

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

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Mon.—Fri. 9:30 AM—12 Noon



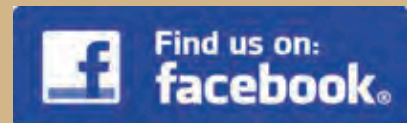
Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

In the Chapel

First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

Father Edward Namioika, Pastor
 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



Send all bulletin announcements to:
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 4, 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.



Almighty God,
we make our earnest prayer that you will keep
the United States in Your holy protection.
Help us start and end our days with gratitude for the
freedoms we have.

May we never take for granted the gift of knowing
You.

In God We Trust.

Help us fight injustice in the right ways.

Open our hearts toward mercy, charity,
humility, and love for one another.

For this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen

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



“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: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Calling

“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you...’” *EZEKIEL 2:2-3*

God has a **Stewardship** plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.



From the Pastor's Desk Being "Catholic" and "American"

Dear Parishioners,

As a nation, we celebrate our *Declaration of Independence* on the *Fourth of July*. I think it is important to consider a few things as *Roman Catholic* citizens privileged to live in this country.

First, we have the freedom and the right **to practice** our Catholic faith. We acknowledge that we are "One Nation, Under God" in our pledge of allegiance. "In God We Trust" is printed on our currency. While it is not specified *who* that God is, our nation has conceded a dependence on a Higher Power greater than all of us. As Catholic Christians, we see this through the prism of our faith in **Jesus Christ**. He revealed to us most fully who God is. Our *Bill of Rights* (First Amendment) says clearly that congress shall make no law **prohibiting the free exercise** of religion. Every time we walk into a church, go to Mass, attend a baptism, witness a church wedding, etc. we should be thankful for the wisdom of our founding fathers.

Second, we have the right **to speak freely** when we disagree with government policies or laws. However, this must be done civilly and respectfully. Inciting violence, spewing hatred, exhibiting bigotry, and being anything other than *Christ-like* is simply far removed from the teaching and example of Jesus. Could Jesus be critical of authority? Absolutely! Consider how he called out the Pharisees, elders and religious leaders as a *brood of vipers* (Mt. 12: 34), *whitewashed tombs* and *hypocrites* (Mt. 23: 27). His words could be piercing and could foment resentment and even hatred by his opponents. His cleansing of the temple (Jn. 2: 14-22) shows how he could be passionate and forceful in what he said and did. Yet, *ultimately*, he submitted to civil and religious authority even as it culminated in torture and death on a cross.

Should we, as Catholics, speak up against the atrocity of legalized abortion, condemn racism and discrimination, denounce sexual abuse, and decry all forms of injustice and evil in our society? Unequivocally, **yes** and without the fear of reprisal from our government. Again, the First Amendment protects us here.

Third, while we do not live in a *theocracy*, our Catholic faith can and should have an **influence** on public policy. Our First Amendment does not establish any one religion as the *acceptable* or *correct* one. God is not our *king*. We have an elected president and elected government officials. However, as Catholics, we have as much of a right as anyone else to try to influence and shape public opinion and policy. Are we a *Christian* nation? Technically, we are not. This does not mean that we should not be willing to be that *light of the world* (Mt. 5: 14) as Christians were within the Roman Empire or within other government systems throughout history.

I have said many times that I am not committed to any political party. This is because I hold that my soul belongs to **Jesus Christ** alone and not to any political party. At times, I have disagreed with both major parties on issues. Most likely, I will continue to do so.

Rather, I strive, *imperfectly*, for holiness of life. My goal is *eternal life*. As a Roman Catholic, I am very proud to live in this country and to be an American.

However, I try not to forget this important thought from St. Paul: ***Our citizenship is in heaven and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*** (Phil. 3: 20)

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 4, 2021

Ministry Schedule for July 10/11

| | Presider | Music | Extraordinary Minister | Lector | Altar Server |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 4:30 PM | Fr. Namiotka | Music Ministry | J. Cepeda | K. McFadden | R. & C. Cepeda |
| 8:30AM | Fr. Namiotka | Music Ministry | L. Duffy | M. Maggart | |
| 11:00AM | Fr. Namiotka | Music Ministry | K. Glover | B. Haughwout | D. Russo |



Registrations for the new year are awaited in the office. All sessions will be held in person, following the timely pandemic guidelines of our diocese and the State of New Jersey. **Sessions will be on Sunday morning 9:30 to 10:45 AM. Current families have received the registration form as an attachment to an email. All new families need to call the office and ask for one 424-3212, or stop in the office to pick one up. It is also posted on our Parish website.**

The readings of this week, like a diamond, have so many brilliant sides. The one thought is “How important it is to be good listeners – both to spoken and unspoken words, and the promptings from within. We need to be good listeners, not just to the spoken, literal words, but the meaning or significances of them. In the Old Testament God the Father is angry at the people because of their lack of listening and obedience to HIM. Paul is challenged to listen to GOD in his time of sufferings. In the Gospel, the contemporaries of JESUS refuse to hear and listen to him. Jesus “was amazed at their lack of faith”, so much so that he couldn’t even perform miracles among them.” Sometimes we feel like GOD isn’t listening either, or perhaps we don’t understand his way of communicating with us and so we turn away, just like people turned away from JESUS. Then we find all excuses for not doing what we should be doing. We need to be an example for our children and invite them to listen to God in their heart and then learn to listen as a FAMILY. There should be no contradiction between what we teach at religious education/formation and what is taught at home about prayer, virtue, attending MASS, receiving the Eucharist, going to confession. These are not just choices, it is what CATHOLICS DO, We identify with them as being part of our life.

So, let us be listeners and the doers of the WORD WE HEAR.



On Saturday June 26th our Parish recognized Silvana Russo for her faithful service in the Altar Server Ministry. She is joined in this picture by her parents and brother.



Tiernan Dautle was recognized on Sunday June 13th for her years of faithful service as Altar Server. Thank you Tiernan for eight years of service to the parish.

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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

MONDAY, JULY 5

9:00AM Intentions of Sr. Rosa
r/b Franciscan Sisters

NO ADORATION TODAY

TUESDAY, JULY 6

9:00AM Intentions of Sr. Maristella Lastra
r/b Franciscan Sisters

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

9:00AM Juanito Arroyo r/b John & Letty Duffy

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

THURSDAY, JULY 8

9:00 AM Filemon Nicdao r/b John & Letty Duffy

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

FRIDAY, JULY 9

9:00 AM Intentions of Sr. Clare Sabini
r/b Franciscan Sisters

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

SATURDAY, JULY 10

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the parish

4:30 PM Jerry McMenamin r/b Jeannine

SUNDAY, JULY 11

8:30AM Jim Tobin r/b Petrone family

11:00AM Len Bednar r/b Yoder family

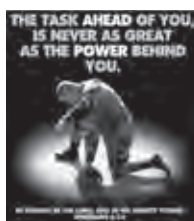
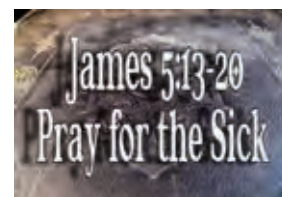
Pope Francis' July Prayer Intention:

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



RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins

the weekend of August 13 - 15, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 15, 2018 - Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two... “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Commentary:

The Twelve are sent to the towns of Galilee. It is a trial mission that looks ahead to the Christian mission, our mission, to the world at large. All Christians (and that includes us) are to speak for God in the world by word and/or deed, even when the world does not care to listen. Jesus tells the Twelve, and he tells us, to get moving on this mission right away. We are to travel lightly. Jesus gives us what is needed: his authority and his teaching. All depends on Jesus: the call, the sending, and what is needed to carry on the mission.

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: Our society looks back as great injustices in the past and declares: Never Again!. Yet our society is perpetrating the greatest injustices in the history of the world: abortion and euthanasia. Pray for an end to abortion and euthanasia.



Recommended by the Catholic Mobilizing Network

The Prison Within is an award-winning documentary about prisoners incarcerated for murder inside California’s San Quentin Prison who successfully transcend the barrier of the punitive prison system by working with victims of violent crime to unearth the root causes of their own violence. Each character undergoes a radical transformation revealing how every human being, on both sides of the wall, can break out of their own personal prisons to stop the cycle of violence. Available on itunes, google play and YouTube.



Saint Mary’s Church presents Vacation Bible School fun in 2021! Our theme “A Fresh Start” comes in your choice of either: In-person from July 26th - 30th (Ages 4-10), or online from August 9th-13th (Ages 3-10). Register by July 13th here: surveyhero.com/c/eda55d86



Join us for Mass! Let us gather and celebrate the Mass. Visit our parish Facebook® page! Includes Facebook logo.

A Prayer for Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Sundays at 11:00 AM

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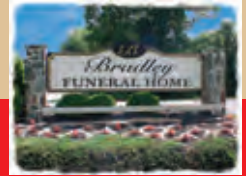
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