

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

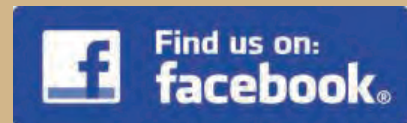
Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel
Mon.—Fri. 9:30 AM—12 Noon



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

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

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Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
Julie Linn, Music Ministry
Marylee Garber, Parish Secretary
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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 2, 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

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Loving and caring God,
you welcome us as we gather in your name
to share life and your Word.
Just as the woman in the first reading
welcomed the prophet,
may we always welcome your Word
and allow it to be the light
that guides our lives.



“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*

The collection for Sunday, June 25, 2023, was \$6533.72
The budgeted amount for this weekend was \$8500. God

wants us to give because it shows that we recognize he is truly the Lord of our lives. **“Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.” Deut. 15:10 NIV.** Everything we own and everything we have comes from God. So, when we give, we simply offer him a small portion of the abundance he has already given to us.



Stewardship Corner: 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time Stewards Follow

“... *whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.*” *MATTHEW 10:38*



Pope Benedict XVI said “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, **you were made for greatness**”. “Comfort” puts me first. **“Picking up your cross and following Jesus” puts God and others first.** Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! **Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life of Stewardship God intended for you!**

From the Pastor's Desk Being "Connected" to a Parish

Dear Parishioners,

What I have to say here this week is a reflection on parish life that I initially made while pastor of a previous parish. These were/are simply my thoughts on the situation in far too many parishes in our diocese as we move into the future.

One of things I have tried to emphasize over my years as a priest is the importance of being "connected" to a particular parish. (My family, originally from Philadelphia, saw people identifying themselves primarily with their home parish.) I have usually thought a person or family should be *anchored* or *rooted* in a parish that they considered *their own* in order to be spiritually nourished.

Today, many people will more commonly "shop around" to find a church that will suit their needs for a *short term* solution rather than for a *long haul* commitment. The typical scenario is that a person, couple or family seeks out a church where they can *get married* or *have their child baptized* or *have a deceased loved one buried* or any of a number of occasions where a church and one of its ministers is needed for a specific time and purpose. *If* people still go to Mass each week, they may float around to whatever church has a Mass time to suit their current plans/schedule or attend a church where the particular preacher may appeal to them.

The past re-configuration of parishes throughout the diocese—while seen as critical by its leadership so that the entire diocese does not go "belly up" in the future—has not necessarily helped the situation. People saw their parishes merged and re-named or, in some cases, closed entirely. Similarly, schools were reconfigured, renamed or closed as well. The **parish** where parishioners were *baptized*, *received their first Holy Communion*, *got married*, *donated a statue*, *refurbished the stained-glass window*, etc., etc., was no longer there as they had known it for years. Any long-term connection was *severed* and people were told to move on and accept their new situation.

Given the fact that we have, over the years, also lost quite a few generations of Catholics who no longer practice their faith regularly or may have found another denomination that currently suits their needs, many of our parishes continue to struggle for future existence. Numerous younger Catholics don't see a necessary **connection** to the local parish, don't practice their faith regularly, don't support the church financially, and continue drift along without a spiritual compass. And we wonder: *Why are our young people the way they are today?* Consider all of the above factors, combined with the materialistic, hedonistic, egocentric culture in which we live. Additionally, young people have been disillusioned or even scandalized by the poor example of Church leadership. *Doesn't seem to be a real rosy picture, does it?*

Without an intimate *connection* to a parish by its parishioners, the future of *this* or *any* parish becomes rather tenuous. Certain individuals or certain families may still retain a strong relationship to their particular parish. However, I fear that for the vast majority of Catholics in our area, they will just drift along and wonder "**why?**" when some of their churches are no longer there for their families and for their spiritual needs in the future.

I pray I am wrong, but I am not currently convinced otherwise.

Fr. Ed Namiołka, Pastor

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 2, 2023

Ministry Schedule for July 8/9

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Erin Julie	Sr. Sophia	J. Bland Campbell	
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine Julie	Sr. Diana	T. Smith	T. Johnson
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine Julie	J. Flynn	L. Flynn	N. Flynn L. Vascisin



From Loyola Press, Sunday Connection 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, cycle A

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew’s Gospel may appear harsh.

Yet they underline for us a truth—**choosing anything with one’s whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective.**

For many in Matthew’s community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus’ followers. In today’s Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today’s Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus’ name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God’s love.

LET THERE BE PEACE, GOODNESS, KINDNESS, FORGIVENESS, ON EARTH AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME. How ever I wish to be treated, let me try it out on others first. Let me be the ACTOR in first person.

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year has begun. Registration forms have been emailed to all returning students.

Forms may be found on the Parish website: stthomasmorenj.org. On the left hand side, click on Religious Education Registration form.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE . Upcoming programs will be held August 18 - 20 and again October 6 - 8, 2023 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.

From the Diocesan Office of South Jersey Catholic Ministries Association:

“...When I prepared the mailing list for our follow-up mailing, I made an error in sorting the donors to be included and **a considerable number of donors received a follow-up letter after they had already given a gift....**

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Andrew M. Goss
Associate Director of Development
Office of Development
Diocese of Camden



Small Christian Community meets outside on Church grounds praying with the Scripture Readings of the day. SCC’s not only nurture the spiritual life of individuals but also positively affect the entire Parish

2023 APPEAL: “For the Life of the World”

St. Thomas More Parish

Goal: \$89,700

Total to Date: \$42, 945.00 – 47.9%



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 2, 2023

Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, JULY 1

9:00 AM Vincenzo & Assunta De Rosa
r/b Franciscan Sisters
4:30 PM Daniel A. Maher r/b Ann Tobin & family

SUNDAY, JULY 2

8:30 AM Carlos Barrientos & Maria Deras
r/b family
11:00 AM intentions of Gregory Tyrrell r/b family

MONDAY, JULY 3

9:00 AM people of the parish
9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, JULY 4

9:00 AM living & deceased members of the
Morgan family in Ireland

NO Adoration Today

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

9:00 AM Frank Donahue
r/b Rosemary & Kathleen Colgan
9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, JULY 6

9:00 AM Mary Ellen Lepre
r/b Rick & Julia Linn & family
9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, JULY 7

9:00 AM Alice Bradley r/b Tobin family
9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, JULY 8

4:30 PM Jim Tobin r/b Tobin family

SUNDAY, JULY 9

8:30 AM Fanny Aguilar Machado r/b Ericka
11:00 AM Jerry McMenamin r/b Jeannine

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for July
For a Eucharistic life**

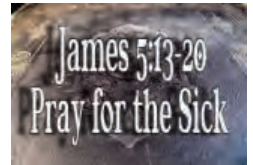
We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



2023 APPEAL: "For the Life of the World"
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Grace Cobin, Tammy Colon, 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, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Dale Strack, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ed Targonski, Sr., 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.*

Lord, as a people we have walked away from You and discredited Your holy name by the way that we have conducted ourselves over the past few years and there is no health in our land. Look down in pity on our people and our land, and protect us from those that seem determined on destroying our nation.



Eucharistic Revival (Quotes from Pope Francis)

In the Eucharist, we in fact encounter the living Jesus and His strength, and through Him we enter into communion with our brothers and sisters in the faith: those who live with us here on earth and those who have gone before us into the next life, the unending life."

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 2, 2023

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

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 9, 2023 - Matt. 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Commentary:

Jesus praises God's goodness, which brings the truly humble into sharing in the love that joins the Father and the Son. Those who depend only on their own strength and knowledge will never understand God's wisdom and wonderful care. Jesus encourages his listeners to come to him if they are wearied by life. He will share their burdens and restore their sense of balance and peace. People must have the courage and humility to believe in the power of peace and gentleness over aggression and hard-heartedness.

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?



"We know only too well that what we are doing is nothing more than a drop in the ocean. But if the drop were not there, the ocean would be missing something." St. Teresa of Calcutta



"Engaging in antiracist work is not about perfection but rather a constant quest for grace to see each other as Christ sees us."

Patrick Saint-Jean, SJ, The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice

Wedding of the Sea– August 15, 2023

Tuesday, August 15th, 2023 the Wedding of the Sea Mass will be held at the Hard Rock Casino, Atlantic City, Etes Avenue at 12 Noon with the doors opening at 11 AM.

Following the Mass, the Blessed Mother Statue will process from the Hard Rock on Pennsylvania Avenue to the Boardwalk. The wreath will be tossed by the Bishop on the beach at Pennsylvania Avenue at approximately 1:15 PM.

For more information: weddingofthesea.org.



The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. There will be NO Adoration on this day.

Have a safe and happy Fourth!

Summer Vacations are starting!



While enjoying the summer sun and activity, remember your home parish, St. Thomas More. Our bills continue and we need your help to meet them. If you cannot contribute regularly while on vacation, may we suggest keeping the unused envelopes on hand and

bringing your contribution up-to-date when you return? Or consider **Parish Giving, an online contribution program, information available at our website: stthomasmorenj.org.** Enjoy your vacation and we will see you when you return!

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