

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



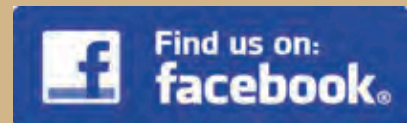
Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

In the Chapel

First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

Father Edward Namioika, 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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Send all bulletin announcements to:
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, APRIL 4, 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 2 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088
Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



Easter Sunday

On this day of Good News
As we carry the Risen Jesus in our hearts,
Listen for what and for whom needs help and prayer.
Seek to be more aware that God's plan is to always draw goodness out of the painful experiences of life.
Pray for those going through a Good Friday experience.
Seek to be an Easter presence for someone grieving, in pain, suffering.
Pray that you always live as a disciple of hope and love!



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Many thanks to ALL who helped make our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations 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!**

“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: Easter Sunday Stewardship Alleluia

“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” -
COLOSSIANS 3:2



On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose, and opened the gates of Heaven for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia.” Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our **Stewardship** throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.



From the Pastor's Desk

Easter: A Time for Renewed Hope

Dear Parishioners,

I can only imagine how desperate the situation must have seemed to His *apostles* as Jesus was experiencing His brutal passion and death. To see your spiritual leader, the one whom you believed was the long-awaited messiah, suffer and die like a common criminal had to be devastating. We know most of them fled and went into hiding. Peter was so terrified that he denied the Lord three times, as Jesus had predicted. *What do we do now? Where do we go from here?*

Yes, there were a few who remained faithful and by the cross until the bitter end: Mary Magdalene, the Beloved Disciple John, and Jesus' own Mother Mary. How great must have been the emotional pain that they felt as they helplessly watched His suffering up close. Seeing every last breath coming from a beaten, broken body had to be stamped like a branding iron into their memories. *How could this possibly happen?*

Salvation and the forgiveness of sin came with a price: the suffering and death of the Son of God. Holy Week recalls these events. The crucifix in our churches (and homes) reminds us of the greatest act of *sacrificial love*. But the story does not end here.

Resurrection and new life followed. Jesus conquered sin and death. The grave was not His final resting place. He is alive!

With all of the suffering and death continuing throughout our world, we need to preach this message loud and clear: **Jesus is our salvation**. He brings us hope in every situation, no matter how desperate.

I realize how unusual these times have been for all of us. After a year of having seen closed churches, sacraments being limited, Holy Week and Easter services on TV or through the internet, we have truly experienced unprecedented occurrences. Despite it all, **God is still in charge**. He allows this to happen for a reason, which I suspect is an urgent plea for us to return to Him with all our being. We cannot exist at all without His Divine Assistance.

What do we do now? Where do we go from here? Do we seek resurrection and new life for ourselves and our loved ones? Do we want to find hope in any desperate situation, even after a "coronavirus pandemic?" **Jesus is our salvation**. There is no other way.

I continue to hope and to pray. Easter gives renewed hope to all Christians as we realize Christ is alive! **He is Risen!** Death has no more power over Him. Although it may seem, at times, that the season of Lent continues in our lives and that Good Friday has not yet ended, *trust in Jesus*. Stand by Him at the foot of the cross. Resurrection and new life will come.

I assure you of my continued prayers and Masses for your health and well-being. Please pray for me. I appreciate all of the kindness and love shown to me.

I may not have all the answers to what lies ahead but I certainly know Who does: **Jesus, Our Risen Lord!**

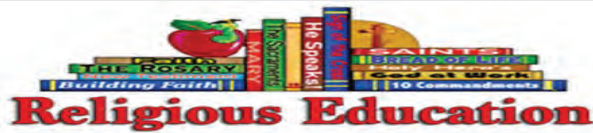
Happy Easter!

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

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Ministry Schedule for April 10/11, 2021

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	Sr. Sophia	D. Miller
8:30AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	K. Glover	M. Maggart
11:00AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	J. Galati	L. Galati



John 20; 19-23 “On the evening of that first day of the week, (Easter Sunday) when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish Leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” Luke 16; 14-26 Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” Luke: 24; 36-43 “While they were still speaking about this, he 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. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”



Lord God,
 You loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.

Rachel Marie Stone

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re The Diocese of Camden, New Jersey

Case No. 20-21257 (JNP)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on October 1, 2020, The Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, (the “Diocese”) filed for protection under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code.

The Bankruptcy Court has established June 30, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the “Bar Date”).

If you have a claim against the Diocese including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date with Prime Clerk, the appointed Claims Agent.

Please visit <https://cases.primeclerk.com/camendioocese> or call 877-465-8420 (Toll-Free) or 347-817-4096 (Local) for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE’S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 3– HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 PM Easter Vigil
People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 EASTER SUNDAY

8:30AM Henry & Emily Ryszkowicz r/b family
11:00 AM Mary Anne Bones r/b Carol Koelsch

MONDAY, APRIL 5

9:00AM Diane Juska r/b Marian Kapischke
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

9:00AM Chuck Kapischke
r/b Marian Kapischke
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

9:00AM Peter & Bernie Kapischke
r/b Marian Kapischke
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 AM David Rule r/b Marian Kapischke
:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 AM Veronica Kapischke
r/b Marian Kapischke
:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Parish
4:30PM Bill Kane r/b family

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

8:30AM James & Susan Quaranto r/b son, James
11:00AM Angelo Di Giacomo r/b Joyce De Michele

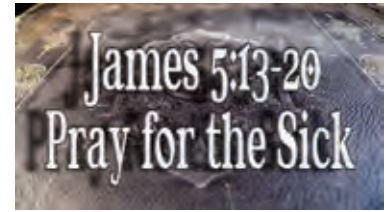
Pope Francis' April Prayer Intention: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes, and even democracies in crisis.



Sundays at 11:00 AM

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK... Kristina Acevedo, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, GERALYN Coticone, John Coticone, Mary Cowan, Catherine Diana, Josh Gil, Collette Gil, 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, elen Protzman, John Ravaena, Joseph Ryan, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Jim Tobin, Ann Vigrass, Sarah Warner, Deacon Michael Welsh.



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



Flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue are placed in memory of Gayle Beaney Clower requested by family.



****Pledge Cards are available at the exit doors of the Church.****

St. Thomas More Parish goal for 2021 is \$89,700. We have received 26,210.00 in donations and pledges from 76 donors. This is 29.2% of our goal. With your help, we can do this! We thank everyone for your contributions.

Please let us know if you have made your contributions directly to the Diocese or online so we may include your donation in our total.

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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 Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2012- 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." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ... Thomas was not with them when Jesus came. He said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." (Jesus appears to them again. This time Thomas is present. Jesus invites Thomas to see his wounds and to believe.) Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Commentary:

Thomas, who was absent when Jesus first appeared to the apostles in the locked upper room, refused to believe that the Lord has risen. Now, Jesus speaks to Thomas and tells him to examine his hands, etc. Thomas moves from unbelief to belief. Thomas saw and believed and new life was given to him. We who have not seen and have believed have also been given new life by God. The Spirit's presence within those who believe testifies that Jesus is the Son of God.

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: If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything. Stand up and speak out for life. One man or woman with courage can have a positive effect on the future of our nation.

What is a Creation Care Team?

"There is nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions." Pope Francis

Creation Care Teams have been formed at parishes throughout the country. These teams are supported by the Catholic Climate Covenant which provides resource material and shares what other parishes are doing. For example, **St. Thomas More in Minnesota** has identified opportunities to reduce energy expense, increased recycling at their buildings, and educating parishioners on how they can take action at home. Each team decides what they want to do. **Are you interested in starting a Creation Care Team at our St. Thomas More?**

Email stmfaithandjustice@gmail.com

"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. We are continuing 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.**



Stand Up Against Racism

"We must, as a Christian family of faith, speak up against any aggression and we must be active in our pursuit to end racism and discrimination of every kind." *Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, O. F. M. of Atlanta*

"It is incumbent on all of us to resist language, culture, and acts that denigrate Asian Americans and all people of color— because they have deadly consequences." *Cardinal Cupich of Chicago*

"There is no 'them and us'. There is only 'us'." *Greg Boyle SJ, Author*





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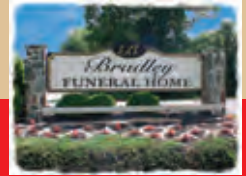
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