Care Center, 1500 N. Kings Highway, Suite 110 Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Call 856-795-0048; text to: 856-667-5910; online:

www.optionscherryhill.org Free services offered:
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Other referrals— social worker on staff, parenting classes, financial help; social service help, housing.



The flowers at the Blessed Mother's statue in the Church are placed there **in loving memory of John Vivone, Sr. requested by his family.**

SVDP Fundraiser: Krispy Kreme Donuts "Digital Dozens" running now through December 31, 2022.

In order to purchase food for the needy, SVDP is sponsoring a Krispy Kreme fundraiser and your participation is greatly appreciated. **Contact Paul Rossi (601-283-3685) or: prossi3753@yahoo for more information.**



Gender Equality

Men and women have been created in perfect equality as human persons; and in their respective beings as men and women. Men and women have one and the same dignity "in the image of God" and reflect the Creator's wisdom and goodness. (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

In 2020 the US ranked 53rd in the World Economic Forum Gender Gap Index. (The top 5 countries are : Iceland, Norway, Finland, Sweden, and Ireland.)- *World Economic Forum*

The US is the only developed country without paid maternity leave.- *Bread for the World*

Only 6 countries give women the same legal rights as men: Belgium, Denmark, France, Latvia, Luxembourg, and Sweden.—*World Bank*

If women were paid the same rate as men, the poverty rate would be cut by 50% - *Bread for the World*

Gender Equality
Everybody Wins!



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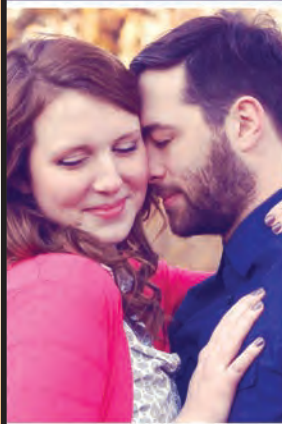


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