

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



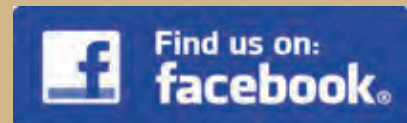
Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

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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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 8, 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



Jesus knew His earthly life would be cut short and made every day count. How do you make every day count? Do you get up everyday and greet the new day with hope and energy or do you crawl out of bed with your mind already cluttered from a mental to-do list? Getting weighed down by secular distractions is not what God desires for each of us. Jesus teaches us to be alert – to take notice of our neighbor. Make these summer days count - let us help those we can through action and prayer!



Updating our Parish Records is an ongoing process. If you have changed any of your contact information please email the parish at sthomasmore@comcast.net or call the office at 856-424-3212

and confirm/update your telephone/cell phone numbers and your email address(es). Thank you for your cooperation. Thanks to those who have responded,.

**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.**

“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: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Stewardship Joy**

“Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!” 1 KINGS 19:7

God knows that committing to a **Stewardship** lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need His help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His Son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we join our sacrifice with the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and receive the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.



From the Pastor's Desk

The Assumption and the *Wedding of the Sea*

Dear Parishioners,

Growing up in Wildwood, NJ leaves me with many fond memories. One of these was the celebration of the vigil of the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* at St. Ann's Church each August 14th.

When I was young, the Vigil Mass on August 14th was usually packed (*standing room only*). St. Ann's could hold approximately 3000 people and I can recall seeing it year after year *wall to wall* with people. Unlike the famous celebration in Atlantic City which took place during the day on August 15th, the Wildwood tradition was a vigil Mass followed by a candlelight procession down Glenwood Avenue to the beach for the *Wedding of the Sea* ceremony. In recent years, Bishop Sullivan would preside during this ceremony in both locations.

The **Assumption** celebrates the *Blessed Virgin Mary*, after her earthly life was complete, *being taken up body and soul into Heaven*. At many seashore towns, however, it was somehow tied into the *Wedding of the Sea* ceremony which had an entirely different history and origin.

Apparently the custom found its way here from a couple of Venetian historical commemorations and a ceremony in which the *Doge* (chief magistrate) of Venice would "marry" the sea each year, and throw a blessed ring into the lagoon as a sign of eternal fidelity. (Interestingly, the original Venetian ceremony apparently took place in conjunction with the celebration of the **Ascension** of Our Lord rather than the **Assumption**).

The *Press of Atlantic City* reported a variation of the origin of the custom:

According to tradition, the ceremony commemorates an event in the life of the Bishop of Cervia in Italy, Paul Barbo who later became Pope Paul II. The Bishop is said to have been returning by ship from Venice on the Feast of the Assumption in 1445 when he was caught in a storm. The Bishop, it is said, calmed the storm by prayer and throwing his pastoral ring into the sea. (6/16/10)

Throughout history, it was not unusual that Christians would attempt to "Christianize" various secular customs and traditions. No matter what the exact origin of the *Wedding of the Sea* is, as we celebrate the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven**, it is more important to recall the honored place that Mary, the Mother of God, has in salvation history and that her life on earth was worthy of an eternal reward in Heaven. Where Mary has gone, we hope to follow!

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

Fr. Ed Namiotka

Pastor

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 8, 2021

Ministry Schedule for AUGUST 14/15

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Mena Len	Sr. Sophia	K. McFadden	
8:30AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine Len	J. Galati	L. Galati	
11:00AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine Len	J. Flynn	M. Dwyer	A. Chiaravallotti



Registration for 2021-22 has begun. The schedule of sessions for next year is "Sundays –9:30 to 10:50 AM.

The Religious Education Registration Form is on the Parish website: stthomasmorenj.org. Complete the form and return by August 15, 2021 to ensure there are enough supplies available for your children.

First Annual St. Mary Parish Festival
2001 Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
Celebrating our Parish Feast, "The Holy Name of Mary"

SAVE THE DATES!
Friday, September 10th: 4:30pm - 8:30pm
Saturday, September 11th: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Make some new memories with your friends and family. Join us for our Parish Festival!

Crafters, Vendors and Volunteers wanted!
(856) 424-1454, ext. 102

Eucharistic Adoration
GAMES EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING: CRAFTS & RELIGIOUS ITEMS
FOOD & SNACKS MUSIC "Karaoke"

**HOUSE of CHARITY
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Thank you to everyone who donated to the House of Charity Appeal. To date we have raised \$82,750/92.3% of our Goal. If you have not made your contribution, please prayerfully consider donating today so we can reach our goal.

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We need your help.*

How does my Parish benefit?

Parishes are direct recipients of the ministries and services supported by the House of Charity. **In addition, any money received and exceeding the parish assigned goal of \$89,700 is returned through a rebate to our parish to use for charitable and ministerial work.**

Cards are at the doors of the church.

- Mail your gift to the Parish Office.
- Drop your gift in the collection basket (marked House of Charity)
- Drop off at the Parish Office during business hours.
- Give online- allows parishioners to send their gifts directly and securely to the House of Charity. The link to House of Charity online giving platform is: <https://bit.ly/HoC-Online>



From the desk of Mr. Andrew T. Cavalos, Principal at the PREP:

"It is my pleasure to inform you that the student from your parish listed below has been listed on the Honor Roll at Saint Joseph's Preparatory School for the academic year 2020-2021."



Colton Oatway

Prayer for the Children

As they start nursery or school for the first time - give them joy in new experiences. As they move to new classes - give them confidence in growing friendships. As they move to new schools - give them strength in their growing independence. As they move on to college or university - give them wisdom in their maturity. And for all the teachers, assistants, helpers, carers and volunteers who teach and nurture our children and young people, we ask for your blessing, your joy, your wisdom and your patience as they re-charge their batteries over the summer break, ready for the new term!

- Author Unknown

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the parish
Katelyn Joy Bartholomew
r/b Dom & Marie Sacca
4:30 PM **James Tobin** r/b Marie Flowers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

8:30AM **Angelina Mosso Garber**
11:00AM **Ramon Gregorio** r/b Castillo family

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

9:00AM **Jim Tobin** r/b Betty Cotilla
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00AM **Donna Ricci** r/b Pat Luchtman
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00AM intentions of **Bernadette Calingasan**
r/b family
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 AM intentions of **Mrs. Narvaez**
r/b Franciscan Sisters
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 AM **Alberto Librojo** r/b family
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Parish
Flora Co Tan r/b Cobin family
4:30 PM **Bill Kane & Rudy Peins** r/b family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

8:30AM **Mr. Narvaez** r/b Franciscan Sisters
11:00 AM **Dorothy Dalsey** r/b Benedict's Place SCC



Please pray for the repose of the
soul of:
Deacon Michael Welsh

Pope Francis' AUGUST prayer intention: Let us
pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy
Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light
of the Gospel.

**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, Moira Spaid,
Vince Spaid, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Michael
Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ann Vigrass, Sarah Warner.



**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

Catholic Charities Addictions Healing Helpline

If you or your family member is experiencing substance
use/abuse issues, there is help in the Catholic Community.
Substance Use Disorder has risen to epidemic proportions
and impacts the entire family. **Call the Catholic
Charities Addictions Healing Helpline: 1-856-342-
4057– 24 hours.** Leave a message, receive a callback
within 24 hours between the hours of 9:00 AM– 4:00 PM
Monday through Friday.
For more information contact:

JoAnne.Farrell@camdendiocese.org

**St. Thomas More Consolation Ministry
resumes in-person meetings**

**Come listen, share and heal—Thursday, August 12,
2021 2:00 PM in the Hall; Saturday, 8/28 3:00 PM in
the Hall**

“Journeying Through Grief” Guided by Kenneth C.
Haugh’s series: A Time to Grieve; Experiencing Grief;
Finding Hope and Healing; and Rebuilding and
Remembering. **Contact: Ann Marie Lento: 856-344-
7454; Jon Lisitski 856-210-6466**

*“When we lose someone we have loved deeply, we are
left with a grief that can paralyze us
emotionally... When they die a part of us dies too”*
Henri Nouwen Bread for the Journey

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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 19, 2018 - John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."

Commentary:

The sublime simplicity and beauty of this gospel text reminds us that Jesus takes the ordinary human act of eating and shows us that this familiar action is the very way we can come to eternal life. The act - eating - is the same; the food differs. The food Jesus offers is from heaven and that upon which we feast is no less than Jesus himself. Jesus is the source of our life. At the same time we can never forget that our communion with Jesus nourishes us to share that life with others. In this way, we ourselves become bread for the life of others. Our intimacy with Jesus calls us to the same intimacy with others. This kind of intimacy does not end but continues to everlasting life.

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: To cause another person to die intentionally is not an act of mercy as some insist, but an act of murder. God is the giver and taker of life, not man. We must stop abortion and euthanasia.

Sat. Aug. 14, at 4:30 p.m., Bishop Dennis Sullivan will celebrate a Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Wildwood's Notre Dame de la Mer Parish, Saint Ann Church (2901 Atlantic Ave.). Following the Mass, there will be a procession to the ocean for the blessing of the sea. www.notredamedelamer.org
On Sunday, Aug. 15, at 2 p.m., Bishop Sullivan will celebrate Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Church (1409 Pacific Ave.), The Parish of Saint Monica, Atlantic City. A procession will proceed up Saint James Place to the Boardwalk continuing to the ocean at New York Ave. for the Wedding of the Sea www.ACCatholic.org.

Homebound? Not feeling well?



Sundays at 11:00 AM



Supporting those with Mental Health Issues

These past few months, many of us, if not all of us, have at some level experienced anxiety, mood swings, depression, and other challenges to our mental well-being. According to the National Institute of Health, in any given year, 1 in 5 people will have a diagnosable mental illness such as depression or anxiety.

As a faith community, we can offer spiritual support through our prayerful presence in people's lives and our understanding of what people are experiencing. When we acknowledge the pain of a person's illness, understand the facts versus the myths surrounding mental illness and provide support and companionship through the healing and recovery process, we can make a huge difference in the ability of people and families to manage these types of illnesses. *A ssociation of Catholic Mental Health*

Resources:

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden

New Jersey Mental Health Cares—New Jersey's Behavioral Health and Referral Information

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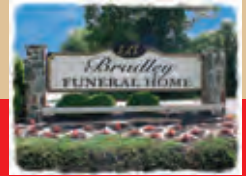
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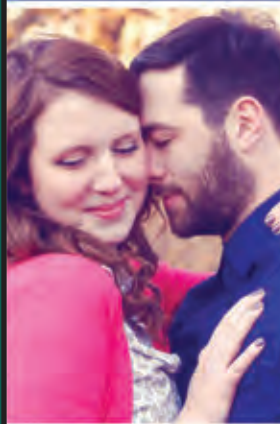
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