

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



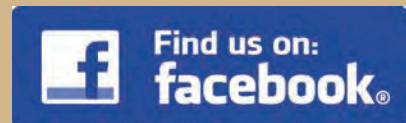
Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

In the Chapel

First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

Father Edward 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
Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration



Send all bulletin announcements to:
stmsecretary1439@gmail.com by 2:00pm Monday

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Ch. Art Environment
Eucharistic Ministers
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Linen Committee
Sacristans

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Bridge Groups

Funsters (over 50 club)
Parish Festival
Women's Club

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 28, 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



Good and gracious God,
in your goodness you have made a home
for the poor and the rich,
and you love us with our gifts and limitations.
Thank you for your love.
Help me to see myself and others as you see us.
Ground me in humility, truth, and love.
Amen



The collection for Sunday,
August 21, 2022 was:
\$4406.00 donations in church
\$1359.70 donations online

Total needed to pay bills August 1 through 19
\$40,786.99.

We truly need your financial assistance to keep current
with our expenses. We appreciate and thank you for
your support of St. Thomas More Parish.

“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*



Stewardship Corner: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Giving

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the
crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be
because of their inability to repay you.” LUKE 14:13-
14

**One of the main principles of living a Stewardship
lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in
return.** This is difficult for some to comprehend in our
“consumerist” culture that we live in. This is even diffi-
cult for many parish communities that have become
heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to sup-
port the mission and ministry of their local parish.
**Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay
money and receive something in return, it’s just a
financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish
offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacri-
fice with Jesus’, renewing our covenant relationship
with Him.**



From the Pastor's Desk

The Sign of Peace and Other Liturgical “Options”

Dear Parishioners,

I question how many people know what it actually says in our liturgical books (the **Roman Missal**) about the *sign of peace*. I quote from the rubrics (liturgical instructions printed in *red*): *Then, if appropriate, the deacon or priest adds: “Let us offer each other the sign of peace.”* It appears to be left to the priest's discretion whether or not he invites people to exchange the *sign of peace* at Mass.

There are numerous options given to a priest during Mass. There is the choice of *penitential rite*, the choice of *Eucharistic Prayer* and the choice of *final blessing*, just to name a few. A priest may wear Gothic or Roman vestments. A priest may incorporate Latin (*Sanctus, Agnus Dei*) and Greek (*Kyrie*) into the Mass. A priest can decide whether to offer Mass using the prayers of the saint of the day (when it is an *optional* memorial) or not. (Then, the liturgical colors of the vestments would sometimes change accordingly.) A priest may choose to use incense at Mass. *Etc., etc., etc.* Lots of options are given. *Perhaps too many.*

What's my point?

With so many options at the discretion of the priest-celebrant, the Mass can look quite different from *parish to parish*, let alone from *diocese to diocese* or *country to country*. (And I am not speaking about language/cultural differences here.) The Mass—which was once a unifying point for Catholics throughout the world—has at many times become a place of confusion and sometime outright contention. *I don't like that type of music. Why do you have to use Latin? Incense makes me cough. There should be more time for silence. We should/should not use bells.* Get the picture?

The current trends coming from authorities in Rome seem to have a real problem with *traditional* forms of the Mass. As one who has seen liturgical abuses *ad nauseam* over my fifty plus years serving on the altar (altar boy, seminarian, through 35 years of priesthood), it completely baffles me. So many things I have seen have truly been scandalous and irreverent—from Masses celebrated on a raft in the ocean by a bare-chested priest, to *clown* Masses, to *rock* Masses, to Masses with *puppets*, to Masses with *liturgical dance by scantily-clad women*, etc. etc. And the traditional Latin Mass is discouraged, limited, forbidden or condemned? *Give me a break!*

Up until the 1960's, there was a traditional, standard, unified way of offering the **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**. Somehow, afterwards, it became acceptable and standard practice for the priest to no longer face God (*ad orientem*), for the people to receive Holy Communion in the hand without kneeling in reverence, to flood the sanctuaries with *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion* (commonly referred to as *Eucharistic Ministers*), and many other practices. *Has it all led us to a deeper belief in the **Real Presence** of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist? Have the churches grown or diminished in membership? Are there more young men desiring to be priests? Do the majority of baptized Catholics still believe and regularly practice their faith? **But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?*** (Lk. 18:8)

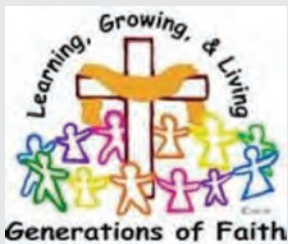
So, when it comes to offering the sign of peace at Mass, don't be surprised if I choose not to exercise *my option* here. Maybe, then, there might be some realization that *too many liturgical options can and have* led to too many *liturgical abuses*.

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 28, 2022

Ministry Schedule for September 3/4

| | Presider | Music | Extraordinary Minister | Lector | Altar Server |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| 4:30 PM | Fr. Norris | Music Ministry | G. Tyrrell | K. McFadden | E. & E. Shim |
| 8:30 AM | Fr. Norris | Music Ministry | K. Glover | S. Oatway | T. Kenny E. Bresani |
| 11:00 AM | Fr. Norris | Music Ministry | J. Galati | L. Galati | S. Andino L. & G. Hutchinson |



Generations of Faith

Our Parish Catechetical Program for our Children will be using the “Christ in US” series from Sadlier Religious Publishing. Brief history of the company: In 1832, two brothers, Denis and James Sadlier, Irish immigrants

who settled in New York, began publishing materials to meet the spiritual and educational needs of the Irish immigrant community. Mary Anne Madden Sadlier, the wife of James, was one of the primary contributors to the editorial work of the company, D & J Sadlier. For nearly two centuries the downtown New York City-based company has thrived. Today Sadlier utilizes technology and traditional resources to provide for parishes and Catholic schools solid religious teaching materials. Children use all sort of activities on-line in every day regular schooling.

We need something fresher for them, their families and the Catechists in teaching and passing on our FAITH. The new series “CHRIST IN US” offer all of this. Yes, it can be challenging for those who are not technology inclined, but training is provided by the company and by the parish. ONE THING IS CLEAR; “THE

WHOLE CATECHETICAL PROCESS IN FORMING OUR CHILDREN IN THE FAITH IS NOT JUST UP TO THE PARISH OR THE PARENTS, RATHER “IT IS A JOINT VENTURE TO FORM THEM IN THE FAITH AND DRAW THEM TO JESUS FOR A LIFETIME.”



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

Have you registered yet for the 2022-2023 year? We need to know who is coming so we can order the proper number of supplies and arrange classroom space.



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

2001 Springdale Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Please invite your family and friends as we celebrate our Filipino culture and community.



Second Collection next weekend is for Catholic University.



MANUP South Jersey Men's Spirituality Conference
November 12, 2022
The Conference Center Paul VI High School
Haddonfield, NJ

Register : MANUPSOUTHJERSEY.COM
Informational Flyers are at the doors of the Church

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 28, 2022

Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

4:30 PM Fred Petrone
r/b Theresa & Mickey Colaizzo

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

8:30 AM Michael Mahon
11:00 AM Robert Risse r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00AM Intentions of Fr. Ed Namiotka
r/b Benedict's Place SCC
9:30AM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00AM Sr. Maris Stella
r/b St. Thomas More Parishioners
9:30AM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00AM Sr. Maris Stella r/b John & Letty Duffy
9:30AM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Morgan family in Ireland
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 AM Margaret Boyle r/b Gerri Boyle
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

4:30 PM Anthony Centonze r/b son, Joe

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

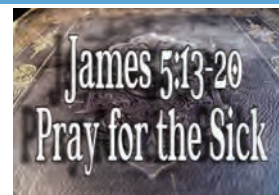
8:30AM John Minot r/b Melia family
11:00AM Patrick Kurlej r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

**Pope Francis' September Prayer Intentions:
The Abolition Of The Death Penalty**

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

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 Rivers, Jaxson 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.

St. Thomas More Parish goal is \$89,700. We are making progress but still need your help!

Thanks to all who have already contributed.



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.

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 4, 2022: Luke 14: 25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple...In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all of his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Commentary:

People often speak fondly of Luke's Gospel as being soft. Luke contains the familiar Christmas story and is the only source that preserves beloved parables like the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. Jesus cures more people in Luke. And Luke includes more stories about women, the poor and outsiders than any other Gospel. Luke presents Jesus as a "kinder, gentler" Lord. Until it comes to possessions. Here, Luke is the strongest taskmaster in the New Testament. Today's Gospel is upsetting. A very few pious people may renounce all possessions, but how can the rest of us, with families to provide for embrace this message? At the very least, this stipulation contradicts our cultural assumption that possessions are the ultimate prize.

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:
Choices of the Heart: A Women's Resource Center
108 Greentree Road, Suites L-M
Turnersville, NJ

856-374-2445 24 hour hotline: 800-712-4357

www.choicesoftheheart.com Call for an appointment Mondays: 9:00AM—8:00 PM; Tuesdays -Fridays 9:00AM—5:00PM

Free Services offered:

Pregnancy services: Pregnancy testing/ultrasound verification, Mobile Unit travels to various sites; medical consultation with board certified ob/gyn physician.

Education Earn While You learn dvds about pregnancy, parenting, and other life skills (participation earns baby items and other necessities); abortion risks and procedures; types of adoption.

Adoption Services: Referrals provided

Post-Abortion Healing: Confidential support and / counseling; 7 week program available.

Other services: STD/STI information

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Engel (Chip) Tagland. May he rest in peace.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist needed at Virtua Hospital in Voorhees Working is a safe environment, this can be a very rewarding experience for you, and make a real difference to the Catholic patients and families that you visit. Call Nonie Burke, Associate Chaplain 856-214-9374 online: Honora.Burke@CamdenDiocese.org



Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration

The Catholic Church in the United States is an immigrant Church with a long history of embracing newcomers and providing assistance and pastoral care to immigrants, migrants, refugees, and people on the move. Our Church has responded to Christ's call for us to "welcome the stranger among us," for in this encounter with the immigrant, the migrant, and the refugees in our midst, we encounter Christ.

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.**



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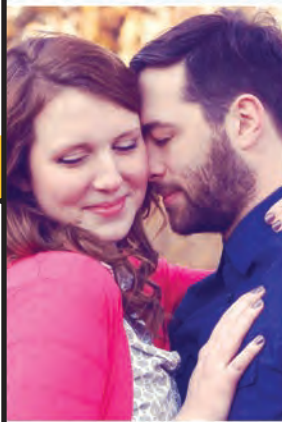
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