

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

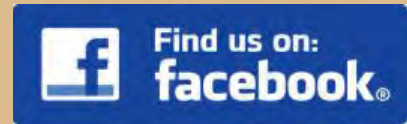
Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel
Mon.—Fri. 9:30 AM—12 Noon



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM
In the Chapel
First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

Father Edward Namioitka, 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:
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, APRIL 9, 2023

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



Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new.

Thank you for the victory and power that is in your name.

Thank you that you hold the keys over death.

Thank you that by your might, Jesus was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to have a new life with you.



“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*



Small Christian Communities

Thank you to all who participated in our Lenten Small Christian Community devotions.

We have prayed, shared, and studied the Gospel readings together for the past 6 weeks and undoubtedly grown closer to one another and our Lord.

May we continue to do so.



Stewardship Corner: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Grateful Stewards

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” *COLOSSIANS 3:2*

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. **Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.**

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Easter!

Dear Parishioners,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Easter is here once again!

Many *secular* ideas, traditions, and customs have found their way into our culture at **Easter** (as well as other sacred times like *Christmas*). They are not necessarily bad in and of themselves. However, they tend to miss the profound Christian *spiritual* message.

As Christians, nothing is really more important than **Christ** conquering sin and death and rising from the dead. Easter is about **Resurrection**. It is about **eternal life**. It is about **hope**.

Establishing a church the way Christ did seems like a *recipe for disaster*. Pick a rag-tag bunch of mostly uneducated disciples—one who denies you when the going gets tough (Peter) and one who betrays you (Judas). Preach to the general public for only a few years, very *mysteriously* at times. Pick an area of the world oppressed by foreign rule. Pick a time in history without the *internet, Twitter, radio, television, newspapers* or *mass media* as we know it today. Allow yourself to be tortured and then **put to death** without offering resistance.

Should the Catholic Church still be around over 2000 years later? Not if it were solely a human endeavor!

When everything seemed like failure, the **Risen** Jesus appeared to the disciples:

While they were still speaking . . . (Jesus) stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. (Luke 24:36-40)

Resurrection made all the difference, then and now.

The Catholic Church still remains despite all obstacles, built on the foundation of *Christ*—the **Risen Christ**. The message of Jesus continues to be proclaimed and offers salvation and hope to those who willingly accept it and let their lives be *guided* and *changed* by it.

May the joy of **Easter** bring meaning and *hope* to your lives, today and every day!

Happy Easter to all!

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, APRIL 9, 2023

Ministry Schedule for April 15/16

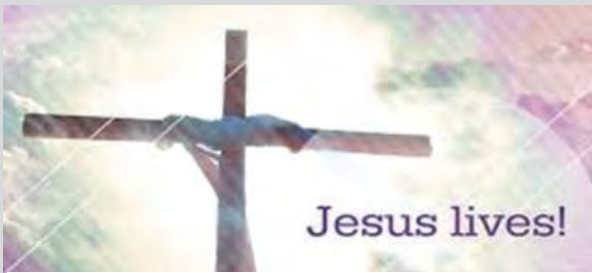
	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Mena/Choir Julie	E. Beckman	K. McFadden	Volunteer Needed
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Becca Julie	K. Glover	D. Mayfield	E. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Becca Julie	M. Garber	M. Dwyer	S. Andino L. Vascicin



Gospel of John 20: 11-28

Mary sat by the tomb crying. "Jesus asked her, "Why are

you crying? Who are you looking for?" She thought he was the gardener and said, "Sir, if you have taken his body away, please tell me, so I can go and get him." Then Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him, "Rabboni." The Aramaic word "Rabboni" means "Teacher." Jesus told her, "Don't hold on to me! I have not yet gone to the Father. But tell my disciples I am going to the one who is my Father and my God, as well as your Father and your God." Mary Magdalene then went and told the disciples she had seen the Lord.



In ALL of us. It is our task to keep him ALIVE and in ACTION in and through us. **Blessed Easter to Everyone, especially our Families.**

Live Your Best Life In LOVE!

Restore, Rekindle and Renew your relationship this Easter season!

Register For A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Parish Experience**. Sunday and Wednesday Evenings beginning April 16 and concluding May 10. Saints Peter and Paul Parish 362 Ganttown Road Turnersville, NJ 08012 For more information: wwme-southjersey.org or call 609-741-8012



2023 APPEAL: "For the Life of the World"

St. Thomas More Parish

Goal: \$89,700

Total to Date: 20,850 23.2%

of Donors 51 (out of over 700 Families)

In every way, the work of our ministries emanates from the Eucharist. As Saint John Paul II said, "The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the church will blossom." The Eucharist is the true presence of Jesus Christ, it is the spiritual food that gives us strength to carry out His work each day and everything we do as Catholics emanates from that.

The theme of this year's campaign, "For the Life of the World," reminds us that our spiritual sustenance and community are rooted in the Eucharist, in Christ. Your individual gift to this Appeal will become one of many that unites and builds up the one Body of Christ. Through our various ministries across the diocese your gift is shared and brings comfort, relief, encouragement and support to many.

We ask that you please consider donating to this year's campaign. It is important that we come together to support our ministries. They need the resources necessary to continue serving those in need.

By supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are supporting those who comprise the programs and ministries of the Diocese of Camden. These ministries serve the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the hungry and challenged. When we support the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we can bring the light of hope to those in the Catholic community of South Jersey.

Please prayerfully consider donating. If you have sent your donation direct to the Diocese, please let us know so we can record accordingly.

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Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY APRIL 8

12 Noon Blessing of Easter baskets

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:30 AM Vincent E. & intentions of Vincent John Tyrrell r/b family

11:00 AM Emilia Marchesani r/b Vince

MONDAY, APRIL 10

9:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

9:00AM living and deceased Morgans in Ireland

9:30AM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

9:00AM Intentions of Vincent John Tyrrell r/b family

9:30AM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

9:00 AM Gaye Pino r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

9:30AM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

9:00 AM Phyllis Kolecki r/b Tobin family

9:30AM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

4:30 PM Bill Kane r/b family

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

8:30AM Phyllis Kolecki r/b Spence & Curry family

11:00AM Intentions of Richard Tyrrell r/b family

Pope Francis' April Prayer Intentions

For a culture of peace and non-violence We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

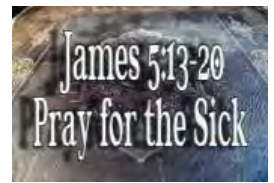
**Simple Living –God’s Vision of Abundant Life
Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the
Parish Meeting Room**

Call the Parish Office 856-424-3212 to Register

Learn and discuss with other parishioners about what Simple Living is and how it is an integral part of our faith. In this one-hour session you will be able to understand how we can begin the process of simplifying our lifestyle, while enriching our spiritual lives.

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, Fr. George Donfurtang, Elizabeth Garber, Eileen Gerie, Eileen Goodwin, Marjorie Graham, Maureen Howe, Helen Kane, Marion Kapischke, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, John Lane, Bob Lento, Marie Manalo, Carter Oakley, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Eleanor Rizzo, Dom Sacca, Carlos Santiago, Teddy Shaffer, Jean Smyth, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Dale Strack, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Roy Targonski, 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. Jacqueline A. McCabe, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Sisi Tyrrell, USMC, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country.*

Sunday, April 30, 2023, Cooper River Park (Jack Curtis Stadium | 5300 North Park Drive Pennsauken) for the annual



iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at 1 p.m. followed by a 5K run/1 mile family walk. For more information and to register for the event, visit camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

Sunday, April 16, 2023 - Prayer Service begins 3pm
St. Mary Church (2001 Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ)
Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
2:00pm, Questions? Call (856) 424-1454, ext. 102



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 Second Sunday of Easter, April 16, 2023 - John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jesus showed the disciples His hands and feet and the disciples rejoiced. Thomas was absent for this encounter. A week later, Jesus again came to the disciples. This time, Thomas was present). Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Commentary:

Thomas wanted a faith he could touch with his hands. This isn't so bad. A tangible faith is actually better than one that remains purely spiritual and theoretical. Our intellectual assent to the statements in the Creed is important, but it will be sterile if we cannot also hold something substantial in our hands that proves we are who we say we are. What evidence for our faith can we point to? Is there anyone whose life is more whole and good because of the decisions we have made? If the apostle Thomas has a legacy, it's that he sought and found in the wounded Christ a Lord he could believe in. If we can find Christ in the wounds of the world and seek to serve him in our service to those in need, we have come a long way in making our faith vital and real.

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 Reflection resonates with me?

 **Pro-Life Corner:**



Happy Easter!



Justice and Love of Neighbor

Christian love of neighbor and justice cannot be separated. For love implies an absolute demand for justice, namely a recognition of the dignity and rights of one's neighbor— USCCB

How does the love of God abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees another brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? - 1st. John 3:17

Only by being a man or woman for others, does one become fully human.—Pedro Arrupe SJ

Learn to do good; seek justice; reprove the ruthless; defend the orphan; plead for the widow.- Isaiah 1: 17



An Easter Thank YOU!
Many thanks to ALL who helped make our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations so poignant and so beautiful!
Those who took a visible part and those who worked behind the scenes, **you all did such a tremendous job. We couldn't have done it without YOU!**



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