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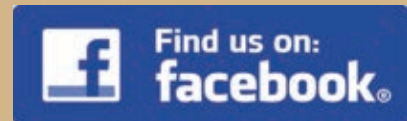
Mass Schedule
 Daily Mass: Mon. - Sat. 9:00
 AM in the Church
 Sat. 4:30 PM
 Sun. 8:30 and 11:00 AM



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

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

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 Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
 Julie Linn, Music Ministry
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 5, 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

This 4th of July we also celebrate the 4th return to in-person gathering of our parish family and friends in our beloved church!

Psalm 122:1 states, "I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"

From our time apart, we especially recognize that church is not just a building. However, we appreciate more what it means to have a place where we can fellowship together, worship together, and walk with the Lord together. We yearn to welcome back all our church families, but we are no less a church virtually than when we share the same physical space. While things may seem different and difficult for a while longer, we are the same Body of Christ; we're together in spirit and let us continue to care for one another in deeper ways as we love our neighbors as ourselves!

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 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: July 5, 2020 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Matthew 11:30)

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent, and treasure. However, **we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.**



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

Archbishop Thomas Wenski of Miami has been appointed as the acting chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty. Religious Freedom Week began on Monday, June 22 and continued through June 29 under the theme "For the Good of All."

"Religious freedom is under stress throughout the world. Even in our Western liberal democracies, discrimination against religion in general and Catholic Christianity, in particular, is growing — albeit in perhaps more sophisticated and less violent ways," said Archbishop Wenski.

"Political analysts and human rights advocates do include religion on their agenda. But most emphasize 'tolerance' as if religion were only a source of conflict. Or, they speak about religion in terms of 'individual choices,' as if religion were merely the concern of an individual's conviction and were devoid of any social consequences," he added.

Archbishop Wenski said that protecting institutions of civil society, including libraries, newspapers, and universities is necessary for ensuring religious freedom.

"Freedom of religion 'for the good of all' must also encompass protecting those institutions that nourish the individual's free exercise of religion," he said.

"The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person.

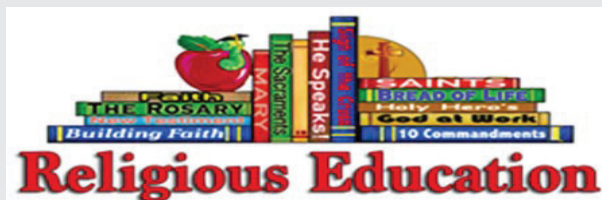
Religious freedom is the human right that guarantees all other rights — peace and creative living together will only be possible if freedom of religion is fully respected."

Religious Freedom Week takes place from June 22, the Memorial of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher, through June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. [Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 5, 2020

Ministry Schedule for July 11/12

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector
4:30 PM	Msgr. McGrath	Music Ministry	G. Tyrrell	K. Febus
8:30AM	Msgr. McGrath	Music Ministry	K. Witts	F. Egges
11:00AM	Msgr. McGrath	Music Ministry	M. Garber	B. Haughwout



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Wishes for a healthy, safe, fun-filled and SPIRIT-FILLED SUMMER to our children and their families.

Stay close to JESUS as HE is always close to you, in your heart and mind. Allow yourself to always be a reflection of JESUS to all you will meet and be with
And may God continue to bless our LAND.

Volunteer Chaplain Aides Needed throughout Virtua Health System in Burlington and Camden Counties. Two day training course is scheduled for Thursday, October 29th & Friday, October 30th. All classes are from 8:00AM—5:00 PM.

For information regarding volunteering at Virtua Marlton, Virtua Memorial and Virtua Voorhees, please contact: Chaplain Marge McGinley at 609-914-6365 or email: mmcginley@virtua.org

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.

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!*

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 5, 2020



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

MONDAY, JULY 6

9:00AM Robert Damiani r/b Ryan family
9:30 AM—4:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

TUESDAY, JULY 7

9:00AM Mike Fusco r/b Joe Ryan
9:30 AM—4:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

9:00AM Dudley Thomas r/b Joanne Wachman
9:30 AM—4:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

THURSDAY, JULY 9

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

FRIDAY, JULY 10

9:00 AM Gerry McMenamain r/b Jeannine
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

SATURDAY, JULY 11

9:00 AM Living & Deceased member of the Parish
4:30 PM John Mohan r/b Upchurch family

SUNDAY, JULY 12

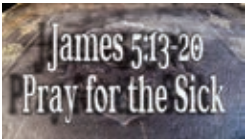
8:30AM John Mohan r/b family
11:00AM Chuck Betson, Jr.
r/b Shirley & Laura Kane

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



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



"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

If you made a gift directly to the House of Charity Office or United Way, please let the Office know so we can be sure your donation is recorded on our records.

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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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 12, 2020 - Matt. 13:1-23

Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred-, or sixty- or thirty -fold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Commentary:

The word of God has been in the world since its inception. We might say the word is the seed from which everything sprung up and took shape. And the Sower continues to scatter the good word far and wide. But even this fertile, generous word does not bear fruit wherever it falls. In those aspects of creation that do not have freedom and will, certainly God's word takes effect immediately. But in the human heart, the only place where God imparted the freedom to choose, we can still receive this rich word and say: "No thank you." And so the word remains silent in many hearts. On rock and among thorns, vulnerable to predators or on shallow ground, the same word that formed the oceans and the stars can be mute and unexpressive. This is the power that humanity has been given in the gift or our free will. We can deny the word of life itself. It might seem a strange choice to make, but in fact the evidence of its popularity is all around us. Precious and few are the hearts that will nurture this word and reap the astonishing harvest.

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: America, you are beautiful...and blessed.... The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true

freedom and lasting peace, then, America defend life. *St. John Paul, II.*

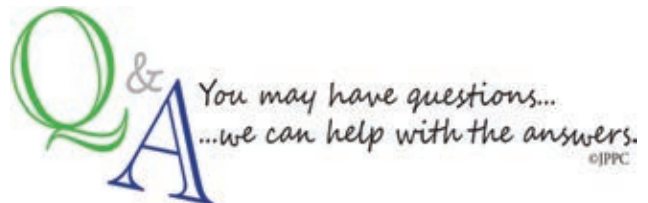


St. Thomas More Parish family rejoices with the family of **Triton Castro** who will receive his **First Holy Communion** at the **8:30 am Mass, Sunday, July 5, 2020.**



"The heart of the race question is moral and religious. It concerns the rights of man and our attitude toward our fellow man. If our attitude is governed by the great Christian law of love of neighbor and respect for his rights, then we can work out harmoniously the techniques for making legal, educational, economic and social adjustments. But if our hearts are poisoned by hatred, or even indifference toward the welfare and rights of our fellow men, then our nation faces a grave internal crisis."

U.S. Catholic bishops' statement of Nov. 14, 1958, titled *Discrimination and Christian Conscience.*



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

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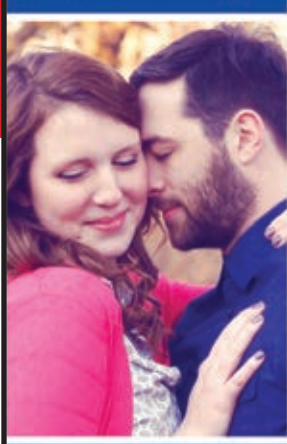
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#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson



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