

St. Thomas More Church

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Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Mon. - Sat. 9:00 AM in the Church

Sat. 4:30 PM

Sun. 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

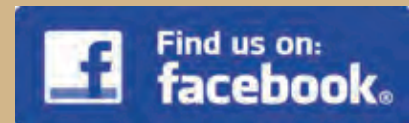
Mon.—Fri. 9:30 AM—12 Noon



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM
In the Chapel

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
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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—10:50 AM

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish office to register. Registration forms are available on our Web Site.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 4 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088

Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



Father, you have given us Jesus
to show us your face in our daily lives.
Open our eyes and hearts
to the amazing and astounding ways
that he heals us and empowers us each day.
May your Holy Spirit help us
to bring others to share our amazement!
This we pray through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

World Marriage Day: Sunday, February 14, 2021
At each mass the weekend of February 13/14, married couples will receive a special blessing and a small remembrance from the parish.

New Jersey has opened a new **vaccination appointment hotline to assist residents with getting vaccinated. Call [1-855-568-0545](tel:1-855-568-0545) for phone support.** If you experience an error or need support with the New Jersey Vaccine Scheduling System, you can complete an online form or **call the toll-free hotline from 8 am to 8 pm for help in more than 240 languages.** The vaccination hotline is available to help callers identify if they are currently eligible for a vaccination, pre-register for the vaccine, and find vaccination locations nearest to them.

"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: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewards Pray

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" Mark 1: 35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of **Stewardship**. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Listening to God

Dear Parishioners,

Many years ago, at a *Day of Recollection* for my high school students, the priest who was speaking held up a portable radio. He turned it on, tuned it into a channel, and it played some music. Then he turned it off. No music played. Yet, he pointed out that the same sound waves were still passing through the airways. Even when we were not tuned into them and the radio was off, the sound waves were still out there waiting for us to listen to them.

A good lesson is here for all of us. God tries to speak to us constantly whether we are listening to Him or not. He is always out there whether or not we are tuned into Him.

How do we *listen* to God?

First of all we have to learn to be quiet for at least some time each day. Turn off the TV, *iPod*, computer, cell phone, tablet, etc. These may all be useful or entertaining for us but ultimately they distract us when trying to listen to God. Consider the following passage from Sacred Scripture:

Then the LORD said, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD--but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake--but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire--but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave. (1 Kings 19:11-13)

Next we have to learn to be patient and to *wait for the Lord*. We live in a time of **instant everything**. We use *microwave ovens*, the *internet* takes us around the world in what seems like *nanoseconds*, most of us are seen walking around with *cell phones* connected as an added appendage to our bodies so that we can talk to or text someone whenever we want. Get the picture? We don't like to wait and we have very little patience when we don't get what we want *immediately*.

God doesn't work that way. He is not at our beck and call and He doesn't have to react to us just because we have decided to fit Him into our lives at some particular point in time. People joke about how slow the Church moves and reacts because *she thinks in centuries*. What about God who has been around for all eternity? Time for God is not the same as time for us. God is not bound by time. We are.

So find some time each day to stop, be quiet, and listen. **We don't have to do all the talking**. If we are patient, God will speak to us in our thoughts and imagination. He will move our hearts. He's there waiting for us.

Tune Him in.

Fr. Ed Namiotka
Pastor

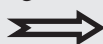
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Ministry Schedule for FEBRUARY 13/14, 17, 2021

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Len	Sr. Sophia	K. Febus
8:30 AM 8:30AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	K. Glover	M. Maggart
11:00AM	Fr. Namiotka	Mena/Choir Julie	J. Galati	C. Musso
Feb. 17 9:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Mena/Joe	J. Centonze	M. Maggart
4:30 SERVICE	Fr. Namiotka	Julie		F. Eggles
7:00 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Julius/Choir	E. Beckman	K. Febus



Meditation of the day, February 2, 2021, Pope Francis. "Salvation is not automatic; salvation is a gift of love and as such, it is offered to human freedom. Always, when we speak of love we speak of freedom; love without freedom is not love; it may be interest, it may be fear; it may be many things, but love is always free, and being free it calls for a freely given response; it calls for our conversion. Thus, it means changing mentality, this is conversion - changing mentality -, and changing life; no longer following the examples of the world but those of God, who is Jesus; following Jesus; "doing" as Jesus had done, and as Jesus taught us. It is a decisive change of view and attitude." This reflection from Pope Francis is preparing us for the liturgical season of LENT. For the older generation, we were taught, back then, to give up something for Lent, to do penance. Today, the emphasis is on conversion, change of heart and attitude; changing our mentality. What does "mentality" mean? It is the way or mode of thinking, an outlook on life which pretty much effects what we say, what we do, and how we do things. Penance is important only if it serves to change our heart to take on a change of "mentality". The real focus is to learn to LOVE in **freedom**. This word too is often misunderstood. It is not freedom to chose and do whatever pleases *ME*. It is being free from inner compulsions that are not loving, caring, clean, pure. *True love* seeks truth, understanding, forgiveness, starting over and over and over again. True love is sacrificial love that puts our selfishness under control and allows for JESUS' presence in us to take over, so that, with PAUL, we can say : " it is no longer



HOUSE of CHARITY

Our theme this year involves "**Hope**" and we begin this campaign with a heightened awareness of the good that this ministry brings about and the need for its services in the coming months.

St. Thomas More parish Goal is \$89,700.00.

The House of Charity Office has mailed out the House of Charity solicitation materials for the February launch. Please respond to this correspondence with your gift using the options listed.

- Mail your gift to the Parish..
- Drop your gift off in the Collection boxes before Mass or drop off at the Parish Office during business hours.
- Give online- allows parishioners to send their gifts directly and securely to the House of Charity. The link to House of Charity online giving platform is: <https://bit.ly/HoC-Online>

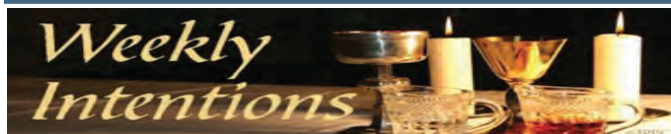
Please follow this **you tube link below** to view the House of Charity Video featuring Bishop Sullivan's Message. <https://youtu.be/CiUpTU51h-4>

Both these links can be found on our Website.

St. Thomas More Parish goal for 2021 is \$89,700. With your help, we can do this! We thank all in advance for your contributions to this year's Appeal.

me living and acting but JESUS living and acting in ME" What a powerful way to encourage our children to LOVE, in truth and freedom.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 7, 2021



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Parish

4:30PM Margaret Crawford
r/b Katherine Coghlan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:30AM Intentions of Martin McKernan
r/b Franciscan Sisters

11:00AM Dr. Richard Simmers r/b Glenda Rose

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00AM Mildred Montes r/b Helen Protzman

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00AM Intentions of STM Women's Club
Members r/b Teri Bones

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00AM Ronald Kramer r/b Gerri Boyle

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00AM Molly Martin
r/b Helen Protzman

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 AM Intentions of Fr. Namiotka
r/b Bones family

9:30 AM—12Noon Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Parish

4:30 PM Laura Cardamone Smith
r/b Wednesday Morning SCC

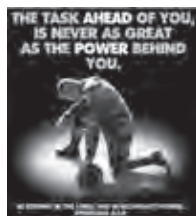
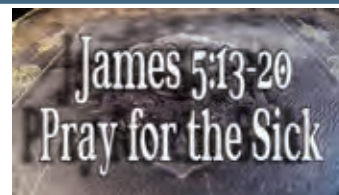
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:30AM Mary Anne Bones
r/b Pat & Mike Maggart

11:00 AM Jack Boesch r/b Kay Uhlman

**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

THE SICK... Kristina Acevedo, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Geryllyn Coticone, John Coticone, Mary-Cowan, Catherine Diana, Chuck Goodwin, Dick Haughwout, Maureen Howe, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Don Kreal, Marie Manalo, Arleen Pajic, Tom Pajic, Fred Petrone, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Joseph Ryan, Frank Sabatino, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Jim Tobin, Ann Vigrass, Sarah Warner.



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES... Captain Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Captain Anthony R. Cosentino, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lily Hutchinson, USN, Petty Officer 3rd class; Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, SSgt. Kris Knaup, Lt. Christopher Mawn, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin

"Journeying Through Grief"

St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation
If you have experienced a recent death of a loved one, come find comfort from others who are also dealing with grief.

During this pandemic, we have continued our meetings via Zoom with telephone call-ins as an option. Please Contact Ann Marie Lento: 856-344-7454; Marian Kapischke: 856-424-2053
helloducks@verizon.net; Jon Lisitski: 856:210-6466.

Wills and Bequests

Please consider placing St. Thomas More in your will so that your legacy might continue through the important works and ministries of the parish. You or your estate planner can contact St. Thomas More at 856-424-3212.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Rose McAdams

Joseph Pizzo

May they rest in peace

Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention:

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Join us for *Mass!*
Let us gather and celebrate the Mass. Visit our parish Facebook® page!

Sundays at 11:00 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 14, 2021- Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean... The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter... People kept coming to Jesus from everywhere.

Commentary:

In this gospel the healing hand of Jesus stretches out to an outcast of society - a leper. The leper, having been healed, is compelled “to publicize the whole matter.” Both the actions of Jesus and the leper inform our discipleship: like Jesus, we reach out even to outcasts; like the leper, we proclaim the good news.

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: Project Rachel is a ministry of the Catholic Church in the U.S. to those who have been involved in abortion. It is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. In addition to referring for Sacramental Reconciliation, the ministry provides an integrated network of services, including pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats and referrals to licensed mental health professionals. It is open to all people of all faiths or no faith. For more information on abortion healing and find help for you or someone you know, visit Hope After Abortion



True Freedom

To be free is to put justice, truth, and service to others over and above our personal gain or our need for recognition, power, honor, and success. Jean Vanier

On Wednesday, February 10 at 2 PM, Cathedral organist Jon Delgado from Notre Dame de la Mer, Wildwood, will present a virtual recital to celebrate the pipe organ’s return to service, which has spanned 100 years! This is the second of monthly recitals showcasing the instrument with musicians from around the diocese. Watch this recital Facebook.com/camdendiocese Twitter.com/camdendiocese YouTube.com/camdendiocese



Joanne Wachman, Faith and Justice Team, led the “9 Day for Life Novena” before Mass in January.

Wednesday, February 17 is the Beginning of the Lenten Season. Ashes will be distributed at the 9:00 AM Mass 4:30 PM Service 7:00 PM Mass

This year Ashes will be imposed, as is done in many parts of the world, by sprinkling them onto the head of the penitent. (not on your forehead) Please bow slightly as the ashes are sprinkled over your head.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. All parishioners are invited to start your Lenten journey of fast, abstinence and alms giving. “Do Not Make a Public Display as you embrace the disciplines of Lent.”



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What's My Name?
The #WHATSMYNAME Movement asks everyone to simply ask drivers "What's my name?" before entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they are supposed to enter.
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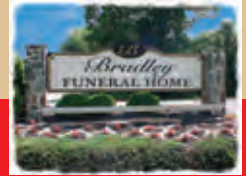
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