

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



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:30—4:00 PM
USE OFFICE DOOR
Please Ring Bell

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 28, 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 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 4 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088

Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing

The Welcoming Prayer

(by Father Thomas Keating)

Welcome, welcome, welcome.

*I welcome everything that comes to me today
because I know it's for my healing.*

*I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons,
situations, and conditions.*

I let go of my desire for power and control.

*I let go of my desire for affection, esteem,
approval and pleasure.*

I let go of my desire for survival and security.

*I let go of my desire to change any situation,
condition, person or myself.*

Join us for *Mass!* ©BPPC

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



Bishop Sullivan has given permission for our parish to distribute Holy Communion INSIDE the Church on Sundays from 12:15 to 12:30 PM to those who watched the Mass

livestreamed in their homes. You are directed to come to the Main doors of the church. All health protocols (masks and social distancing) are to be followed.

Stewardship Corner: June 28, 2020

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time- Stewardship Living

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness".

"Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. **Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness!**

Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts in Stewardship and living the life God intended for you!



open wide our hearts

The enduring call to love

A pastoral letter against racism

Practical Steps for Eradication Racism: An Invitation

This guide was prepared to assist Catholics and people of good will in reflecting on the evil and harm of racism. While this is not a comprehensive list, it provides actionable steps that may assist Catholics to reflect and respond in faith. With the aid of Holy Scripture, Catholic social teaching, and sacred tradition, this is an open invitation to journey toward reconciliation.

Racism is evil because it attacks the inherent dignity of the human person, created in the image and likeness of God. The persistence of racism demands our attention now. Racism emerges in the actions and inactions of individuals; and it is embedded in our institutions and public policies. Our faith calls us both to personal conversion and to transformation of our society.

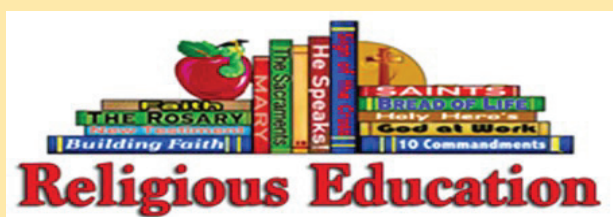
The following are some actionable steps pastors and their communities may undertake to this end:

1. Read ***Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love- A Pastoral Letter Against Racism*** using the accompanying study guide. Visit: usccb.org/racism
2. Arrange a safe space for young people to reflect and pray about racism and recent events. Listen to the current experiences of young people. Encourage and allow their creative expression. Invite them to generate methodologies that are meaningful to them.
3. Attend an intergenerational interracial virtual town hall discussion on racism. Respect that for some African Americans, Hispanics and others, talking about personal racial experiences in a mixed race setting is painful as it is like reopening an old wound that hasn't fully healed.
4. Use a pastoral and non-partisan lens to respond to concerns of family and community members about racism, policing and public safety. Do not criticize this. Lean on Gospel values, instead.
5. Learn about structural racism and its roots in your community and get involved in the work to address it. It might look like housing discrimination that continues to contribute to segregated communities or disparate access to quality education.
6. Invite your parish to incorporate regular dialogue among parishioners about their experiences with racism, prejudice and racial discrimination.
7. Invite your parish or faith-sharing group to host a conversation with a group of African American, Latino, Indigenous or African men/ and or young people about their personal experiences with law enforcement.
8. Encourage religious education classes and faith-sharing groups, as well as priests and deacons in your parish to speak out against racism and for personal responsibility to eradicate it. With children, use the storybook ***Everyone Belongs*** as a starting point for conversation. With teens and adults, explore how anti-racism action looks. Continue to study and understand racism as it is manifested in the past and does so today.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 28, 2020

Ministry Schedule for July 4/5, 2020

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector
4:30 PM	Msgr. McGrath	Music Ministry	N. Kirincic	K. McFadden
8:30AM	Msgr. McGrath	Music Ministry	B. Massey	M. Maggart
11:00AM	Msgr. McGrath	Music Ministry	E. Beckman	R. Ciccotta



Approaching Independence Day, July 4, the inspiration came to re-read the Declaration of Independence, and especially the first two paragraphs. Then the memory came back on how in 8th grade we had to memorize the “Preamble to the Constitution”. Sister went around the room listening to everyone. The last one in a class of 50 or so was lucky one, having listened to it for 49 times. I thought of those MEN who so strongly believed in what they were about that they were ready for anything, except to compromise on those strong values: **“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”** Rather than become judgmental of their cases and their lives it is good to consider that they were a product of their own historical context and generation. What about us, our historical context our generation, which are “OUR - MY” values, beliefs “WE – I” would not compromise? Do we even know or ask ourselves the question? Or do we just follow a crowd, spreading half-truths? Here is what JESUS says today in the Gospel: “Jesus said to his apostles: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Right now all of us, celebrating Independence Day, are challenged by the thought that we are in need of a “change of heart”, a return and tender submission to the PRIMACY OF GOD IN OUR LIFE. Is this message clear for our children to see and desire for themselves?

MARRIED COUPLES: Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** will give you the “gardening tools” you need to help your marriage grow and blossom.

The next weekend date is **Oct 23-25, 2020**. Call **609-741-8012** for information or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.

Prayer During an Epidemic

Lord, Jesus,

***Hear** our pleas, our Good Shepherd and Divine Physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease.*

***Guide** our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear.*

***Bestow** your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness.*

And may all who have been called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners.

Amen.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.

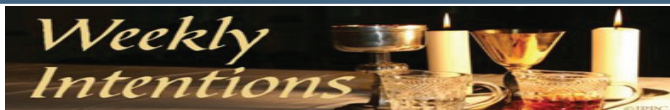
St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

The Diocese of Camden joyfully announces the Ordination to the Priesthood of

Peter Paul Gallagher and John William March through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by the Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D. Bishop of Camden.

St. Thomas More Parishioners rejoice with these men and their families as we pray that their priesthood is fruitful.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 27

9:00 AM Living & Deceased member of the Parish

4:30 PM Jack Alexander r/b Mary McEldowney

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

8:30AM Father's Day Intentions

11:00AM Intentions of 2020 Graduates

MONDAY, JUNE 29

9:00AM Brigitta McCarthy r/b Marguerite Dwyer

9:30 AM—4:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

9:00AM Sandy Curley-Edstrom r/b Amy Osborn

9:30 AM—4:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

9:00AM Joseph Ryan, Jr. r/b family

9:30 AM—4:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church

THURSDAY, JULY 2

9:00AM Edie Ryan r/b family

9:30 AM—4:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church

FRIDAY, JULY 3

9:00 AM Dudley Thomas

r/b Dave & Ellie Mayfield

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

SATURDAY, JULY 4

9:00AM Living & deceased members of
St. Thomas More Parish

4:30PM Founding Fathers r/b Teri Bones

SUNDAY, JULY 5

8:30AM Florianna Gilden r/b Lorraine Kennedy

11:00AM Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family



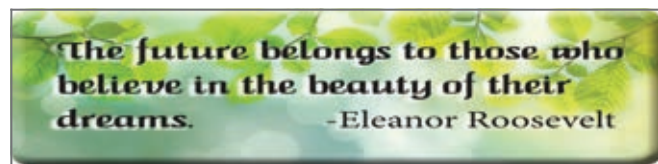
Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
Jacqueline St. Germain
(Gloria Desrochers' sister)

Pope Francis' July Intention: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

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.

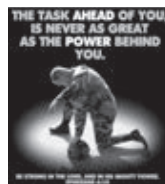
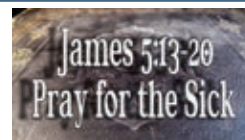
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Kristina Acevedo, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, GERALYN Coticone, John Coticone, Mary Cowan, Margaret Crawford, Catherine Diana, Angelo DiGiacomo, Olga Erlam, Chuck Goodwin, Thomas Handler, Dick Haughwout, Maureen Howe, 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, Helen Protzman, 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.



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

We have collected \$64,483.00 which is 58.4% of our goal.



Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 5, 2020 - Matt. 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."


"Come to me, all you 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; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Commentary:


Jesus praises God's goodness, which brings the truly humble into sharing in the love that joins the Father and the Son. Those who depend only on their own strength and knowledge will never understand God's wisdom and wonderful care. Jesus encourages his listeners to come to him if they are wearied by life. He will share their burdens and restore their sense of balance and peace. People must have the courage and humility to believe in the power of peace and gentleness over aggression and hard-heartedness.

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: There is no greater injustice in the world today than the shedding of the innocent blood of unborn children. We will never be able to build a culture of life if we do not respect the dignity of the human person at all stages of life. We must build our society as it once was, founded upon respect for life and the right to life and the pursuit of happiness.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
"Do this in remembrance of me."
St. Thomas More Parish family rejoices with the family of **Matthew Marsden** who will receive his **First Holy Communion at the 4:30 pm Mass, Saturday, June 27, 2020.**



Systemic Racism
Consider the scenario we are witnessing today as racism persists in our communities and in our churches. Too many walk by the victims of racism without looking deeply at their wounds or the pain inflicted on them. Many of these wounds have festered over centuries.
Today's continuing disparities in education, housing, employment, economic well-being, and leadership are not disconnected from our country's shameful history of slavery and systemic racism. Any act of racism injures the perpetrator and the victim, threatening the dignity of both.
The failure to act to end systemic racism, which is often supported in our laws, policies, and structures, hurts those who are victimized and denies all of us the opportunity to benefit from the gifts of diversity.

Q & A You may have questions...
...we can help with the answers. ©JPPC

BUT, only if we can contact you! **PLEASE update your contact information and stay current with Parish News.**

NAME: _____

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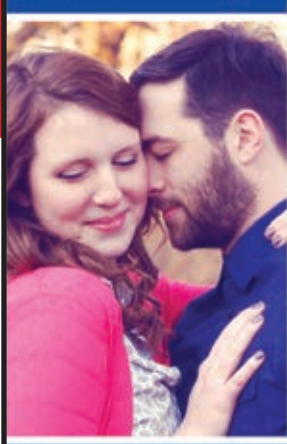
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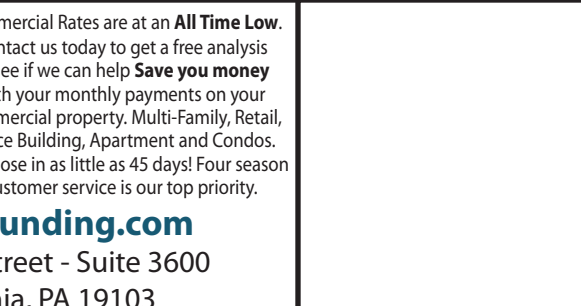
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What's My Name?
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#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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