

St. Thomas More Church

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Eucharistic Celebrations

Sunday: LIVE STREAM
Mass 11:00 am



Rite of Reconciliation
Saturdays
3:00—4:00 PM
Use Office Door
Please Ring Bell

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FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER May 3, 2020

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Starting Fall 2020

Grades One thru Eight - Sunday 9:30 AM—10:50 PM

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

Please be on guard for any Covid-19 scams. The priests, bishop, or religious will NOT email you or contact you regarding any need for gift cards, or other monetary items. Ignore these schemes.

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.



Phone Outreach

The Saint Thomas More Faith In Action team has been making phone calls to registered parishioners over the age of 65 to remain connected. With all the ways to reach out digitally to parishioners, this telephone call outreach is appreciated for its personable touch of support. For every hand **you** do not shake and hug **you** can not give because of social distancing, please consider calling a fellow parishioner whom **you** haven't communicated with in awhile. A kind word through the phone is a way of showing the tender loving care of Jesus!

*Treat the Earth
as if your life
depends upon it.
Genesis 2:15*

Stewardship Corner

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'"

ACTS 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. **Stewards** ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2020

2020 Census is here! It is important to complete the Census, as getting an accurate count can help our local communities receive the necessary federal funding for education, hospitals, jobs and other services they deserve.

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, The Census has moved entirely online.

Responses to #2020 Census will shape how \$45 billion+ in federal funding is distributed annually to our communities. We are proud to partner with @NJcensus2020 to make sure New Jersey gets counted! You can make a real difference in our community – Fill **out** your Census at CENSUS.NJ.GOV.

PRAYER CHAIN



If you have a prayer request for a sick relative, friend or yourself, please email sthomasmore@comcast.net or

call the office 856-424-3212 and we will add them to our Prayer Line.

Mass Intentions and Mass Cards

We continue to take your Mass Intention requests for future dates.

Please email sthomasmore@comcast.net or call the Parish office 856-424-3212 to schedule.

Looking for the perfect gift for your wife this Mother's Day?

Give your wife the gift of your time and your love by taking her on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. Upcoming weekend dates: Oct. 23-25 & Dec. 4-6, 2020. Questions? Need more information? Call our Application Couple at 609-741-8012 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org Visit our website wwme-southjersey.org

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Camden bi-monthly food distribution.

Please call as early as possible before the distribution date so they can be prepared with proper amounts for you personal needs.

Please wear a mask

Drive-through pick up. Stay in your car. Staff will place food in your trunk.

No forms are needed

CAMDEN COUNTY

When: May 12 and 26
June 9 and 23

Time: 1:30—3:30 PM

Where : 1845 Haddon Ave., Camden

**Call to Reserve your pick up time
856-342-4193**



Mother's Day is May 10, 2020.

We will continue to provide Mother's Day Cards/Spiritual Bouquets as well as your Mother's Day memorial intentions that will be remembered at all Masses during the month of May.

Your Mother's Day intentions can be mailed to the Parish Office in the envelope provided with your monthly contribution envelopes or make your own.

IF you would like a Mother's Day Card mailed to a special *living* Mother, please email or mail the information (NAME, ADDRESS, Zip) to the parish office or sthomasmore@comcast.net. WE will be sure that the recipient receives your Spiritual Bouquet. Card.

The beautiful card depicts the Blessed Mother holding baby Jesus.

Wording—"As a Spiritual Gift, you will be remembered in The Masses offered at St. Thomas More Parish in observance of Mother's Day.

May our Divine Lord and His Blessed Mother reward you with the love, joy and contentment you so richly deserve."

During this time of social distancing and isolation what a nice way to remember your beloved mom.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2020

We will continue live streaming Mass every **Sunday at 11:00 AM Via FACEBOOK live**. Please join us and invite your friends and family.

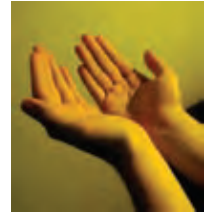
You do not need to login to Facebook to view the mass live stream.

When someone who doesn't have a Facebook account clicks on the **FB link** on our website stthomasmorenj.org they will see Log in or create BUT

It may look like you need to create an account, **but you really just need to scroll down and click on the Video.**

We sincerely **thank** everyone involved from those communicating, producing, serving at the Altar., music, decorating, and especially all of you who participated via your electronics from home. We feel your presence through mutual prayer.

We especially thank parishioner Eric Thompson for his technical expertise, time and effort.



NEW DAY and TIME—FALL 2020

I wish to inform you that, since this has been made possible by our change of Mass time on Sunday morning, our religious education formation classes are moving from Tuesday afternoon and evening to Sunday morning effective this coming fall for all grades.

Starting in the Fall, the new time will be Sunday from 9:30 (approx.) to 10:50 am. Families may attend either the 8:30 or 11:00 am Mass.

We sincerely hope that this new schedule will alleviate these conflicts with external activities and that our children will be able fully to take part in their regular classes.

More details will follow and registrations forms will be sent home to you soon.

TAKE CARE

For everyone's sake. Please continue to observe the public health protocols.

Be sure to take good care of yourself and your loved ones during the duration of this coronavirus pandemic. Stay home, good handwashing, maintaining social distance, wear a mask and care for your own physical and spiritual health .

Remember to eat nutritiously, exercise, get your rest and pray regularly.



We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate the Risen Lord! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenged us to share what we have with our global family.

Rice Bowl donations will be collected through June 15, 2020.



As you are well-aware, 2020 is already starting out as a challenging year.

Our members continue to go out and deliver food and emergency funds to

individuals who are now more in need than ever before. Although we would normally collect at the Masses on the third weekend of each month, we now have a donation link on the Church's website. OR You can still send checks made payable to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (St Thomas More Conference), 1439 Springdale Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003.

Hopefully, this will enable you to continue to contribute. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

WORLD DAY of PRAYER for VOCATIONS

Come to me, all 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.

Matthew 11:28-30

What should I do?
What is God's will?
What's my life about?

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER May 3, 2020



Mass Intentions for the Week

LIVE STREAMING Sunday 11:00 AM

SATURDAY, May 2

Living and Deceased Members of
St. Thomas More Parish

SUNDAY, May 3 Live Streaming 11:00 AM

Kathleen McGeary r/b Offenbeck Family
Joe & Marie Bongiovanni r/b Family
Dick DeMichele r/b John & Mary
O'Reardon

MONDAY, May 4

Monica Keane

TUESDAY, May 5

David D'Orazio

WEDNESDAY, May 6

Edith Frioi

THURSDAY, May 7

Living and Deceased Members of
St. Thomas More Parish

FRIDAY, May 8

Living and Deceased Members of
St. Thomas More Parish

SATURDAY, May 9

Living & deceased members of
St. Thomas More Parish

SUNDAY, May 10 Live Streaming 11:00 AM

George Gehring r/b Anne
Dick DeMichele r/b Emily Ferri
Gayle Beaney Clower r/b Family
Mother's Day Intentions

Pope Francis' May Intention

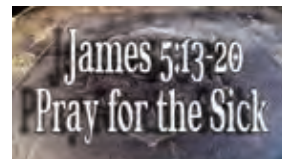
We pray that Deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church



disease or from any related anxiety may find healing and peace.

Holy Mary, Health of the sick, pray for us
St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.
St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: *THE SICK...* Kristina Acevedo, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Joseph



Console, Marie Corcoran, Geralyn Coticone, John Coticone, Mary Cowan, Margaret Crawford, Catherine Diana, Angelo DiGiacomo, Chuck Goodwin, Thomas Handler, Dick Haughwout, Raffelina Iannelli, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Ron Kramer, Don Kreal, Marie Manalo, John Minot, Arleen Pajic, Tom Pajic, Fred Petrone, Tina Petrone, 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, Kathryn Wolfe, Maureen Howe, Olga Erlam.



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

2nd Lieutenant Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Captain Anthony R. Cosentino, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lily Hutchinson, USN, Petty Officer 3rd class; Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, Senior Airman Kris Knaup, 1st Lt. Christopher M. Mawn, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin



"Who is My Neighbor?"

Support the 2020 **House of Charity Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Donations can be mailed to the Parish Office
www.camdendiocese.org/hoc

We help our neighbors...

When we share our blessings with those in need. *Your House of Charity* gift enables Catholic Charities offices in each of our 6 counties to provide a range of vital social services to people in need, for example, through food pantry, clothing, furniture warehouse, and housing assistance.

St. Thomas More Parish Goal : \$120,247.00

To date we have received \$ 59,393.00 49.4% from 127 pledges and donations.

Your neighbors THANK YOU!

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER May 3, 2020

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2020 - John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

Commentary:

Many of us are really like Thomas. He's the apostle who always says what's on everyone else's mind, the frank stuff the rest of them are too polite or too scared to say. Thomas wants the facts, the evidence, and the touch test. And Jesus, for his part, never yells at Thomas. He just gives him what he needs to come to faith. So, at the Last Supper, when Jesus is talking about taking a little trip and meeting up with his friends later, Thomas bluntly asks for a road map and some specifics. He didn't sign up for the Magical Mystery Tour; he wants directions! So Jesus gives him, and us, the best map of all: "I am the way and the truth and the life." Stick with me, Jesus says, and you'll always know who you are and where you are. Better yet, you'll always know where you're going. No one following Jesus ever gets lost.

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:

Federal laws protect bald eagles, sea turtles and other endangered animals while they are still inside eggs.

Why do some feel those animals embryos are worth protecting, but not human life in the womb?



CARE of the EARTH

Pope Francis, speaking on the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, connected the event to the coronavirus pandemic, saying that the two together are "an occasion for renewing our commitment to love and care for our common home and for the weaker members of our human family."

The pope, who often speaks about the importance of the environment, said that people should remember that the Earth is "not just our home, but also God's home" and that "we stand on holy ground."

Francis warned that the costs of not caring for the Earth will be grave, urging world leaders to take part in upcoming summits on climate change in China and Scotland.

"The Earth never forgives: If we have despoiled the Earth, the response will be devastating" Francis said.



PRAY the ROSARY

Pope Francis encourages the faithful to pray along with the rosary during the month of May for an end to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.



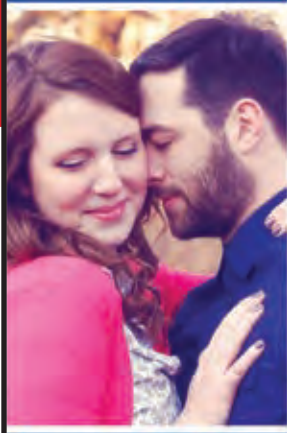
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What's My Name?

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.

#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson



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