

St. Thomas More Church

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Mass Schedule

Sat. 4:30 PM

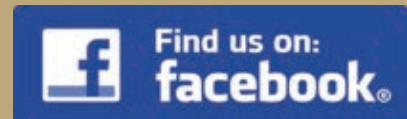
Sun. 8:30 and 11:00 AM



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

Msgr. Roger McGrath, Administrator
Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
Julie Linn, Music Ministry
Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Marylee Garber, Parish Secretary
Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration



DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership

Parish Trustees

Jeannine Mc Menamin
Henry Glover

Christian Life/Education

Bereavement	Staff	424-3212
Consolation Ministry	Ann Marie Lento	344-7454
Faith & Justice Team	Chris Baeckstrom	912-7078
Hospital Visitors	Staff & Euch. Ministers	424-3212
Intercessory Prayer	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Knights of Columbus	David Galloway	609-980 6006
Marriage Formation	Bob & Elizabeth Scarpa	795-1160
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.	Sr. Clare Sabini	424-3212
Prayer Shawls	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Respect Life	Staff	
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Sister Ann Byrnes	424-3212
Rosary Ministry	Marian Kapischke	424-2053
Small Christian Comm.	Sr. Ann Byrnes	
Spiritual Retreats	John Galati	428-7073
St. Vincent de Paul	Paul Rossi	424-3212
Stewardship	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
Welcoming Team	Shirley Kane	424-8022

Worship

Altar Servers

Church Environment
Ch. Art Environment
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Linen Committee
Sacristans

Ushers

Social Development
Bridge Groups

Funsters (over 50 club)
Parish Festival
Women's Club

Administration

House of Charity
Parish Finance Council
Parish Pastoral Council

Sister Ann Byrnes	424-3212
Pat Maggart	
Committee	
Committee	
Sr. Ann Byrnes	424-3212
Dan Miller/ Sr. Ann Byrnes	
Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
Dom Sacca	
Pat Maggart	
Dave Bongiovanni	
Joe Centonze	
Chico Febus	
Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
Lin Lyon	795-4396
Committee	424-3212
Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
Lorraine Kennedy	489-0031

Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
Robert Crawford	424-3212
Marie Enny	751-8893

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 14, 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



We are so joyful to see our parish family whom we have not seen for some time and we welcome our visitors as we come together to encounter Christ in the Eucharist again. Jesus says, **“For where two or three are gathered in my name,**

there am I in the midst of them.” *Matthew 18:20*
Gathered as the Body of Christ for the Most Holy Eucharist we long to receive, we also honor the sacredness of each other by thoughtfully following safety protocols. While we greet each other in peace with loving waves from afar, receive Holy Communion in the care and concern of social distance, and exit Mass with cautionary measure, let us remember we are always joined in togetherness through, with and in our triune God, no matter how physically apart we must remain!



St. Thomas More Church is scheduled to provide **volunteers** for the **Cherry Hill Food Pantry** on these dates :

Tuesday, June 16 - 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Thursday, June 18 - 10 am - 1:30 pm

Tuesday, June 23 - 5:00 - 8 pm

Thursday, June 25 - 10 am - 1:30 pm

The amount of people needing food has increased greatly. We need your help. Please email Elaine at elainebeckman@gmail.com

Stewardship Corner

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”

1 CORINTHIANS 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a **Stewardship** lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a two-fold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our roadmap to Heaven. Let's help each other

GUIDELINES for Mass Attendance

- ⇒ Please enter only by the main doors.
- ⇒ Please be prompt. (Everyone should be seated at the time for Mass to begin.)
- ⇒ Please observe all directional signs and arrows.
- ⇒ Please follow all instructions of point persons and ushers.
- ⇒ Please always maintain the 6-foot social distance, even while exiting the building and in the parking lot.
- ⇒ Please always wear your face covering (mask), except when receiving Holy Communion.
- ⇒ Please use hand sanitizer as entering church building.
- ⇒ Please sit only in designated areas.
- ⇒ Please follow the ushers' directions for the reception of Holy Communion, approaching in single file and maintaining the 6-foot social distance.
- ⇒ Please remember that following the mitigation protocols displays a gracious love for one another and protects your health and theirs.
- ⇒ Please rejoice in humble gratitude that we are together again! Praise be to God! Alleluia!

Guidelines for who may and who should not come to Mass

Since seating will be limited, who should stay home?

- ⇒ It would be ideal if all who are healthy and not in a vulnerable group would come, up to the capacity number for our church.
- ⇒ All who can come are most welcome and encouraged to do so.
- ⇒ Bishop Sullivan's dispensation from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains in effect for everyone. So, no one need feel obligated to come to Mass.
- ⇒ Likewise, all Catholics in the Diocese of Camden are dispensed from the requirement to make their Easter duty this year.
- ⇒ However, there are many who should not come to Mass at this time and who are expected to stay home for the time being.
- ⇒ Anyone who is vulnerable for contracting COVID-19 should stay home. This would include: The elderly, anyone with a medical precondition such as diabetes, heart disease or respiratory disease of any kind. Anyone with mobility difficulties.
- ⇒ Anyone feeling ill (under the weather), feverish, achy, or with a cough, etc. should stay home.
- ⇒ Families with small children, who may find it difficult to observe social distancing, are encouraged to stay home.
- ⇒ The best rule of thumb is that if you have even the slightest hesitation or doubt about whether to come, stay home not only for your own welfare but for that of your fellow parishioners. For many of us staying home is the loving thing to do!

FYI—Our Facility is a Servo Pro Sanitized Facility. II CRC Certified Firm.

Thank You

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 14, 2020

Join us for *Mass!*

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



For those who are not able to return to public Mass, we continue live streaming Mass every Sunday at 11:00 AM Via FACEBOOK live. 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.**



Religious Education

We are celebrating the “Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Domini” celebrating our belief in the real presence of JESUS in the EUCHARIST. This belief is central to our FAITH as Roman Catholic. What takes place at the Consecration during the Liturgy of the Eucharist, is a change in what philosophers call “substance”, which is beyond what senses can perceive. The ACT of CONSECRATION at MASS changes the substance of bread and wine into the “BODY AND BLOOD, SOUL AND DIVINITY OF JESUS”. The outward sign of bread and wine remain the same, while the substance is changed.

THIS IS BOTH A MIRACLE AND A MYSTERY. No scientific research will ever be able to penetrate this mystery. It is totally GOD's way of doing things. This is the greatest mystery of our FAITH which makes IT so unique. Because it is a mystery, we can't understand it, and trust and faith in JESUS helps us to believe. Our senses are instruments given to us that are capable of perceiving only what they see, hear, touch, smell and taste. Even with the help of scientific instruments to increase the power of our senses in quality, properties, or attributes, our senses will always be limited, finite and never able to enter into the substance of things. We do teach our children all about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist in our catechism classes, and hopefully parents and parishioners promote it at home and everywhere as part of our giving witness.

Is it a coincidence or perhaps JESUS way of inviting us back to the celebration of the Eucharist in our CHURCH, with our Parish Family on this very special Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ?



Reminder-Rice Bowl donations will be collected through June 20, 2020. Students were provided Rice Bowls during Lent for their sacrificial offering.

Please bring your envelope or RICE BOWL to Mass next weekend and put in the basket provided.



We would like to honor ALL our St. Thomas More students. Let us know about your 2020 Graduates and we will recognize their achievement in our Parish Bulletin.

Email - stthomasmore@comcast.net

NAME, Grade, School



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, 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

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SATURDAY, June 13

4:30 Leon & Antoinette Palagruto r/b
Catherine DeMayo

SUNDAY, June 14

8:30 People of the Parish
11:00 Gayle Beaney Clower r/b Family

MONDAY, June 1

9:00 People of the Parish

TUESDAY, June 16

9:00 People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, June 17

9:00 Jim Bones r/b Teri

THURSDAY, June 18

9:00 Rev. Patrick McCabe

FRIDAY, June 19

People of the Parish

SATURDAY, June 20

9:00 Living & deceased members of
St. Thomas More Parish
4:30 Father's Day Intentions

SUNDAY, June 21

8:30 Father's Day Intentions
11:00 Bill Kane r/b Family
Brian Bones r/b Teri
Dick DeMichele
r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

Pope Francis' June Intention

The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Father's Day Cards and Remembrances.

Please list your Father's Day intentions on the envelopes and put in the collection container at Mass. All envelopes will be placed on the Altar and remembered in prayer during the month of June.

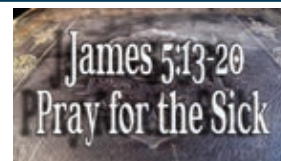
If you need a Card for the living, please call or email the office to arrange.

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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, Jim Beaney.



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



HOUSE OF CHARITY
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"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

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Your gift matters to your neighbor.

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

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time, June 21, 2020 - Matt. 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

Commentary:

Today's gospel deals with persecution and how the disciples were to respond. They were to have complete trust in Jesus. They were to have no fear of those who would threaten their lives. They were to stand strong before the divisions that might come. God, who loved so much that he counted the hairs on their heads, would not abandon them. Matthew's purpose in emphasizing this care in times of trial comes out of the situation of his community. Many people had rejected the Good News announced by Jesus, and they were rejecting his followers and throwing them out of the synagogues. Through the Gospel, he reminds them that Jesus will be with them through the Spirit as he promised.

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?



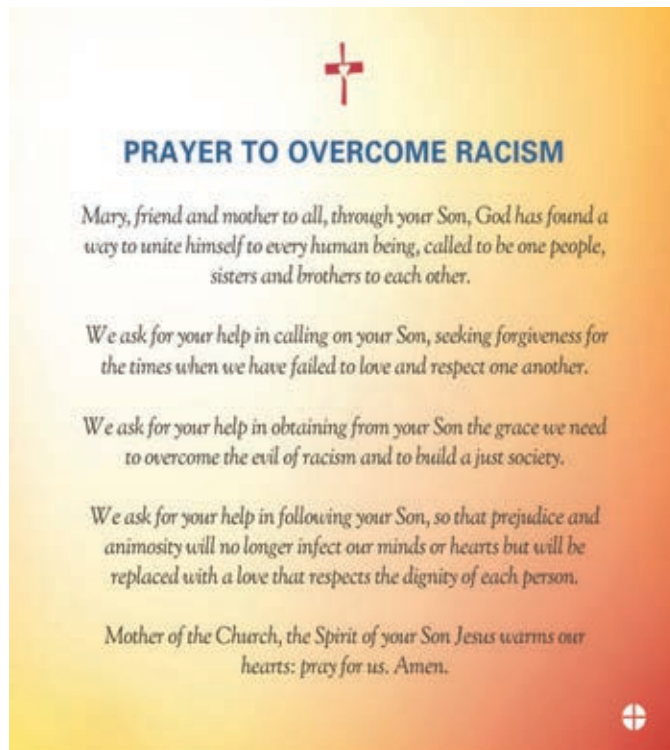
"Racism has rightly been called America's original sin. It remains a blot on our national life and continues to cause acts and attitudes of hatred, as recent events have made evident. The need to condemn, and combat, the demonic ideologies of white supremacy, neo-Nazism and racism has become especially urgent at this time. Our efforts must be constantly led and accompanied by prayer—but they must also include concrete action." People of faith call on the Divine Physician, Christ the Lord, to heal the wounds of racism throughout our land.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

PRO-LIFE Corner:

Unless liberty is devoted to the defense of life, neither life nor liberty can survive.

Without life, nothing else Matters.



A special THANK YOU to everyone who made masks for our parish Family on our return to public Mass. Your talent and time you dedicated to this caring ministry is much

appreciated.



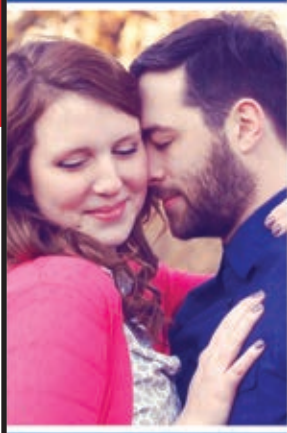
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#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson



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