

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
Julie Linn, Music Ministry
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 14, 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



Jesus,
even though you come to bring peace on earth,
open the hearts of those who do not welcome
you to place trust in you.

May your Holy Spirit purify minds and hearts
of anything that hinders people
from hearing the message you want us to hear.

Do not let us grow weary and lose heart,
but set our spirits afire with your life-giving Spirit.

Amen

21st National Conference for Single Catholics at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, VA. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food and more. Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. Call 512-766-5798.



The collection for Sunday, August 7, 2022 was:

\$3958	80 donations in church
1959.49	30 donations online
\$5917.49	110 total donations

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

“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: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Conscience

“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” LUKE 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. **Live in Stewardship by forming your conscience;** take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.



From the Pastor's Desk

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven

Dear Parishioners,

Like all of our lives, the earthly life of the Blessed Virgin Mary had to come to an end. It makes me think so often about the brevity of life here on earth. Even if we were to live a hundred years or more, what is this brief time compared to eternity? I often say that life here on earth is like a blink of an eye compared to eternal life with God.

Human beings usually have many questions at the time of the death of a relative, friend or loved one: Is there a God? What is God like? Is there such a place as heaven or hell? Where is he/she now? Where will I wind up someday?

I take great consolation in the words from Preface I (of the Eucharistic Prayer) for the Dead: Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed, not ended We believe life in heaven with God is without sickness, death, pain or suffering. It is lived in the presence of the Communion of Saints, those people who have gone before us and who were found worthy to enter the presence of God.

Monday we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven (August 15). The Catholic Church teaches that when her earthly life was complete, Mary was taken up body and soul into Heaven. She is in Heaven with the angels and saints able to pray for us and to intercede for us, her spiritual children. It makes logical sense that she who was protected from original sin by God from the time of her conception (the Immaculate Conception) and who lived a life of willing acceptance of God's will—"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38)—should now be in Heaven.

As a point of clarification, the Blessed Virgin Mary receives special honor/veneration that the church refers to (in Latin) as hyperdulia. She is the highest of all the saints and angels who also deserve praise and honor that the Church refers to as dulia. God alone deserves worship or adoration (latria). If anyone ever questions us as Catholics inquiring why we worship Mary or the saints, the simple truth is that we do not. As part of the Mystical Body of Christ and the Communion of Saints, they deserve honor, but not worship which is solely reserved to God.

In addition, sometimes people confuse the Assumption (of Mary) with the Ascension (of Jesus). We believe that both are in Heaven, but Mary was taken up into Heaven while Jesus, as the all-powerful Son of God, had everything that He needed within His power to return back to Heaven to join His Father and the Holy Spirit when He chose to do so.

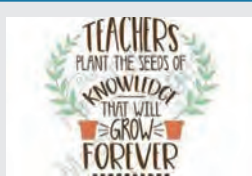
Mary and all of the saints in Heaven give us something to which we can all aspire. I hope that we all want to be with God in Heaven for all eternity. However, most of us are probably not expecting to go right at this moment—but we should always be prepared. No one but God alone knows the day or the hour. (See Mt. 24: 36)

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

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Ministry Schedule for August 20/21

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Erin Julie	B. Massey	J. Cepeda	
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	K. Witts	K. Kraemer	Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Marta/Elena Julie	T. Librojo	C. Musso	S. Andino



In a few weeks we will be starting another year in the Catechetical formation for our children. The word catechesis comes from the Greek meaning "to echo the teaching" signifying

that catechesis or the teaching of the faith is an interactive process in which the Word of God re-sounds between the proclaimer, the one receiving the message, and the Holy Spirit! **Catechesis is a life-long process of initial conversion, formation, education, and on-going conversion.** Through word, worship, service, and community, it seeks to lead all God's people to an ever-deepening relationship with God who reveals himself in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Catechesis takes many forms and includes the initiation of adults, youth and children as well as the intentional and systematic effort to enable all to grow in faith and discipleship. Many people recall the term C.C.D. which stood for the "Confraternity of Christian Doctrine" which, in years past, served parishes in their efforts to provide religious education to children who attended public schools. Today, we **RECLAIM** the notion of **CATECHESIS** to capture *the broader mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel to adults, youth and children in order to "put people in communion with Jesus Christ"* (Catechism of the Catholic Church #426).

And so, let us drop the term **CCD** and just call it **CATECHISM – INSTRUCTIONS IN OUR FAITH A LIFE-LONG PROCESS.** This will help our perception as well, embracing a renewal of our way of thinking and become personally responsible for our own faith formation and that of our children.

We need two assistants for grades 2 and 4. Please call 424-3212, or email srclarefmij.stmc@gmail.com

Awesome commentary from Bishop Robert Barron: "Go on a hero's journey:"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5II3xYWE1w>



Celebrating 25, 50, 60 or 70 or more years of marriage in 2022? Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass 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

**Annual Filipino "Tagalog" Mass
Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 2:00pm**
Catholic Church of St. Mary Questions?
Please call (856) 424-1454, ext. 102.

The 50th St. Joan of Arc Church Carnival
Monday, Aug. 22, to Saturday, Aug. 27, on the church grounds at Evans and Willow Bend roads in Marlton. Ride, food and games begin at 6 p.m. Nightly entertainment. **Cost at the carnival will be \$40 per bracelet.**

Volunteers Needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word. On Sunday, October 2nd, Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin at the 11:00 AM Mass. Lynda Chiaravallotti will coordinate this program for children 3-6 years old. Lynda needs other parents to assist her with this important ministry to our youngest children. **Please email Lynda (lyndaahuyh@gmail.com) or call 469-867-0442 if you are able to assist her or need more information about this program.**



Thank You!

The flowers gracing the Church were donated by the Mohan family in memory of their parents, John and Sheila. **Thank you for your love and generosity to St. Thomas More Parish.**

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Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

4:30 PM Bill Kane & Rudy Peins r/b family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:30 AM Dorothy Doberstein r/b Maria Marinelli

11:00 AM Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00AM Living & Deceased members of the Morgan family in Ireland

Mass will be in the Church

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00AM Sr. Maris Stella r/b Dom & Marie Sacca

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00AM Jim Bones r/b Teri

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 AM Lynn Ellinger
r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 AM Emelia Marchesani r/b Vince

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

4:30 PM Maria Deras r/b family

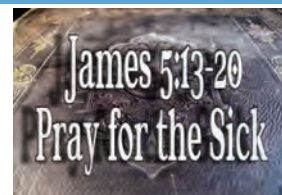
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

8:30AM Eva Charlotte Wolfe
r/b Karl G. Wolfe

11:00AM Brian & Mary Bones r/b Teri

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, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Jacob Rivera, Jasxon Rivera, 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.*

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. We are making progress and still need your help!**

Thanks to all who have already contributed.

Pope Francis' AUGUST intentions:
For small businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



On Saturday, October 29th, 2022, the faithful of the Diocese of Camden are invited to participate in their pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Most Rev. Dennis J. Sullivan, Bishop of Camden, will be the principal celebrant of the Pilgrimage Mass.

More details to follow.

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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 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 21, 2022 Luke 13:22-30

Someone asked Jesus: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from.' And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evil doers!...And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will reclining at table in the kingdom of God. For, behold, some are last who will be first, and some who are first will be last.'"

Commentary:

To assure our eternal salvation, many of us like religious systems that are clean and simple. Ten Commandments to obey. Sacraments to receive. Rules to follow. Authorities to trust. However, when asked about the most important commandment, Jesus talks about love, which is notoriously hard to pin down. When you ask Jesus to take a stand—God or Caesar? - Jesus simply says it depends on the situation. Here, someone asks Jesus to elaborate on the salvation issue. Jesus simply says choose the hard way. If you have to ask, do more. Live out the image of God in you, and God will recognize you when it is your turn to knock on the door.

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:
Helpers N.J.
138 N. Broadway, Suite A
Gloucester City, NJ 609-870-7073;
www.helpersnj.org

Free services offered:

Education: Earn while you learn dvds about pregnancy, parenting, and life skills (participation earns baby items and other necessities).

Adoption services: Facilitates open adoption, allowing birth parents to choose the adopted family and continue to be a part of the baby's life.

Other services: Accompanies mothers to doctor appointments, social service appointments, Division of Child Protection and Pregnancy meetings, court dates, and job interviews; encouragement for fathers of babies; help with housing, food, medical, utilities, transportation and more.

"The Society of St. Vincent de Paul collects donations of food and funds at Masses on the third weekend of each month. Our next collections are on August 20th and 21st. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help feed the hungry in our community."



Consolation Ministry meeting is 1:00 PM, Thursday, August 25, 2022 in the Parish Hall. All are invited to attend.



Catholic Institutions for Climate Legislation

During the week of August 4th, more than 250 U. S. Catholic institutions sent an open letter to each member of Congress in support of climate legislation for our common home, asking leaders to support climate investments both now and in the future to protect natural resources and promote human dignity as the climate crisis unleashes historic heatwaves, flooding, and forest fires across our nation and the world.

The letter and a national Catholic call-in to Congress this week are timed to express U. S. Catholic support for the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. While the legislation is not perfect and is still being negotiated, groups said, it contains the most significant climate solutions seen in a generation and that our planet urgently needs now.



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.

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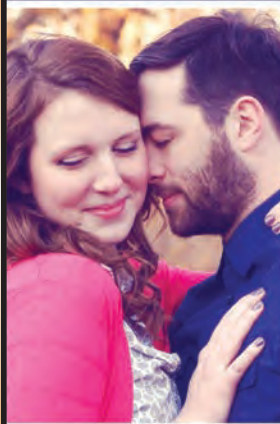


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