

St. Thomas More Church

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Mass Schedule

Daily **Mass**: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in the Chapel

Sat. 4:30 PM

Sun. 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

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
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Send all bulletin announcements to:
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 31, 2022

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—10:45 AM

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish

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



Lord, let me give some comfort
to someone in need,
by a smile or nod – kind word or deed.

Guide me to do whatever I can
to ease things for my family and neighbors.

Help me to be a welcoming disciple who gives with the
grace of a generous heart your material and spiritual
blessings. Amen.

Diocesan Mass for Centenarians & Nonagenarians Sunday, September 11, 2022

VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services
631 Market Street Camden, NJ 08102

Att: Karen Fisher

Registration with name, address, phone number,
parish, age and birthdate before August 19th.

More details to follow



The collection for Sunday, July,
2022 was:
\$9,887.00 84 donations in church
We rely on your continuing
generosity. Thank you.

“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: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Joy

“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one
may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”
LUKE 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. **Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from Stewardship, using our “invisible” gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness.** True joy comes from “emptying” ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”



From the Pastor's Desk Some Information on Catholic Funerals

Dear Parishioners,

A few years ago I wrote a column on *Catholic Funerals* for my previous parish. Normally, each Catholic parish has a fair number of funerals each year. The priests and parish staff are acutely aware of our need to comfort families and to provide the necessary spiritual guidance at this most difficult time.

A few trends, however, continue in our society that I think, once again, need to be addressed.

First, the norm for a Catholic funeral is at Mass. It is important that we focus on the *saving action of Christ* through His *Passion, Death and Resurrection*. The Mass itself is the most perfect prayer and sacrifice that can be offered for our loved ones. **Nothing** is more efficacious. It is a re-presentation of Christ's Salvific Act. The funeral rite contains such rich symbolism reminding us of our connection to Baptism. Moreover, we have the opportunity to receive the *Body and Blood of Jesus* to strengthen us.

Sometimes those who are not familiar with the proper Catholic protocol might encourage simply having a *funeral service* in the funeral home. While the service may bring some comfort to the family, theologically it is never the same as having a Mass offered for that person. Please think of the eternal soul of the deceased and have their funeral rites take place during a Mass. It is also important to pray and to have Masses offered for the soul of the deceased. While flowers are a nice gesture, a **Mass** offered for the deceased is much more beneficial *spiritually*.

Second, it is specifically stated in the funeral ritual that "there is never to be a eulogy" during the funeral Mass (*Order of Christian Funerals*, #27). Over time this practice has found its way into our liturgies and has become a somewhat "acceptable" practice. However, the funeral liturgy should be more about the *saving action of Christ* than a *tribute* to a deceased person. The proper place for such a **eulogy** is either at the *funeral home, before* the Mass begins, *graveside* (weather permitting) or *at the meal* that is usually served after the funeral. The Catholic funeral liturgy is not about "praising" and "canonizing" the deceased *no matter how good the person was* but about us realizing what **Christ** has done for us by His death on the cross.

Third, the choice of **music** should always be religious in nature and appropriate for a *church* funeral. Secular music (popular or sentimental) is never appropriate during Mass.

Finally, since there are more **cremations** taking place these days, I remind those who choose this option what the Catholic funeral rite tells us about the proper placement of the ashes or **cremains**:

The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires. (*Order of Christian Funerals*, #417)

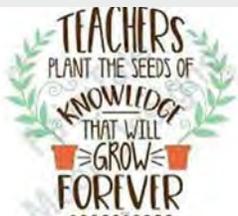
I mention all of the above to guide families with their decision making at this most difficult time.

Fr. Ed Namiootka, Pastor

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 31, 2022

Ministry Schedule for August 6/7

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	G. Tyrrell	J. Cepeda	
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	B. Massey	S. Bresani	T. Kenny E. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	M. Garber	M. Dwyer	

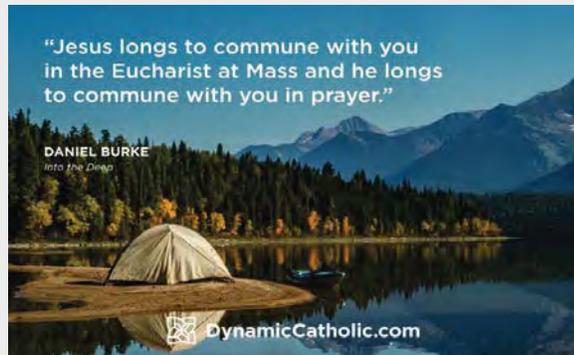


The Gospel reading for last Sunday's Mass brought us to a deeper awareness of the message of JESUS. Jesus' reply to Martha's complaint was: "Martha, Martha,

you are worried and anxious about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken away from her." As we try to apply Jesus' saying to our contemporary society and to us as Catholics today, we can affirm and confirm that this is a real issue. Society and each of us is anxious and worried about everything and we find little time for our Spiritual Life. Are we worried about the state of our SOUL? What sort of an example are we expressing to our children? That Faith and Church are really not that important in life as other things may be? Does this gospel urge "MY SOUL" to wake up to God's call and follow it?

Here is a great video on the Gospel of Martha and Mary. It is not from a Catholic source, but it is really good. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEFUflayOGM>

May WE ALL experience an abundance of blessings this summer especially in a richer relationship with JESUS.



Celebrating 25, 50, 60 Or 70 Or more years of marriage in 2022?

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 25, 2022 3:00 PM
St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish
1417 New Road Northfield, NJ 08225**

(A light reception will follow in the parish hall.)

Registration forms are available in STM parish office. Deadline to register is September 9, 2022. For more information call St. Thomas More Parish Office: 856-424-3212



Hospice Volunteers Needed!

In the late 60s & early 70s, Hospice started as a grass roots effort, in reaction to how cancer patients were ignored and left in pain, when curative measures were exhausted. The first Hospice in the United States was started in 1974 and volunteers were instrumental in the origin and facilitation of that effort. 5% of total direct-care-hours of the agency must be from volunteers. Due to recent events, our volunteer pool has dwindled and we are seeking help. If this sounds like something you are interested in, **contact: Spiros Ballas: sballas@holyredeemer.com or call: 609-815-3573 with your contact information.**

Please remember your *Soap for Hope* donation (unused travel-sized soaps and shampoos for the homeless) and place in the basket in the gathering space. Thank you.



Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, JULY 30

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

SUNDAY, JULY 31

8:30 AM Emelia Marchesani r/b Elaine Beckman

11:00 AM Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00AM Emelia Marchesani r/b Marie Flowers

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00AM Lou and Mary Reichmann
r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00AM Deacon Michael Welsh r/b wire & family

9:30aM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00 AM Margaret Crawford r/b Robert Crawford

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 AM Ron Kramer r/b Gerri Boyle

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

4:30 PM Brian Deutsch r/b mom

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

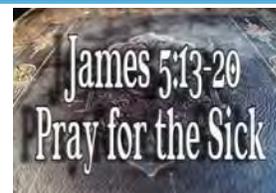
8:30AM Emelia Marchesani
r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club

11:00AM Don Kreal r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Grace Cobin, Joseph

Console, Marie Corcoran, Mary Cowan, Catherine Diana, Elizabeth Garber, Eileen Goodwin, Marjorie Graham, Jean Haines, Maureen Howe, Audrey Johnson, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Bob Lento, Marie Manalo, Sheila Mohan, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Dale Strack, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ann Vigrass, Sarah Warner.



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

SPC Jordan Beckman, Captain Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Major Anthony R. Cosentino, USAF, SSgt John

P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, SSgt. Kris Knaup, Lt. Christopher Mawn, Lt. (j.g.) Jacqueline A. McCabe, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Rimbaugh, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin, Sisi Tyrrell, USMC, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country in the armed forces.*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
Thomas J. O'Donoghue



Pope Francis' July Prayer Intentions - Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

House of Charity 2022 "From Many...One Body"

When our parish collects its goal amount, up to 10% is returned to our parish for our local charitable needs. Additionally, 75% of all funds received above our parish goal will also be returned to our local parish to foster our charitable and ministerial work. This year **St. Thomas More Parish goal is \$89,700. To date, we have collected \$59,916. We are making progress and still need your help!**

"Come Summer With Me"

Come summer with me, Lord;
summer deep down in my soul;
restore my faith in summer's time,
in rest, in joy, in play, in you...

Summer in my heart, Lord,
and dwell there
as if time would never end,
as if all time were children's time, eternal
time
when school is always out and joy is
in...

And let others summer in my
shade, Lord,
and share whatever summer's peace is mine to give,
whatever summer's light is mine to shed,
whatever summer's warmth is mine to share...

Good God of every season and every day this week,
come summer with me, Lord, and let the child in my
heart
spend this summer in your love... Amen.
(A prayer by Fr. Austin Fleming who blogs at "A Concord Pastor Comments.")

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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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 7, 2022- Luke 12:32-48

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Commentary:

It's encouraging to think of good things done in secret, but we know that a lot of what happens under cover of darkness is not good. While no one is looking, dieters cheat, workers slack off, murders are committed, violence is perpetrated, children are abused, the sick are neglected, the poor slide into despair, and lovers are unfaithful. Jesus issues a strong warning to those who act one way when observed and another when no one is looking. Integrity comes from a root word meaning whole or entire. Our wholeness depends on our being the same person all the time, to those with power over us as with those over whom we exercise authority, in the dark as in the light. If we're nice to some and mean to others, respectful or abusive depending on the situation, honest or deceitful in turns, we are in grave danger of losing ourselves completely.

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 Commentary resonates with me?



Pro-Life Corner: Camden County Pregnancy Care Centers: Bethany Christian Services, Audubon, NJ. By appointment only: 1-800-238-4269 or 1-215-376-6200. Online: <https://bethany.org/locations/us/new-jersey/south-jersey>. Free services offered: Pregnancy Support– Financial support; Infant Adoption– referrals provided.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY
DRIVERS AND HELPERS NEEDED ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
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Please contact: JANET GIORDANO, Executive Director, Cherry Hill Food Pantry at 856 912 2353

SVDP Fundraiser: Krispy Kreme Donuts "Digital Dozens" running now through December 31, 2022.
In order to purchase food for the needy, SVDP is sponsoring a Krispy Kreme fundraiser and your participation is greatly appreciated.
Contact Paul Rossi (601-283-3685) or: prossi3753@yahoo for more information.



faith  justice



"Protect life... Preserve all that sustains life ...Care for our Common Home"
Pope Francis

St. Mary's Cinema, Saturday, August 6th in the Parish Hall after the 5:00 PM Mass with "Through the Shadowlands", the story of C.S. Lewis' crisis of faith after the death of his wife. All are invited to attend.



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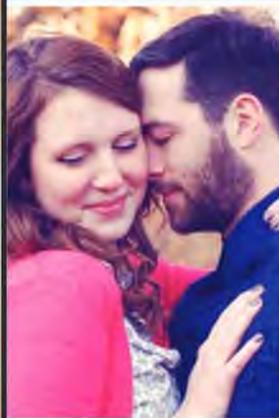


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