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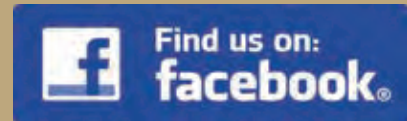
Eucharistic Celebrations

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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*Thank her for
the depth
of her love. . . .*

*Happy
Mother's Day*

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER—MAY 10, 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



How Can I Help You?

This pandemic is a time of isolation and loneliness for many especially those who live alone, the ill, and the poor. Can we build into our schedule opportunities to connect with others, family, friends, colleagues, neighbors, those without families? This crisis invites all of us to act and respond like Jesus. In conversations with others, in addition to asking: "How are you doing?" what about, "How can I help you?" Try to assist them with their need and also ask, "Is there anything or anyone that I can be praying for right now?" Invite them to join you in prayer right then or bring their request to personal prayer later. As disciples of Christ, let us stay spiritually healthy and people-focused!

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

Stewardship Corner

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms as Christian *Stewards*. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them.

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER - MAY 10, 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, yourself, or a special intention please email sthomasmore@comcast.net or call

the office 856-424-3212 and we will add them to our Prayer Line so others can join you in prayer. All requests are kept confidential.

Mass Intentions and Mass Cards

We continue to take your Mass Intention requests for future dates. A nice way to remember your loved ones, living and deceased.

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**



Holy Mary, Now we Crown thee...

Mary encouraged Jesus to listen to His inner wisdom...

Mary modeled for Jesus unwavering courage...

Mary taught Jesus to respect and appreciate creation...

Mary nurtured Jesus's compassionate heart...



FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER—MAY 10, 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 link.**

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS -Many of us are “people of habits”. We get into routines and they become a way of life. We may get uncomfortable and even upset when anyone interferes in our own accommodations. We may even get upset with God for asking us to do something spiritual, charitable, taking time from our schedule to attend Mass. These eight weeks of lockdown were, hopefully, an eye opener for us, so that we may have a mental vision of what life could be with less stress, less running and more focusing on those things that are important: **GOD, FAITH, FAMILY.**

These things were, are and will forever be. I did hear, “When will this be over so we can go back to our normal?” But I have heard others saying: “The lockdown has allowed me to see how I had things pretty much upside down and now I change the color of the sand in my sand clock and I turned to “NEWNESS. I am preparing for a new normal, with well-founded priorities.” Is God calling us to take advantage of this time for a brand new start? What may that look like?

In the FALL -Catechetical Instructions will be on Sunday Mornings. All grades at the same time. Catechists and other volunteers will be needed. Parents, parishioners, please consider helping.



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

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 and other scams.

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER—MAY 10, 2020



SATURDAY, May 9

Living and 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

MONDAY, May 11

Mother's Day Intentions

TUESDAY, May 12

Dolores Pucca

WEDNESDAY, May 13

Mother's Day Intentions

THURSDAY, May 14

Gayle Beaney Clower r/b Family

FRIDAY, May 15

Mother's Day Intentions

SATURDAY, May 16

Living & deceased members of
St. Thomas More Parish
Mother's Day Intentions

SUNDAY, May 17 Live Streaming 11:00 AM

Pat Brink r/b Don Brink
Jim Bones r/b Teri
Dick DeMichele r/b Dr. & Mrs. Alvin
Pressman
Dick DeMichele r/b Stan & Annette
Thompson

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

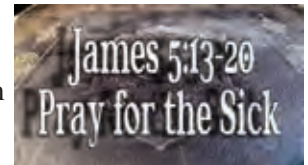


Let our actions reflect the trust and peace that can only be found in God. Stay close to Jesus and the Blessed Mother in prayer, asking that those who are suffering from COVID-19

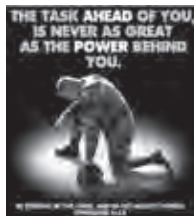
disease or from any related anxiety may find healing and peace.

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 spiritually care for hospitalized patients

Your *House of Charity* gift helps our VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services specifically through their Hospital Chaplaincy Program where they provide spiritual and emotional support to hospitalized patients, their families and the staff of the hospitals served in South Jersey.

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

To date we have received \$64,793.00 from 130 pledges and donations.

Your Neighbors THANK YOU!

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER—MAY 10, 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2020 - John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Commentary:

In today's Gospel, Jesus assures his disciples that he will not leave them abandoned, defenseless orphans. He will continue to be with them but in a new way, namely, through the presence of the Holy Spirit. The faithful, those with eyes enlightened by faith, will be deeply aware that he is there with them. He will be not only "with" them, but "within" them, a source of inner strength and confidence. Christians are caught up into the very life of God! For us, this means the Spirit will enable us to find Christ in ourselves and each other.

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:

Any woman who has felt a baby stir inside her and any man who has seen the tiny heart pulsing on an ultrasound screen, knows that baby is alive and abortion will destroy that life.

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.



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops urge Congress to:

- 1) **Provide COVID-19 testing and treatment for all**, including immigrant communities; ensure that emergency Medicaid covers testing and treatment.
- 2) Automatically **extend work authorization and visa renewal deadlines for refugees and immigrants who are providing economic and recovery assistance to our country.**
- 3) Ensure that many hardworking struggling immigrant and refugee populations are eligible for **cash rebate payments, including individuals who file taxes with an ITIN.**
- 4) **Halt the implementation of the new public charge rules during the COVID-19 crisis.**
- 5) **Protect asylum seekers and unaccompanied children** (while assuring appropriate COVID-19 screening and treatment).
- 6) **Appropriate \$642 million in supplemental funding for the Office of Refugee Resettlement.**

Go to this link to contact lawmakers

<https://justiceforimmigrants.org/category/action-alerts/>



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What's My Name?

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#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson



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