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

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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 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



God, our Father, I thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of all people.

Guide me to how best use the talents and gifts I possess so that I may welcome others to you.

Help me to always give charitably, and be ready to sacrifice my time and energy to humbly serve You.

Help me live my baptismal promise to be a loving disciple who moves minds and hearts toward You.

God our Father, hear this prayer through our Saviour,

Jesus Christ. Amen.

Adult Faith Formation Offerings Bishop Barron's "Pivotal Players"

In this study we will reflect on **Ignatius Loyola**, founder of the Jesuits and author of the "Spiritual Exercises", and **Bartolome de las Casas**, a Dominican priest with a great love for the poor and a commitment to fight against injustice. **Mondays/Thursdays 10:00 AM October 18, 21, 25, 28 in the Parish Hall**

Visiting St. Joseph's Church Camden

St. Joseph's Church is the diocesan pilgrimage site during the year of St. Joseph. Parishioners are invited to travel to this historic church where Father Ed will celebrate Mass and participants will be given a tour of the Church. Saturday, October 23rd—10:00 AM Mass—11 AM—12:30 Tour

Call the Parish Office to register for these events. (856-424-3212).

"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: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewards Give All

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (MARK 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, **Stewards** are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries, and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

From the Pastor's Desk

Keeping *Eternity* Before Your Eyes

Dear Parishioners,

Eschatology: the part of theology concerned with death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind.

We are all going to die. This is an indisputable fact of human existence. Most people seem to avoid thinking about this reality until they are forced to by the death of someone close to them. We delude ourselves by pretending that we all have an infinite amount of time here on earth.

All of our expiration dates are known by God alone. Are we spiritually prepared to face this inevitable day whenever it may come? I contend that we must keep eternity ever before us as we journey through life. There should never be a day in which we fail to think about our eternal destiny.

I don't want to seem morbid or fixated on death. However, how we view both our *existence here on earth* and the *afterlife* will potentially impact everything that we do each and every day.

If people are atheists or deny any further existence after death, then they probably live guided by some form of a pleasure principle. *Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die!* What else is there? One must get whatever there is out of this life because there is nothing else. *Nada*.

However, Christians should think and live differently. We were created ultimately to enjoy an eternity with God. Life on earth is temporary; eternity is forever. We believe our actions will affect our eternal destiny. And we should live accordingly.

What does the Catholic Church teach? She speaks of the four last things: *death, judgment, heaven and hell.* After **death**, we will face **judgment**—first individual and then a general judgment of all humanity. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil. (2 Cor. 5:10)

For those who are not spiritually ready to enter heaven directly (not deserving hell but not yet fully cleansed of all sin in order to see God face to face), the Church holds there is a temporary time of purification before encountering God which is termed *purgatory*. Our <u>prayers</u> and <u>Masses</u> offered for the souls in purgatory help them on their journey to God. Please do not deny your loved ones any potential prayers by automatically assuming they are already in heaven. (We do not know they are in heaven with absolute certainty unless they are formally canonized by the Church.)

Either **heaven** or **hell** is the final destiny of all human souls. Jesus teaches about both: *The Kingdom of Heaven is like* (see Mt. 13) . . . *For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven* (Mt. 5:10) . . . *And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life* (Mt. 25:46)

Eternal life is too significant a matter not to take it seriously or to impose our own contrived reality upon it. Listen to what Jesus teaches. Abide by His warnings. Be prepared. To do otherwise could have disastrous (*eternal*) consequences.

Fr. Ed Namíotka

Pastor

Ministry Schedule for October 16/17

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Joanne/Choir Julie	E. Beckman	C. Betson-Smith	
8:30AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine Julie	K. Witts	K. Kraemer	A. & R. Witts
11:00AM	Fr. Namiotka	Celine Julie	J. Flynn	C. Musso	



We just began a new Catechetical year and it is time to review or reconnect with the purpose of why we do what we do. Catechesis is the core of Evangelization, the starting point of our FAITH teaching. As we acknowledged that parents are the primary educators/ formators of their children, it is necessary to also acknowledge that they are not the only one. In fact, it is said that "it takes a village to raise a child" and we should add here that "it takes a parish to form and educate a child in the faith." The parish with the Pastor and the catechetical ministry, will accompany the parents in preparing a child for the Sacraments, as well as in the works of mercy within the parish community and beyond. This requires a greater preparation for the Catechetical programs that currently exist in the parishes, as well as for the individual Catechists. It is also timely to ask about those who teach religion in schools, and in other settings, are they Catechists? It needs to be said that "our Catholic faith is not just a subject to be taught, but a way of life." Thus, the teaching of religion simply as a subject is missing something of the formative nature. Teachers of religion, especially in elementary and middle schools, are themselves Catechists, as they do take on some form of preparation for initial catechesis and for the Sacraments.

The ministry of the Catechist is an awesome one. We also need to reflect upon the fact that, "every baptized Catholic" in some form is indeed a Catechist at one time or another, in words, actions and the examples they set.



Volunteers Needed for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry

Tuesday, October 12: 5:00—7:30 PM Thursday, October 14: 10:00 AM 0 1:30 PM Face Masks are required for all volunteers. Call Elaine: 856-428-8431

RCIA: ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- *Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- *Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- *Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

RCIA is an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For more information please contact Sr. Ann at 856-424-3212.

WE need YOUR help!

Please **remember** to take all personal items home with you after Mass. Please **do not leave** bulletins in the pews. **Look around** for any small item you may have forgotten: rosary, glasses, tissues. Your help to keep our church clean is greatly appreciated.

HOUSE of CHARITY-FACES of HOPE

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the House of Charity Appeal. To date we have raised **\$87,870 / 98%** 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.

The goal is well within reaching distance. Every donation collected brings us that much closer to our goal.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Parish Intentions of Caroline Bancherri r/b Teri

4:30 PM Sue Marie Buttacavoli r/b Tina Petrone

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:30AM Carol Koelsch r/b Pat & Mike Maggart **11:00 AM** Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00AM Carol Koelsch

r/b Ralph & Lois Udicious

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00AM Carol Koelsch

r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00AM Carol Koelsch

r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 AM Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family 9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00 AM Ronald Kramer r/b Gerri Boyle 9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the parish 4:30 PM Bill Kane r/b family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:30AM Jim Bones r/b Teri

11:00AM James Tobin r/b Clyde family

Pope Francis' OCTOBER prayer intention: Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

2021 White Mass 2pm Sunday October 31, 2021 Our Lady of Peace Parish, Saint Mary Church 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown, NJ 08094 Following the Mass, please join us for a reception in Marian Hall. Reception RSVP at 856-583-6123 or Gloria.Sanders@CamdenDiocese.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, 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, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Joseph Ryan, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Dale Strack, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ann Vigrass, Sarah Warner.

THE TASK AHEAD OF YOU, IS NOTICE AS GREAT AS THE POWER BEHIND YOU.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED

SERVICES... SPC Jordan Beckman, 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, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Rimbaugh, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country in the armed forces*.

Prayer for Respect of All Life

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation.



Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death.

Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life.

Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life.

To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life, or to respect it in others.

We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen

BE AWARE "They" are at it again!
Be advised that neither Fr. Ed nor anyone claiming to be his representative will be calling parishioners requesting money, gift cards or anything else, to help him out of a jam. Do not give out any personal information to someone you do not know.
Do not let your kind hearted generosity fall for this scam. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the Parish Office. 856-424-3212

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 17, 2021 – Mark 10:35-45

Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

<u>Commentary:</u>

If the Son of Man serves humanity to the point of death, those who follow in his way must also "be the slave of all." The greatness of discipleship is measured, not in terms of position in the community or glory in the kingdom, but by the extent to which the disciple resembles Jesus who serves and gives his 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:

The words of the abortion debate are deceptive. Abortion is demanded as a right, but *no one has a right to kill another*. Please

pray and work to end abortion today.

Fresh flowers for the altar can be given to honor living and deceased family members. You order the flowers from the florist of your choice, have them delivered to the church on Friday and put in place for the weekend Masses, where they will remain for the week. Your contribution will be mentioned in the Parish bulletin on the date requested. Call the Parish Office (856-424-3212) to see if the date of your choice is available.



St. Thomas More Women's Club Rosary for Peace and the Sanctity of Life 1:00 PM, Tuesday, October 26th In the church All are invited to attend

Homebound? Not feeling well?



Sundays at 11:00 AM



Walking With Moms in Need

Walking with Moms in Need is a time of service in which Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women.

While not trying to turn Catholic parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers, where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women.

And where there are few local resources, we can create our own based on the gifts of the parish community!

Google Walking With Moms in Need for more information.





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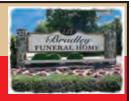
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