

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



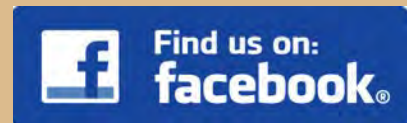
Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

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
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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Linen Committee
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Women's Club

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 25, 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 Jesus,
the age to come should start now.
Now is the time to hear your Word calling us
to make this world a place of welcoming hospitality
and gracious care for all.
If we are complacent in any way,
break through our indifference and
move us to act.
Amen

**On Sunday, October 2nd,
Children's Liturgy of the Word
will begin at the 11:00 AM
Mass for children ages 4—6.
There is no need to sign up in
advance.** Lynda Chiaravallotti
will coordinate this program.



**Please email Lynda
(lyndaahuynh@gmail.com) or call 469-867-0442 if
you are able to assist her or need more information.**



Tithes and Offerings

The collection for Sunday,
September 18, 2022 was:
\$3951.00 68 donations in church
1370.39 29 donations online
\$5321.39 98 total donations

“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: 26th Sunday Ordinary Time Stewards Bridge the Gap

“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...” *LUKE 16:25-26*

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity **we as Stewards must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little** or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.



From the Pastor's Desk

“ . . . As Long As They Believe in God.”

Dear Parishioners,

On many occasions, I have encountered people who relate to me a certain frustration about a family member or friend who left the Catholic faith for another religion (denomination) and is no longer practicing the Catholic faith in which he or she was baptized. Sometimes there also is an indifferent attitude toward any fundamental disparities among the various religions. They will inevitably say something to me like: “I guess it’s okay, Father, *as long as they believe in God.*”

While my intention here in this column is not to debate the essential teachings of each particular faith or denomination—and I do agree that a person *should* believe in God—the “god” that a person believes in is extremely important because Jesus told us that it is so.

Jesus reaffirmed the teaching of the Hebrew Scriptures when He referenced the book of Deuteronomy:

[A Scholar of the Law asked Jesus:] “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” (Mt. 22: 36-37)

The broader passage to which Jesus referred speaks boldly of the necessity of believing in the one, true God:

Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength. Take to heart these words which I command you today. Keep repeating them to your children. Recite them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them on your arm as a sign and let them be as a pendant on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates. (Dt. 6: 4-9)

Our Lord also says something quite important regarding our path to God:

Jesus said to [Thomas], “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (Jn. 14: 6)

Jesus “fulfilled” (cf. Mt. 5:17) a faith background (Judaism) in which its faithful followers were strict **monotheists** who believed that there was only one, true God. Christians take this a step further by professing that Jesus was the incarnate revelation of God as His Only, Begotten Son. And so, as Catholic Christians we must believe in God as revealed to us by Jesus Himself. This is not negotiable. Any other “god” would be a “false god.”

I am sure that many well-intentioned people are certainly hoping for the best for their friends or relatives—hoping that, at the very minimum, they believe in God in some way, shape or form. However, God took the time to reveal Himself to us in the Person of Jesus. Settling for anything less than what Jesus taught once we have the teaching from God Himself is incomplete and, in many circumstances, *false*.

When we profess our creed at Mass (and at other times), think seriously about its meaning and various implications. Martyrs through the centuries have given their lives so that our faith—in its fullness—could be passed on to subsequent generations.

I believe in one God

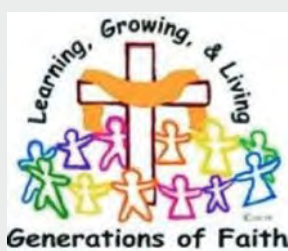
We say this for a reason.

Fr. Ed Namiootka

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Ministry Schedule for October 1/2

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	G. Tyrrell	K. McFadden	
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	E. Beckman	S. Bresani	T. Kenny E. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	D. Staton	B. Haughwout	L. & G. Hutchinson M. Marsden



We began our new catechetical year 2022-23 this past Sunday. The excitement and joy of the children and the Catechists was so visible and encouraging. Yes, our children are eager to learn about God and LIFE. The parents also showed the same spirit and desire to be the “first

formator and educator of their children. Here is a calling and a challenge to all our parents and families. During this coming year we will have many opportunities to know, love, and serve JESUS. We also need to remind ourselves that our Church in the United States is committed to three years of “Eucharistic Revival”, to draw the attention to the importance of the Eucharist. *We Believe in the Real Presence, The Transformed Substance from bread and wine INTO the Body and Blood of Jesus, which we call TRANSUBSTANTIATION.*

From the Diocesan website: The Bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission “for the life of the world.”

In the Diocese of Camden, over the course of the revival, lay leaders and parishioners will be able to participate in a variety of learning opportunities and spiritual enrichment events to help grow their understanding of the Eucharist where we will inherently come closer to Christ. These three years will culminate in the first National Eucharistic Congress in the United States in almost fifty years. A hundred thousand Catholics will join together in Indianapolis for a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage toward the “source and summit” of our Catholic faith. Recent news announced is that there will also be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament across America, from the four corners. More information will be shared. It is a time of prayer and change of heart, conversion, *Jesus is waiting for us in the Eucharistic Sacrament.*

**Diocese of Camden Marian Pilgrimage
Basilica of the National Shrine of
the Immaculate Conception
Washington, DC
Saturday, October 29, 2022**

7:30 AM Bus Departs St. Thomas More Parking Lot (1439 Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill)
9:30—11:30 AM Arrive at the Basilica, Confession, Explore the Shrine, Prayer time
11:00 AM Official Welcome. Concert of Sacred Music
Noon Lunch on your own
1:30 PM Procession of Parishes with Banner. Rosary and Crowning of the BVM
3:00 PM Mass with Bishop Sullivan
 Departure following Mass
7:30 PM Bus arrives at St. Thomas More parking lot
Cost per person \$35.00. Space is limited
Call the Parish Office to register. 856-424-3212



Leo Flynn, Religious Education Parent, welcomes all to the first day of faith formation classes.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

4:30 PM Lou Bergamoso r/b Fitzpatrick family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 AM Louis & Gloria Levari
r/b Franciscan Sisters

11:00 AM Maria Deras r/b family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00AM Kyle Haughwout r/b Brian Haughwout
9:30AM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00AM Michael Mahon r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso
9:30AM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 AM Brigitta McCarthy
r/b Marguerite Dwyer
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 AM Emelia Marchesani r/b Vince
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

4:30 PM Patrick Kurlej r/b Bill & Yvonne Turner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:30AM Michael Mahon r/b Pauline Montes
11:00AM Dick Haughwout
r/b Mariane Jones Delongoski

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, Maureen Howe, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Bob Lento, Marie Manalo, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Jacob Rivers, Jasxon 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.*

St. Peter's Church, Merchantville, NJ

Presents

Why the Real Presence of Christ In the Holy Eucharist is REAL

7:00 PM Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

Keynote Speaker: Father Mark Matthias



Pope Francis' September Prayer Intenions: The Abolition Of The Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

House of Charity 2022 "From Many...One Body" St. Thomas More Parish goal is \$89,700. We are still trying to meet our 2022 goal. All donations are gratefully accepted and greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all who have already contributed.



Religious Education Catechists were Commissioned at the 11AM Mass on September 18th. Blessings on your ministry of service to the children and parents of St Thomas More Parish.

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 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 2, 2022 - Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

Commentary:

In the Gospel reading, the disciples ask for an increase in faith. Jesus is saying they do not need to be heroes. An ordinary amount of trust in God's help will help them accomplish great things. Transplanting a mulberry tree into the sea is a highly exaggerated example. It serves, however, to make the point: "What is impossible for human beings is possible for God." (Luke 18:27)

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: SSJ Neighborhood Center 904 N. 25th St. Camden, NJ 08105; connect@ssjnc.org; call 856-338-8220

Free services: Food Pantry, English classes, sewing and crocheting groups, community gardening, computer access.

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Services: Temporary housing for pregnant moms. Budgeting and vocational assistance, parenting nutrition, spirituality and chastity, health and AIDS education, post-abortion healing.

**Adult Faith Formation Offering
Marriage Enrichment for Couples
Saturday, October 1, 2022 in the
Parish Hall**



**5:30 PM Lite Dinner and Presentation
On site Babysitting will be available**

**Call the Parish Office (856-424-3212) or email
stthomasmore@comcast.net to register.**

St. Thomas More Music Ministry

is in need of a few more good voices. If you or someone you know is interested in sharing your talent, please contact: **Julie Linn:**

intj@trinityint.com



Sister Betty Campbell, 87, in her backyard shrine at Casa Tabor, her Juárez home where she has lived for over 25 years. On the shrine's walls, she and visitors write the names of people who have died violently along the border, as well as names of thousands of Mexican women who have disappeared.

**VIEW A BORDER IMMERSION PHOTO
ESSAY FROM STAFF PERSON CATHY
WALSH**



**Public Square Rosary October 15,
12 Noon. We will meet in front of
St. Thomas More near the statue
of the Blessed Mother. (Bring a
chair if necessary). All are
encouraged to attend. See Greta.**

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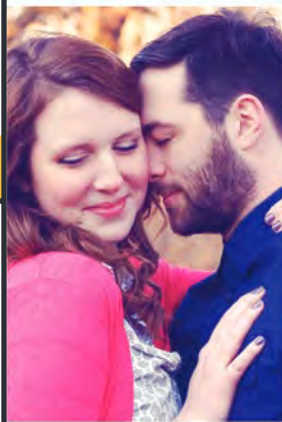
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