

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.—Thurs. 9:30 AM—4:00 PM

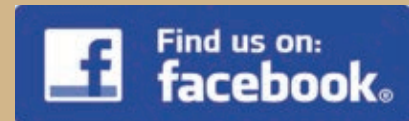
Fri. 9:30 AM—12 Noon



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:30—4:00 PM
In the Chapel

Father Edward Namiotka, 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



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 23, 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

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



A Daily Prayer for These Times...

O, Lord, may this day open my heart, eyes, and ears to welcoming others in Your Name. Open my eyes that I may see the needs of others. Open my ears that I may hear their pleas. Open my heart to give them support. Show me where love, hope, and faith are needed; use me to bring them to those places.

Please be advised that Confessions are once again being held in the Chapel on Saturdays from 3:30—4:00 PM.



“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

Please
Out of consideration for our fellow parishioners, please do not discard your disposable items until you get home.
Thank you!



Stewardship Corner: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Generosity

“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” - Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of **Stewardship**. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

From the Pastor's Desk

The "Cancel Culture"



Dear Parishioners,

Years ago, I was informed and educated about *ad hominem* attacks in class during my college seminary days. In such an attack, the person *himself or herself* would be ridiculed or demoralized, instead of focusing on the person's position or argument. The issue would get pushed aside in favor of trashing the person.

Let me tell you I love a good debate. I can also become extremely passionate about my point of view. However, what is happening too often today is a shutting out of opinions (and even sometimes hiding or distorting facts) with which a person or group of people may disagree. It happens on social media frequently. Sometimes a person may be *defriended* or *doxed* as a result of a controversial or *politically unpopular* point of view. A "cancel culture" has resurfaced in our society where, according to the **New York Post** we find "the phenomenon of promoting the 'canceling' of people, brands and even shows and movies due to what some consider to be offensive or problematic remarks or ideologies."

Unfortunately, people can sometimes be unwilling to listen to each other and to hear each other's opinions or thoughts. In general, people deserve a hearing. Everyone needs some time and attention at some point. In doing so, however, we should be respectful of appropriate times, places and topics of conversation. Sadly, I have found some people also may have hidden agendas, ulterior motives or even sinister intentions.

While I may disagree with another person or persons, I do believe people generally have a right to be heard. Wanting people to be completely silenced, censored or *cancelled* is as dangerous as letting free speech go unchecked, go unchallenged or to morph into violence and looting. In the entire process, there needs to be some checks and balances. We need both *mutual respect* and *law and order* in a civilized society.

Obviously, God gave us two qualities that have us resemble Him: *intelligence* and *free will*. We can think and reflect *or* we can rush to judgment. We can react and confront immediately *or* we can walk away. We can choose to listen *or* can turn someone off. How we act or react will always be our choice. No matter the choice, it needs to be done civilly and respectfully.

With the election season upon us once again, sadly I suspect that there will be more polarization within our society. *Ad hominem* attacks will come out. Some people will shout others down. Protests of some sort will inevitably occur. Some may stir up civil unrest. *I cannot wait! . . . Not!*

May I suggest that we all take a good look at traditional Church teaching, party platforms, a candidate's past performance (usually a good indicator of future possibilities) *and remain civil towards one another*.

Here is something else to consider:

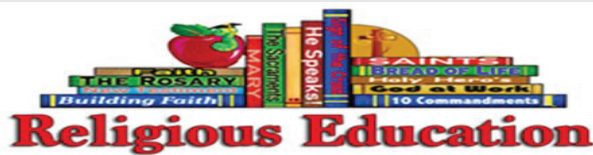
You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. (Mt. 5: 43-45)

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 23, 2020

Ministry Schedule for August 29/30

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Joanne Len	P. Kirincic	K. Febus
8:30AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine Julie	J. Galati	L. Galati
11:00AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine Julie	M. Garber	B. Haughwout



“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.” (Roman 11; 33-36) The second reading from today’s liturgy is very appropriate for our current situation. At this point of our history who will help us out of so many sore spots if not GOD and only GOD? It seems we have messed up many things and we find ourselves at a trajectory unforeseen, unpredicted. But the future is in GOD’s hands and we need to trust HIS presence all around us. **We still have the power of our decisions.** We need to **re-imagine our life after COVID19.** May we avoid a fall into the pit of our former “frenzy” that made the things of this world appear so indispensable. Perhaps we didn’t even realize that our FAITH was no longer at the center of our life, but rather in a corner. It may have shouted at us, but we just postponed listening. **We have the power of our decisions to change our life, to reorganize it as we could, or should, or may be, in the GRACE that is readily available every minute. IF God is for us, who can be against us.** *But are we with GOD? Let us not fool ourselves. What are we proposing or projecting to our children?*



**" Civilize It"
Loving Neighbor in Divisive Climate**

What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a divisive climate? Catholics are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with anger and harsh language, often directed at people themselves. As Catholics, we must model a better way. We invite you to model love for neighbor by pledging to **Civilize It** and committing to civility, clarity, and compassion this election year. **Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate** is a non-partisan call from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to focus on the dignity of all people, even those with whom we disagree, and to put faith in action. Make room in your heart for those with whom you disagree and pledge dignity beyond the debate today at CivilizeIt.org!

**Blood Drive at The Catholic Church of St. Mary
Thursday, September 24, 2020
9:30am-7:30pm in the Parish Hall**

Any regular whole blood donation you make after July 30 (or may have already made after June 4, 2020 for Power Red Donors) makes you ineligible to donate at this September drive. If you wish to register, you may contact Tom Wakeley at 856-424-2085, or directly with the American Red Cross: www.redcrossblood.org/, using sponsor code Saint Mary RCC.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 23, 2020



SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 AM Living & Deceased member of the Parish

4:30 PM Pat Brink r/b Don Brink

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:30AM Carlos Frederico & Maria Deras Barrientos r/b daughter

11:00AM intentions of Timothy Cyberey r/b Greta & family

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00AM Mena Ravena r/b John Ravena & family

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Church.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00AM Anthony Giangiacomo r/b Sharon & Jack Weinberg

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Church.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00AM Jeanne Marie O'Neill

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Church.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00AM Louis Natale r/b Veronica Consalvi

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Church.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 AM intentions of Jack Mays & family r/b Dom & Marie Sacca

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00AM Living & deceased members of St. Thomas More Parish

4:30PM Brigitta McCarthy r/b Marguerite Dwyer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:30AM Margaret Mc Andrew r/b DeYoung's SCC

11:00AM Dudley Thomas r/b Stan & Annette Thompson

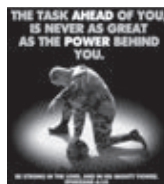
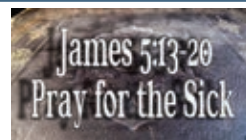
Pope Francis' August Intention: We pray for those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors,



Sundays at 11:00 AM

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, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Ron Kramer, Don Kreal, Marie Manalo, 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, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin

A Prayer at Election Time

O Lord, Our Just and Loving Father,

We thank You for the precious gift of Human Life that is greatly threatened by the Culture of Death.

Aware of the dangers we are now facing, We ask that You guide us in electing the leaders our Nation truly needs:

- Leaders with the wisdom to discern Your providential plan,
- Leaders who understand the weakness of the human condition,
- Leaders who counsel our citizens to respect the rule of law,
- Leaders with the fortitude to face their opponents with grace,
- Leaders with knowledge of our Constitution and of natural rights,
- Leaders whose piety makes them aware of their own limitations, - And leaders whose reverential fear informs their moral judgment.

We pray that the inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness promised by our founders, may be preserved, protected, and defended for all, especially the most vulnerable members of our society. Almighty and Merciful God, sustain us in our struggle to live in peace as One Nation Under God.

Amen



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 23, 2020

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 30, 2020 - Matt. 16:21-27

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Commentary:

In this gospel, Jesus offers a prophecy of what awaits him - He will "suffer," "be killed," and "be raised." Jesus makes it clear that he is not a powerful military and political leader. In fact, Jesus would be rejected by powerful people in both religious and political circles. To further emphasize his message, Jesus continues with the demand of discipleship - selfless love, even if it leads to death, because through the cross comes the glory of resurrection. The reading ends with a bright promise of what lies ahead for those who take Jesus seriously.

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:

We are all human, aren't we? Every human life is worth the same, and worth saving. The right to life is the first among human rights. Abortion must be stopped.



"Governments that face the pandemic with exemplary measures show the priority of their decisions: People first. And this is important because we all know that defending the people is an economic hardship. It would be sad if the opposite was chosen which would lead to the death of many people..." Pope Francis, Letter to Dr. Robert Andres Gallardo, President of the Pan American Committee of Judges, March 28, 2020

Samuel Group

The 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.

Ages: 18—39.

Meeting Times and Dates: 1:30—5:30 PM.

Sept. 6; Oct. 11; Nov. 1; Dec. 6; Jan. 10; Feb. 6; Mar. 7; Apr. 11; May 2

St. Anthony of Padua, 285 Rte. 206, Hammonton, NJ

Requirements:

Phone interview with Sr. Agnes

Full participation and attendance at all meetings

Have a spiritual director— we can help you find one.

Contact: Sr. Agnes 609-343-1545

camdendiocese.org/samuelgroup

GUIDELINES for Mass Attendance

Please enter only by the main doors. Exit as indicated by ushers and point persons.

Please be prompt. (Everyone should be seated at the time for Mass to begin.) There is a limited number of people allowed at any one time. **No one will be admitted once Mass starts.**

Please follow the ushers' directions for the reception of Holy Communion, approaching in single file and maintaining the 6-foot social distance.

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. Do not discard your disposable mask or other items on Church property. Do not leave anything in the pews.



HOUSE OF CHARITY
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"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. St. Thomas More Parish Goal : \$120,247.00 We have received \$77, 893.00 in donations and pledges, which is 64.8% of our goal.



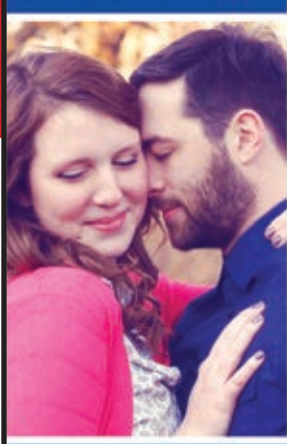
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The #WHATSMYNAME Movement asks everyone to simply ask drivers "What's my name?" before entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they are supposed to enter.

#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson



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