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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



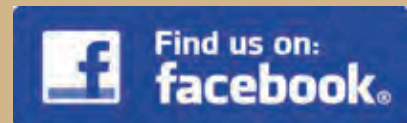
Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

In the Chapel

First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

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 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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 Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration



Send all bulletin announcements to:
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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 27, 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



Prayer for Evangelization

God of Truth, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, hear our prayer for those who do not know you, so that your name may be praised among all peoples of the world.

Sustain and inspire your servants who bring them the Gospel.

Bring fresh vigor to wavering faith, sustain our faith when it is still fragile.

Renew our missionary zeal.

Make us witnesses to your goodness, full of love, of strength, and of faith, for your glory and for the salvation of the world.

Amen.

There will be NO ADORATION and the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 2nd and Monday, July 5th .

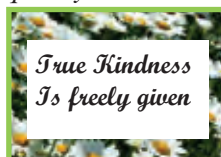


“If my people, who are called by My Name, **shall humble themselves**, and **pray**, and **seek My Face**, and **turn** from their wicked ways; **then** will I hear from heaven, and will **forgive** their sin, and I will **heal** their land.” *2nd Chronicles 7:14*



Stewardship Corner: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Sharing

“...as a matter of equality, your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality.” *2 CORINTHIANS 8:14*



One of the tenets of living a **Stewardship** lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the “Body of Christ”. We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.



From the Pastor's Desk St. Thomas More, Martyr

Dear Parishioners,

On Tuesday, we concluded our **40 Hours Devotion** on the feast day of the patron of our parish, **St. Thomas More**. I am personally grateful to the many parishioners who participated. It is edifying to me to come into the church and see people praying at all times of the day and night. My special thanks to those who kept vigil during the late, late night hours. May our Eucharistic Devotion be pleasing to the Lord and bring many blessings to our parish family!

I first was made aware of **St. Thomas More** by watching the 1966 film, *A Man for All Seasons*. At that time it won Academy Awards for *Best Picture*, *Best Director* and *Best Actor*. Today in our *PC* culture, I wonder if it would be recognized at all? I highly recommend its viewing.

Thomas More (1478-1535), a lawyer and scholar, was most notably Lord High Chancellor to King Henry VIII. He staunchly defended his Catholic faith and was unwilling to recognize the king's divorce and re-marriage and the king's self-declared leadership over the Church of England. For this he was convicted of treason and was subsequently beheaded (July 6, 1535).

Many years ago, during a trip to London, I was able to tour the *Tower of London* where both **St. Thomas More** and **St. John Fisher** were held before their executions. Little did I know that I would someday be pastor of a parish named for this saintly lawyer. (*Saintly lawyer*. Is that an oxymoron? Sorry to any honest, dedicated barristers who may read my letter. However, we do know at least *this one* made it to heaven. But I digress)

St. Thomas More risked everything he had—family, fortune, reputation, etc.,--to stand firm under pressure from the king. In the end he is reported to have said: "I die the King's good servant, and God's first."

St. Thomas More shares a feast day (June 22) with **St. John Fisher**, who was a bishop (cardinal), theologian and Chancellor of *Cambridge University*. Like More, Fisher refused to acknowledge King Henry's divorce and re-marriage and his self-declared supremacy over the Church. St. John Fisher was beheaded on *Tower Hill* on June 22. He heroically went contrary to all of the other English Catholic bishops of the time and remained faithful to Rome. My question to all is: *Who in the end was the saint?*

Martyrdom is certainly the bravest act that one can demonstrate in defense of one's Catholic faith. Living in an age of indifference, apathy and sometimes even hatred for the Catholic Church, our faith can be trivialized, disregarded, and held in contempt. It can be a continual uphill battle to remain faithful. *Why bother?*

Try telling that to the two aforementioned men whose undaunted faith led to their death. Try telling that to the countless others throughout history who stood firm in the face of torture, persecution, loss of family and fortune, and even death for the sake of Christ and their Catholic faith.

In the end will we be one of the *indifferent ones*? Will we be one of the *traitors*? Or will we be one of the **Saints** forever praising God in Heaven? I pray that it is the latter.

Fr. Ed Namiootka, Pastor

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 27, 2021

Ministry Schedule for July 3/4

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	G. Tyrrell	K. Febus	
8:30AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	T. Librojo	D. Miller	A. Librojo
11:00AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	M. Garber	C. Musso	



Reading I – 13th Sunday in Ord. Time, year B
Book of Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being; and the creatures of the world are wholesome, and there is not a destructive drug among them nor any domain of the netherworld on earth, for justice is undying. For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him.

But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it. Amazing passage. How different would our life be if we really believed what is contained in it?

God rejoices in life not in death or taking of life
All beings have a right to live a good life. All human beings are created wholesome. God did not make destructive things (*it is the way man's use of them that makes them so.*)

God formed man to be imperishable; In the image of his own nature he made him.

Truth and justice go together and one can't exist without the other



Registration for 2021-22 will begin this week
The schedule of sessions for next year is "Sundays –9:30 to 10:45AM" approx.

New families are asked to please call the parish office so that a registration form may be sent to them.



Hats Off!

If you are graduating, or know of any other graduates who would like to be recognized for their achievement, please contact the Parish Office. We would love to celebrate with you!

A Summer Blessing

May our loving God watch over you and keep alive in your heart all that you have learned this year.

Keep your mind on God. Remember to pray often, and to celebrate your faith at home with your family, and at Mass with your faith family.

Keep your faith in God. Let all the joys of summer remind you of God's goodness. Never forget that God is always with you, no matter what.

May the God of all creation, who comes to us in Jesus, and lives among us in the Holy Spirit, keep you safe, happy, and holy this summer and always.

Amen



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 27, 2021



SATURDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the parish Intentions of Sr. Clare
r/b Brandon & Sisi Tyrrell

4:30 PM Joseph Bravata r/b Vince & Angelo Corso

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

8:30AM Lucy Bennett Smoot r/b Joseph Kuchler & family

11:00AM Len Bednar r/b Cunning family

MONDAY, JUNE 28

9:00AM Anthony Centonze, Caatherine Appalucci, Frank Bracchi r/b Joe Centonze

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

7:00 PM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

9:00AM Zigmont Targonski

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

9:00AM Victoria Peralta
r/b John & Letty Duffy

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

THURSDAY, JULY 1

9:00 AM Vicky Peralta r/b Emma Avila

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

FRIDAY, JULY 2

9:00 AM 55th Wedding Anniversary of Grace & Joe Sklencar

NO ADORATION TODAY

SATURDAY, JULY 3

9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Parish Intentions of Tammi Cadingasan
r/b family

4:30 PM Intentions of Geoffrey Tyrrell r/b family

SUNDAY, JULY 4

8:30AM Founding Fathers r/b Teri

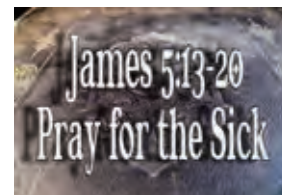
11:00 AM Tom Handler r/b Gary Gadren

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
Juliania Linn
(Rick Linn's mother)



Pope Francis' June Prayer Intention: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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, Elizabeth Garber, Marjorie Graham, Chuck Goodwin, Dick Haughwout, Maureen Howe, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Don Kreal, Marie Manalo, Fred Petrone, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Joseph Ryan, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Vincent Spaid, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, 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, 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

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September 2nd—12th, 2022 Visit Prague* Budapest* Vienna*
Passion Play of Oberammergau
Hosted by: Fr. Edward Namiotka
Cost is \$4211 per person from Philadelphia
Brochures are at the exit doors of the church.

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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 the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 4, 2021 - Mark 6:1-6a

Jesus came to his native place. When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, “Where did this man get all this?...Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary...And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there...He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Commentary:

Standing in the tradition of the great prophets of old, Jesus announces God’s word. In his hometown Jesus confronts the scandal, rejection, and lack of faith on the part of those who presume to know him. Nevertheless, whether heeded or resisted, Jesus will remain faithful to his mission.

Questions for Reflection:

- 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: We have treated the loss of our unborn babies as a theoretical loss, a sad-but-necessary loss, as of civilians in wartime. We have not yet realized that the offspring lost are not the enemy’s, nor our neighbor’s, but our own. And it is not a loss of inert, amorphous tissue, but of a growing being unique in history.

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/camdendiocese 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.

faith justice The Equality of All People The equality of all people rests essentially on their dignity as persons and the rights that flow from it. Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, color, social conditions, language, or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God’s design. Catechism of the Catholic Church

Vacation Bible School St. Mary’s VBS 2001 Springdale Road Cherry Hill, NJ In person July 26th—30th Online August 9th—13th Call St. Mary’s Parish Office at 856-424-0955 for more information. Fresh Start

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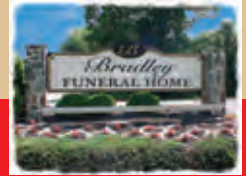
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