

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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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
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Send all bulletin announcements to:
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 17, 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—10:45 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



What is Your “Calcutta”?

When you were baptized you were given Christ’s mission to carry on His work. You do not have to go to a third world country like Mother Teresa. In fact, when she was asked how people could help her in Calcutta, she told them “Find your own Calcutta!”

We have plenty of missionary work that can be found in our own backyards. We can be missionaries by helping those in need, by donating food, clothing, reaching out to the ill and the homebound. How do you give back to God in the form of time, talent, or treasure? Let us pray for the courage and strength to be a missionary in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Adult Faith Formation Offerings Bishop Barron’s “Pivotal Players”

Starts **this Monday!** Books are here and can be picked up at the Parish Office during business hours.

**Classes meet 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.**

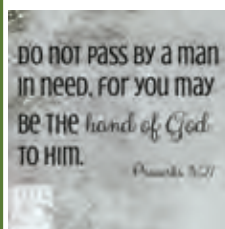
**Call the Parish Office to register for these events.
(856-424-3212).**

“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: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Attitude

For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45



If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God’s love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to a **Stewardship** attitude: “Thank you, God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share.” This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.



From the Pastor's Desk

Married? How's Your Relationship?

Dear Parishioners,

When I was newly ordained, a couple from my parish asked me to go on a *Marriage Encounter Weekend*. As you might expect, my first reaction was somewhat *puzzled*. I am obviously not married. *What would be the benefit of me attending such a weekend?*

Over thirty years later, I can honestly say that this experience (and its aftermath) had one of the most profound and lasting effects on me *as a person* and *on my priestly ministry*. This is probably *not* something that I would have chosen to do myself. It would certainly not even be on my "radar screen." Yet, what happened as a result can only be described as *life-changing*. And it was thanks to a couple who simply *invited* me to try such an experience.

For approximately thirty years, I have been presenting the *Marriage Encounter Weekend* usually twice a year. Together with a team of three couples, we present a series of talks to couples (and sometimes to priests and religious) with the goal of *making good marriages better*. The *Marriage Encounter Weekend* is not primarily designed for troubled marriages. It is meant to open up the lines of communication between husband and wife in what is essentially a private experience *between the husband and wife*.

What it did for me *personally* was help me understand married couples (and their families) better, help me open up lines of communication, help me better understand my relationship to the Church—the *Body of Christ*--and also to understand my *feelings*. *Feelings*, in particular, are not something most men *know how to deal with* or *choose to deal with* at all

Ladies, have you ever felt that your husband sometimes doesn't seem to understand you? *Guys*, are your wives sometimes still a mystery to you in many ways? Do you both ever wonder if there is more to life than what you are currently experiencing? Then maybe it's time to try a *Marriage Encounter Weekend*. You can be *newly-married* or *married for fifty years*. It does not matter. The weekend can help to make any marriage better.

On November 13, after the 4:30 PM Mass representatives of the Marriage Encounter Community will be giving a talk on marriage. A light supper will be served .

Many people are *afraid of the unknown*, *afraid of change* or may not want to "rock the boat." I invite **you**, and ask you to suggest to **your spouse** the possibility of attending a *Marriage Encounter Weekend*.

I can only tell you from experience that it indeed has *life-changing possibilities!*

Fr. Ed Namiotka

Pastor

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 17, 2021

Ministry Schedule for October 23/24

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Len	G. Tyrrell	K. McFadden	
8:30AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	B. Massey	D. Miller	T. Kenny
11:00AM	Fr. Namiotka	Erin Julie	M. Garber	M. Dwyer	



Here at our Parish, our Catechetical energies for our Children and their families, are well on their journey for this 2021-22 year. Because of the Pandemic, we all learned a lot of new things. While our children’s religious education/formation right now is in person, on Sunday morning, our Catechists are trained for Google Classroom to use when necessary. Our flexibility and ability to use technology is a requirement of our age and we are prepared for this moment in history. Our classrooms are in the process of obtaining ‘smart TVs’ so that Catechists may use the resources that our basic texts have to offer. Both Sadlier Religion Publishers and Dynamic Catholic, have very rich contents in their textbooks as well as on their websites. Our catechists are of high competence, and constantly involve the collaboration of the parents. In the new directory of Catechesis, no. 124 we find this wonderful expression: “The sacrament of Marriage consecrates parents for the Christian education of their children. With their daily example of life, they have the most effective capacity to transmit the beauty of Christian Faith to their Children.” It is for the benefit of our children that Catechists and Parents must work together, definitely knowing what the left hand (Catechists) and the right hand (parents) are accomplishing together.



RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.**



October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

1 out of 4 women, 1 out of 7 men have suffered severe physical violence at the hands of their beloved spouse. If you or anyone you know is the victim of domestic abuse, your personal safety must take priority over any feelings you may have for the perpetrator.

Help is available at: 800-799-7233, 24 hours a day.

HOUSE of CHARITY-Pledge Payments

If you have pledged to the House of Charity, please remember to make your pledge payment monthly. When all monies pledged are collected, the parish will receive 10% back. Thank you to all who have contributed.

Life is the right of every child. Not a special privilege for the fortunate, the planned, and the perfect.



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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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

**9:00AM Carol Koelsch
r/b Red Hat Ladies**

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

**9:00AM Craig Bozzacco
r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley**

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

**9:00AM Angelo Giarletta
r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento**

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 AM Brian & Mary Bones r/b Teri

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 AM Charles Fitzpatrick r/b wife, Marie

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Parish

4:30 PM Alberto Librojo r/b family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

**8:30AM Joseph Cammarasana
r/b Craig Buttacavoli**

11:00 AM Margaret Crawford r/b Lillian Crawford

**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.



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.*

World Mission Sunday Collection

October 23/24, 2021

“The global pandemic has brought to the fore, and amplified, the pain, the solitude, the poverty, and the injustices experienced by so many people,” reminds Pope Francis. This year as the world recovers from the loss and the challenges that resulted from the pandemic, let us respond with reciprocal generosity to the fullest extent that we are able. Please be generous.

**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.

Uh-oh!

In your November packet of collection envelopes, you may have received 2 “All Saints” and NO “All Souls” envelopes. We will have envelopes for All Souls at the doors of the church. You may also scratch through one of the All Saints envelopes and make it All Souls. The envelope company is sorry for any inconvenience.

Prayer to St. Joseph



*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted His only
Son; in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us, too, show
yourself a father and guide us in
the path of life. Obtain for us
grace, mercy, and courage, and
defend us from every evil. Amen.*

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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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 24, 2021 – Mark 10:46-52


...On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, Bartimaeus, a blind man, began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Commentary:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. When Jesus hears Bartimaeus crying out, he issues a call of his own. Jesus asks the man, "What do you want me to do for you?" His reply, "Master, I want to see," could become the daily prayer of every person of faith. When Jesus gives him his sight, and his freedom - "Go your way" - Bartimaeus chooses to go the way of Jesus. If we really see, where else would we want to go?


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: We are never defeated unless we give up on God. We need to pray unceasingly to end abortion and euthanasia.

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.



A polarized Church. A divided nation. Pope Francis calls for "a better kind of politics." How will you respond?

As Catholics, we take to heart Jesus' invitation to follow the example of the Good Samaritan, who challenges us to "become neighbors to all." As a Church and a nation, we are polarized and divided. But as Pope Francis writes in "*Fratelli Tutti*" we can seek "a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good." (no. 154) We can see ourselves as members of one family. We can seek to encounter and to grow. We can identify common values. We can listen to understand. We can seek the truth together. We can jointly come up with creative solutions to the problems that face our world.



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?

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



Sundays at 11:00 AM

Companion Needed!
Companion wanted for adult female. Help with doctor appointments, food shopping, and miscellaneous errands. Flexible hours. Car a necessity. Contact: Jane (609) 405-4749.

Veterans Mass Thursday, November 11th at 7:00pm
St. Mary 2001 Springdale Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
Please join us for our annual Veterans Mass which honors Veterans (living or deceased) Contact the office with the names of the Veterans that you would like to be named during the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass that evening. (856) 424-1454, ext. 102 stmarycherryhill@gmail.com



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