

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

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Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
Julie Linn, Music Ministry
Marylee Garber, Parish Secretary
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 13, 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
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God who comes,
we ask that you give us the grace to persevere
through whatever trials and upheavals
come into our lives.
Help us to live in the awareness
that your Son is with us
and continues to draw us more deeply
into communion with you
through the working of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during the 11:00 AM Mass for children ages 4—6. There is no need to sign up in advance.



“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

Tithes and Offerings

The amount budgeted for this week was \$8,500. The collection for Sunday, November 6, 2022 was:
\$4291.00 78 donations in church
2331.39 33 donations online
\$6622.39 111 total donations



Thank you for your continuing support.

Stewardship Corner: 33rd Sunday -Ordinary Time Model Stewardship

“...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us.”
2 THESSALONIANS 3:9

Most Stewards who live a grateful and generous lifestyle, don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.



From the Pastor's Desk

Back to the "Spiritual" Desert

Dear Parishioners,

As you read this, I am preparing to leave for a Trappist monastery—the **Abbey of the Genesee** in Piffard, NY—making my annual retreat. Please be kind to Fr. Norris and Fr. Perreault (my *bullpen*) while I am away.

The retreat I choose to be on is silent. I speak with others briefly when necessary. The first prayers of the day (Vigils) currently begin at 3:30 AM. The monks chant the psalms each day and rise early to keep watch for the Lord's return. The first prayers of the day end with: ***Come, Lord Jesus***. The monks work and pray (*Ora et Labora*) all day long. The schedule is relatively the same every time I am here.

While I miss the daily routine and people of the parish, I realize the importance of making a good retreat. Priests need to be men of prayer and to follow the example of Jesus who frequently distanced himself from the crowds to find time for intimate communication with His Father in prayer. Jesus went into the desert, up the mountain and to the seashore to pray frequently. He would spend entire nights in prayer.

What exactly will happen to me during this week? I am never really sure. I am simply called to *listen* for the Lord as He speaks, when he speaks. It is ironic that the *quieter* the atmosphere, the *louder* the Lord seems to speak to the heart. There is definitely time to read, to pray, to think, to meditate, to rest and to listen. Sometimes I am inspired to write or compose.

From a worldly perspective, people may not see value in what I am doing. However, those who experience the *touch of the Lord* in their lives usually hunger for more . . . and more . . . and more. At least I do. Being busy all of the time may seem productive, but life without prayer and intimacy with God frequently becomes shallow or even empty in so many ways. Prayer puts things in perspective and refreshes, often inspiring and motivating a person to cooperate more fully with God's will.

You will be remembered in my prayers and Masses during the week. As you come to mind each day, I will ask the Lord to be gracious to you and to bless you. He certainly knows best what each of us needs the most in our lives.

Please pray for me as I *journey into the desert*. That is how a monastic retreat is often described—like going into the **desert**. However, don't forget that when Christ went out into the desert, He encountered various temptations from Satan. Spiritual warfare continues. Your prayers are much needed and certainly appreciated during this time.

When I return back to the parish, I hope to be able to share with you some insights, thoughts and experiences that were the fruit of this monastic endeavor. I never quite know the outcome. All I can do is watch and wait like the monks, seeking Jesus with my whole heart.

Here we go again!

Fr. Ed Namiootka

Pastor

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Ministry Schedule for November 19/20

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Mena/Choir Julie	Sr. Agnes	D. Miller	E. & E. Shim
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Becca Julie	K. Witts	K. Kraemer	Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Becca Julie	D. Staton	C. Musso	S. Andino M. Marsden

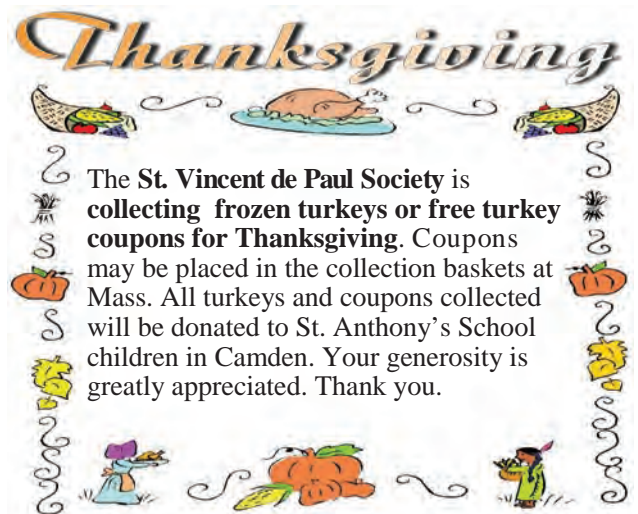


We have all met prophets of doom for whom everything in the RC Church and the world is soon coming to an end. Some people can't live without grumbling, condemning, the glass is half empty most of the time. But, for true believers, GOD is in charge, GOD knows, GOD understands. We also know that human problems are, more often than not, caused by humans' situations, not GOD. YET God is always ready to come and reason with us, raise us from our dips. The outcome of relationships is not always what we want and the same happens with GOD. *JESUS prayed to his FATHER to please pass the terrible chalice of suffering coming to him. The outcome of that suffering was far greater than we could ever imagine. JESUS would not have risen from the dead, we would not have a RISEN JESUS, if he had not passed through the dark Good Friday.* We need to follow prophets of courage, righteousness, suffering. These are the one who have saved the world and by their example we are exhorted to have the same courage, integrity and willingness to embrace the suffering that comes to us. All our saints are such prophets and examples of how to live life. The saying, "no pain, no gain" is an important one to teach our children, to develop in them the sense that they need to seek the right thing, even when it may have unpleasant consequences. "The greatest treasons is to do the right thing for the wrong reasons". The conclusion of the Gospel today, 34th Sun. in Ord. Time is **"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."** We then need perseverance in our doubts, long- suffering, seeking wisdom and truth gaining a stronger FAITH.



Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors of the Church next weekend, November 19th/20th, to receive your donations of non-perishable food items or monies to purchase same. We thank you in advance for helping us in our ministry to "feed the poor."

Healing Mass of Hope, Thanksgiving, and Remembrance for Cancer patients, survivors, and families who have lost a loved one to cancer. Friday, November 18, 2022 7:00 PM at Christ our Light, Cherry Hill.
RSVP by Nov. 17, 2022:
VITALity-Events@camdendiocese.org
 The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered to those in need of its healing grace. After Mass, there is coffee and dessert in the parish center.



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Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

4:30 PM Jim Tobin r/b family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:30AM Bridget Namiotka r/b Pauline Montes

11:00AM Joe Ryan r/b Bernie McTamney

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00AM Elvessa Cepeda r/b family

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00AM Helen Kenny r/b Erlam family

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00AM Diane Duffy r/b Joseph Gilson & family

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00 AM Jim Bones r/b Teri

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00 AM Herman C. Maurer r/b Morris family

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

4:30 PM Joseph Gianfuture
r/b Fitzpatrick family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:30 AM Maribeth Oh r/b K. Bailey

11:00 AM Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family

Pope Francis' November Prayer Intentions:

We pray for **children who are suffering**, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

“Working on the Margins”

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Second Collection next weekend**

In 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic struck, people with disabilities were particularly vulnerable to sickness due to conditions in care facilities and a lack of protective gear. With funding from CCHD, the Disabled Rights Action Committee provided material assistance in the form of protective gear and cash assistance, while expanding its advocacy outreach to public officials and community members by conducting meetings online rather than in person. 25% of your contribution stays in the Diocese to help locally.

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 Rivera, 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, Sisi Tyrrell, USMC, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country in the armed forces.*

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

Every parish in the Camden Diocese will be spending six weeks reflecting on the MASS. **This week you will find flyers at the doors of the Church highlighting Part 6—The Concluding Rites.** If you miss any of the Mass parts flyers, please check with the parish office and we will be happy to provide copies.



Volunteers Needed!

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

9:30 AM

St. Thomas More Church

To change over the Missalettes in the Church and Chapel in preparation for the new liturgical year beginning November 27, 2022.

Many hands make light work!



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

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, November 20, 2022 - Luke 23:35-43

One of the criminals hanging with Jesus reviled him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly...but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Commentary:

This man, traditionally called the good thief, was a violent trouble-maker, more like a bad terrorist. He got caught engaged in acts against the occupying forces of the Empire. We don't know if he regretted his crimes, but we do know that he regarded Jesus as an innocent man. Even more, he showed a faith greater than the disciples when he asked to be remembered in the kingdom that was coming. The sign above Jesus' head said he was a king. This man alone seemed to believe it. For this extraordinary faith, Jesus promised him Paradise on the spot. "Today" is the language of immediacy that Luke's gospel particularly favors. For Luke's readers, this implies that "Paradise Now" is a possibility for anyone who can make the same fearless profession of faith. If Paradise is available now, why wait?

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: "Why I'm Pro-Life (January 27, 2017– Rep. Robert Alderholt, R-AL)

"Let me say that I am not naïve enough to believe that everyone holds my same strong connection

between religious belief and belief in the sanctity of life. Yet, no matter what someone believes or doesn't believe, everyone understands that life is precious and it is a gift. That's why I find abortion so troubling..."

"Being Pro-Life also comes with responsibilities. It's not enough to say that you are Pro-Life and then walk away. Women who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy need support. They need assistance and sometimes a loving shoulder to cry on."



The Theology of Migration by Daniel Groody

The Bodies of Refugees and the Body of Christ

This Book draws on accounts of migrants and refugees around the globe. From a theological perspective, it is about the God who first migrated to our world in the Incarnation and the God who calls people to migrate back to our spiritual homeland as citizens of the Kingdom. It explores the body of Christ as encountered inside of a church building in the sacrament of the Eucharist and the body of Christ as encountered outside of it in the least and the last of our world today.



Sister Claire D'Auria, OSF presented an inspiring reflection on Prayer on October 31st and November 7th. Thank you Sr. Claire!!



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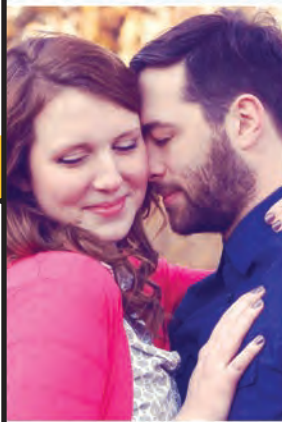
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