

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



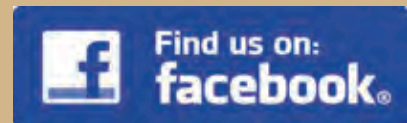
Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

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:
stmsecretary1439@gmail.com by 2:00pm Monday

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 15, 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



Loving Father,
Thank You for gathering us together
to prepare for the special feast of Mary.
In Your divine Plan she who bore Your Son
in her womb was raised body and soul in glory
to be with Him in heaven.
May we follow Mary's example
of humility and love to one day
find ourselves joining her in heaven.
This we pray through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Updating our Parish Records is an ongoing process. If you have changed any of your contact information please email the parish at stthomasmore@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: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Stewardship Reflection

“*And Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” Luke 1: 46*



After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of **Stewardship**. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other's needs before our wants.



From the Pastor's Desk St. Maximilian Kolbe

Dear Parishioners,

At the time of my ordination I chose **St. Maximilian Kolbe** as my patron saint. His feast day is August 14th. I thought that it might be interesting to tell you something about him.

St. Maximilian Kolbe (January 8, 1894–August 14, 1941) was a Polish Conventual Franciscan friar who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz in Poland.

He was canonized by the Catholic Church as Saint Maximilian Kolbe on October 10, 1982 by Pope John Paul II, and declared a martyr of charity. He is the patron saint of drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalists, prisoners and the pro-life movement. Pope John Paul II declared him the “The Patron Saint of Our Difficult Century.”

On February 17, 1941 he was arrested by the German Gestapo and imprisoned in the Pawiak prison, and on May 25 was transferred to Auschwitz as prisoner #**16670**.

In July 1941 a man from Kolbe's barracks vanished, prompting Karl Fritsch, the deputy camp commander, to pick 10 men from the same barracks to be starved to death in Block 13 (notorious for torture), in order to deter further escape attempts. (The man who had disappeared was later found drowned in the camp latrine.) One of the selected men, Franciszek Gajowniczek, cried out, lamenting his family, and Kolbe volunteered to take his place.

During the time in the starvation cell he led the men in songs and prayer. After three weeks of dehydration and starvation, only Kolbe and three others were still alive. Finally he was murdered with an injection of Carbolic acid.

Father Kolbe was beatified as a confessor by Pope Paul VI in 1971 and was canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 10, 1982 in the presence of Franciszek Gajowniczek, the man St. Maximilian saved from death. Upon canonization, the Pope declared St. Maximilian Kolbe not a confessor, but a *martyr*.

Although the canonization of St. Maximilian Kolbe is uncontroversial, his recognition as a *martyr* is, given that a Christian *martyr* is one who is killed out of *hatred for the faith*, and Kolbe wasn't martyred strictly out of hatred for the Faith.

At the time of my ordination, I was extremely fortunate to be given a **first class relic** (a few strands of his hair) of St. Maximilian taken from him while he was still alive.

(Biography taken from the *Jewish Virtual Library*:
<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/biography/Kolbe.html>)

Fr. Ed Namiołka

Pastor

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Ministry Schedule for AUGUST 21/22

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Joanne Julie	Sr. Agnes	K. Febus	
8:30AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	K. Witts	F. Eggles	A. & R., Witts
11:00AM	Fr. Namiotka	Erin Julie	M. Garber	B. Haughwout	D. Russo



Registration for 2021-22 has begun. The schedule of sessions for next year is Sundays –9:30 to 10:45 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.

Healing after Abortion: Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats, hosted by the Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office, will be held **Sept. 10-12 (in English) and Oct. 22-24 (in Spanish) at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Drive, Kearny, NJ 07032**. Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats offer a supportive and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing.

**HOUSE of CHARITY
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Thank you to everyone who donated to the House of Charity Appeal. To date we have raised **\$83,150/92.7%** of our Goal. If you have not made your contribution, please prayerfully consider donating today so we can reach our goal.

***We are so close.
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>

“Taking Steps to End Homelessness”
St. Joseph House, Camden, is sponsoring this **5K Walk at Cooper River Park, 9:00 AM Saturday, September 18th, 2021**. Registration is required. Register online at www.jhoc.org. Bring a friend or family member and support the caring work of Joseph’s House.

Samuel Group is a spiritual formation program to go deeper in your prayer life and receive formation on discerning God’s voice in your life. **2021-2022 dates: Sept. 12th; Oct. 10; Nov. 7th; Dec. 5th; Jan. 9th; Feb. 6th; Mar. 6th; Apr. 5; May 5th**

1:30PM—2:30 PM St. Anthony of Padua Church 285 Rte. 206 Hammonton, NJ

Requirements: Ages: 18-39 ; telephone interview with Sr. Ann Kateri; full participation and attendance at all meetings; have a spiritual director (we can help find one for you)

Contact: Sr. Ann Kateri 609-343-1545

To learn more or to register:

www.franciscansisterscf.com/st-michael



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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

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

**9:00AM John R. Fogelbach, Sr.
r/b Dom & Marie Sacca**
**9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00AM Jim Bones r/b Teri
**9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 AM Maria Galbo r/b Vince & Angela Corso
**9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 AM Louis Levari r/b Franciscan Sisters
**9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Church**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 PM Brian & Maray Bones r/b Teri

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

**8:30AM 40th Wedding Anniversary
John & Letty Duffy r/b family**
11:00AM Dorothy Dalsey

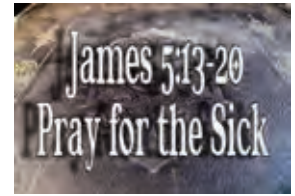
Pope Francis' AUGUST prayer intention: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



Searching for a way to volunteer in the Parish—from home? **The Altar Linen Ministry is looking for new members.** Call the Parish Office (856-424-3212) for more information or to volunteer.

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and watch your love for each other grow. The next weekend dates are **Oct 8-10 and Dec 3-5, 2021.** Call 609-741-8012 for information or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.



St. Thomas More Consolation Ministry resumes in-person meetings

Come listen, share and heal— 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

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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 22, 2021 - John 6:60-69

Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Commentary:

A lot of would-be disciples of Jesus never made it all the way to the triumph of Easter morning. Somewhere along the way, they were offended by what Jesus taught or did or didn't do. Maybe they felt his forgiveness came too easily for a certain kind of sinner they'd personally rather see punished. Or they took offense when his disciples didn't fast or wash their hands in the ritual ways of the Pharisees. For many, Jesus simply became unbelievable. But for Simon Peter, Jesus remained the Master no matter what. In utter honesty, Peter doesn't know where else to go to get the truth. No matter how hard following Jesus may be, the alternatives are much bleaker. There's Jesus, and there's the hypocritical, superficial, unforgiving world beyond. For Peter, the choice was clear.

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: Enlist in the fight against abortion today! Help to end the war against the unborn children. Hasn't Satan been sacrificing our children long enough? Abortion is the execution of our brothers and sisters and is destroying the future of our nation.



ACTION ALERT USCCB
Call or E-Mail Your Senators

Dear Heavenly Father,

You have placed a love for preborn babies in the hearts of so many of us. Help us spread this love throughout our country. Help us teach the sanctity of human life to those who neither see nor understand it. Guide us as we work to protect all babies from abortion. Teach us to show Your compassion to both moms and their babies so that they come to understand the meaning of selfless love. And please hold all Your children safe in Your arms. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.



Talking Points: As Congress begins to consider annual appropriations, I urge you to bear in mind the inalienable rights and dignity of every human being, including the unborn child.

- * **Abortion is not healthcare**, it is the antithesis of health care, and should not be financed and expanded with taxpayer dollars.
- * I urge you to put the government's support and funding behind policies and programs that help pregnant women in difficult situations, so they can give life to their children and support them after birth.
- * We must not become a society that will pay for the death of a mother's unborn child when she needs help to support her baby.
- * Reject taxpayer funding of abortion, and oppose appropriation bills that do not include the long-standing Hyde Amendment and related pro-life provisions.

Homebound? Not feeling well?

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

Senator Bob Menendez: Capitol Office Phone 202-224-4744; site: menendez.senate.gov.

Senator Cory Booker: Capitol Office Phone 202-224-3224; site: booker.senate.gov

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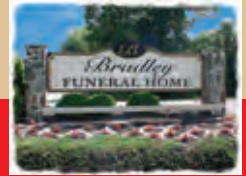
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