

St. Thomas More Church

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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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 14, 2024

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 , 856-424-3212 .

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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The same Jesus who sent out the apostles in the Gospel comes to be with us here today. He comes so that we might enter into his kingdom, welcoming each of us, encouraging us to be strengthened to go forth to announce his kingdom. He fills us with great hope that if we repent and believe, if we draw close to him in the Sacraments, then we will experience *the fulfillment of the great hope* of his kingdom that will know no end!

The collection for Sunday, July 7, 2024 First Sunday of the Month

\$4520.00 Sunday
\$2536.00 E-Giving
\$7056.00 Total

When we give, we experience a unique closeness to God that only comes to us when we are generous. Like all parents, God wants to see his children being kind, generous, and loving.



“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*

Next Retrouvaille weekends in Malvern, PA August 9th—11th, 2024 and October 4th—6th, 2024. www.HelpOurMarriage.com for information. Or call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

While you are enjoying the Summer, please remember your contributions to your home Parish, Your help is needed to meet our ongoing current expenses. Consider signing up for On Line Giving where your weekly contribution is automatically deducted weekly or monthly at no cost to you.

Stewardship Corner:15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Trusting Stewardship

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” MARK 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles were Stewards who really trusted in God’s providential care. Think of all the material things “we can’t live without” in today’s world. We make our life’s journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don’t become “slaves” to wanting to acquire more things.

From the Pastor's Desk

Who Do *You* Trust?

With the current 24-hour news cycle, it appears that we are constantly bombarded with news and information—both in the legacy media and by *bloggers* on the internet. Very often there is a rush to be first at reporting an incident rather than totally accurate in content. At other times, those “reporting” attempt to *create/promote* various stories to manipulate the outcome or favored perspective.

Repeatedly, there is often a glaring bias in reporters' views. Try switching cable channels—from **Fox** to **CNN** to **MSNBC**—and you will notice the obvious difference in reporting. Objectivity too often seems lost. Far too often stories in the press contain inaccuracies, quotes are taken out of context, significant facts are omitted and people are left with a barrage of sound-bites. Is this good journalism? My biggest frustration is when the facts are distorted or purposely omitted. We seem to be lied to constantly and nobody seems able to do anything about it. Don't we deserve the truth?

In Church matters, we see bishops and cardinals taking sides. Actions coming from the Vatican are questioned as heterodox and divisive. *Pope Francis vs. Archbishop Vigano?* Sexual cover-ups and financial improprieties are the subject of investigative reports and of gossip behind closed doors. Things seem an unholy mess.

If I continue this line of thought into US politics, I find it difficult to trust too many of the candidates—especially with the US presidential election just around the corner. Obvious adversaries somehow become ardent supporters of one another. Are we supposed to believe in some miraculous reconciliation without some consideration of possible future political appointments or favors?

One presidential candidate's very own words state how good a *Catholic* he is, while at the same time unapologetically supporting *abortion on demand, same-sex marriage, in vitro fertilization, contraception, etc.* Something just doesn't *jive* here. His current mental capacity and possible family corruption are other topics worthy of further investigation.

The other party's candidate is described by his adversaries as a tyrant, a convicted felon, an insurrectionist, a narcissist, or even the reincarnation of Hitler. In contrast, his supporters see him as a strong leader, a tireless worker and a victim of political persecution. Exactly where is the truth in all these matters?

When searching for the *truth*, we need to look to Jesus. We need to ponder the Gospel teaching and its eternal wisdom:

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. (Jn. 3: 19-21)

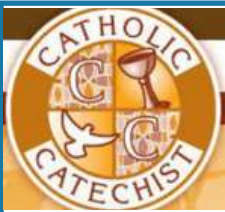
When no wrong is done, there is absolutely nothing to hide. There is no need for continual silence, stalling tactics, deflection, or cover-ups. This is true in politics, church management, and in a person's personal life and morality. May **God** please save us and have mercy on us. In Him alone do I trust.

Fr. Ed Namiootka, Pastor

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 14, 2024

Ministry Schedule July 20/21

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Norris	Len	E. Beckman	C. Betson Smith	T. Johnson
8:30 AM	Fr. Perreault	Celine/Julie	K. Witts	K. Kraemer	R. & A. Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Coronado	Celine/Julie	D. Staton	C. Musso	S. Andino M. Marsden



Religious Education

Religious Education Registration is now open. Classes will be held on Sunday morning from 9:30 AM through 10:45 AM starting September 15, 2024. (Catechetical Sunday)

Returning families will receive an email from Parish Giving. This email will contain login in credentials for your account that was created for you. Please make any necessary changes to your information before submitting. If you do not receive this email, please check your Spam folder or call the parish office at 856-424-3212.

New Families ONLY go to our Parish web site stthomasmorenj.org and look for the **Religious Education link to the New Family Registration form**. You will receive an automated email from Parish Giving with login credentials for an account that was created for you. Sign into your account to complete the registration process.

Please register now so we can prepare and plan properly for your children.
A Late fee of \$50.00 will be applied after August 15, 2024.

This weekend's Gospel from St. Mark finds Our Lord Jesus providing a travel checklist for His first missionary disciples. After all, they depended on what their backs and bare feet could bear. Our Lord even included a strategy for handling hospitality or its opposite. Traveling light is a good way to ply the task of being Christ's missionaries. There are imaginary travel restrictions here as well. If, for example, we unwittingly were to pack an immature faith that we **never nourished after our elementary school religious education**, we could do harm to our message. So much good information is out there, including the Catholic Catechism and many other sources,



St. Vincent de Paul Society members will be at the doors of the Church next weekend July 20/21 accepting your donations for those in need.

Thank you for your generosity.



**YOU ARE INVITED
 Retirement Tea for
 Marylee Garber**

Please join us on **Tuesday, July 16, 2024** after the **9:00 AM Mass** in the Gathering Space for Tea with Marylee.

Marylee has been our Secretary for the past 10 years at St. Thomas More Parish. We are grateful for her dedication and skill wearing the many hats needed to keep the Parish Office running smoothly. We wish her many blessings in her retirement.

We also sincerely appreciate and thank her for agreeing to continue with her volunteer ministries in the Parish.

PERSONAL HEARING DEVICES are available for those who have a difficult time hearing at Mass. They are simple to use. If you would like to use one of these hearing devices at Mass, please see an usher before Mass and they will assist you.

To assure that these hearing devices are available for all in need, it is important that you return them after Mass. Devices are sanitized after each use.



WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS TO THE 2024 SJCMA CAMPAIGN!
St. Thomas More's Goal is \$89,700.

Thank you to those who already contributed to help those most in need.

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Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, JULY 13

4:30 PM **Alberto Librojo** r/b Tess & family

SUNDAY, JULY 14

8:30 AM **Catherine Namiotka**
r/b Dave & Ellie Mayfield

11:00 AM **Intentions of St. Thomas More Parishioners** r/b Carlos & Daisy

MONDAY, JULY 15

9:00 AM **People of the Parish**

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, JULY 16

9:00 AM **Living & deceased members of Morgan family in Ireland**

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

9:00 AM **Aurora Parulan** r/b Tess Librojo

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY JULY 18

9:00 AM **Catherine Namiotka**
r/b John & Letty Duffy

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

9:00 AM **Catherine Namiotka**
r/b Charlotte Centonze

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

4:30 PM **Kerry McCabe** r/b Tobin family

SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:30 AM **Pat Beaney** r/b Dave & Ellie Mayfield

11:00 AM **Jerry McMenamin** r/b Jeannine

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Joe Centonze, Grace Cobin, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Mary Cowan, Catherine Diana, Linda Di Giulio, Fr. George Donfurtang, Elizabeth Garber, Eileen Gerie, Eileen Goodwin, Marjorie Graham, Marion Kapischke, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, John Lane, Bob Lento, Marie Manalo, Kelly Moore, Carter Oakley, Tina Petrone, Dom Sacca, Carlos Santiago, Teddy Shaffer, Grace Sklencar, Joe Sklencar, Claire Spence, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ed Targonski, Sr., Ann Vigrass, Joanne Wachman, Sarah Warner.



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

SPC Jordan Beckman, Captain Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Major Anthony R. Cosentino, USAF, TSgt. John P.

DeYoung, Sam Houston, USN Special Forces, , Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, SSgt. Kris Knaup, Capt. Jennifer LaSalce, US Army, Capt. Christopher Mawn, Lt. Jacqueline A. McCabe, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Sisi Tyrrell, USMC, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country.*

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For JULY 2024 For The Pastoral Care of The Sick

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

An invitation to men of the parish from the Cherry Hill Council 6173 Knights of Columbus: If you want more information or to join us, you can do so today at www.kofc.org/joinus, with this QR code include "Council 6173" when asked and use the promo code: **BLESSEDDMCGIVNEY** to join for free.



Eucharistic Revival quotes from Pope Francis

"Today is the day to ask, "....Do I, who have so often been fed by the Body of Jesus, make any effort to relieve the hunger of the poor?" Let us not remain indifferent. Let us not live a one-way faith, a faith that receives but does not give, a faith that accepts the gift but does not give in return. Having received mercy, let us now become merciful. For if love is only about us, faith becomes arid, barren, and sentimental. Without others, faith becomes disembodied." Homily— April 11, 2021



Vacation Bible School at Saint Mary's

A week long camp with memories that last a lifetime! St. Mary Church 2001 Springdale Rd is featuring V.B.S., and now the range has been expanded to ages 4-12. Kids will be immersed in daily Bible stories, crafts, music and more from **Monday, July 22nd to Friday July 26th**. Details/registration: TinyUrl.com/VBS24

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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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 21, 2024 - Mark 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Commentary:

Jesus looks at the crowd with great feeling. They have no one to feed them with the teaching that will give them life or with the physical food to stay alive. Jesus appreciates how vulnerable people are and how fragile their lives are. Like sheep, they will die without a shepherd to keep them together, show them the way and feed them. Seeing their need, Jesus himself begins to teach. He becomes shepherd to the leaderless flock. Jesus calls his disciples to be the kind of shepherd he is. The disciples, of course, will not understand this kind of leadership until after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

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: "The medical profession has a special responsibility to protect and preserve human life from the moment of conception. This responsibility arises not only from our scientific knowledge but also from our commitment to the sanctity of life."— **Dr. John C. Willke**, physician, author, and anti-abortion activist

St. Thomas More Faith & Justice Team Tee Shirt and Underwear Collection weekend of 7/20-7/21/24

Please bring in **new or gently worn clean Tee shirts and new men's underwear (greatest need is for sizes Large and X-Large) to Mass the weekend of 7/20-7/21/24.**



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faith  justice

Catholic social teaching strongly promotes active citizenship. Through our opportunities as citizens, we can help shape a world more committed to protecting human life and dignity and promoting justice and peace.

In their statement Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the bishops state, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (No. 13).

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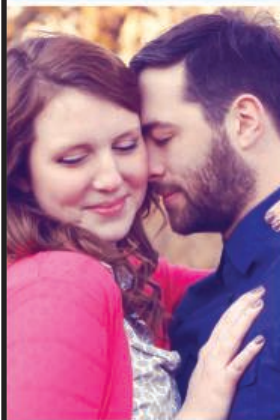


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