

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

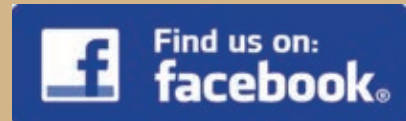
Mon.—Fri. 9:30 AM—12 Noon



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM
In the Chapel

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



Send all bulletin announcements to:
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ALL SAINTS, NOVEMBER 1, 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



Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go;

Flood my soul with Your Spirit and Life;
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that
All my life may only be a radiance of Yours;
Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I
come in contact with may feel Your Presence in my
soul.

Let them look up and see, no longer me,
but only Jesus!
Amen.

**Mass for Deceased Bishops, Priests, and Deacons
Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 12:05 PM**, at the
Cathedral of the Immaculate conception, Camden,
Bishop Sullivan will celebrate Mass for our deceased
Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of the Diocese of Camden.
**Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions on the
number of attendees allowed at gatherings, only those
who receive a personal invitation are permitted to
attend the Mass.** Nevertheless, all of us can pray for
our deceased clergy who served our diocese so well.
The Mass will be livestreamed on:
[facebook.com/DioceseofCamden/live videos;](https://facebook.com/DioceseofCamden/livevideos)
[youtube.com/camdendiocese;](https://youtube.com/camdendiocese)
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*"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: November 1, 2020

All Saints Day Living Stewardship

*"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute
you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely)
because of me." - MATTHEW 5:11*

We are all at different points on the path to holiness,
on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the
journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others.

When this happens, how do you respond? Do you
become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react
with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ living
Stewardship, we are united with the saints already
in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in
defending the Faith.

ALL SOULS

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*Remember, O Lord, our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.*

(The Holy Mass, Eucharist Prayer III)

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Duane Cooper	Rev. James Dabrowski
Richard De Michele	Alberto Librojo
Florianna Gilden	Florence Grippo
David Hill	John Hyer
Lorraine Jones	Ronald Kramer
John Minot	Richard Simmers
Frank Sines	Dudley Thomas

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ALL Parishioners are invited to attend

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

In commemoration of all our faithful departed parishioners
during the past year, along with our deceased parishioners and friends.

Monday, November 2, 2020

7:00 PM in Church

Please call the Parish Office at 856-424-3212

To let us know if you are able to join us.

*See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God. Yet, so we are.*

*Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.*

*We do know this, that when Christ is revealed
we shall be like him.*

For we shall see him as he is.

ALL SAINTS, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Ministry Schedule for November 7/8

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	G. Tyrrell	J. Cepeda
8:30AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	B. Massey	M. Maggart
11:00AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	Sr. Ann	B. Haughwout



In today's Gospel, Jesus is repeating His Sermon on the Mount to us. How would JESUS do that in today's language and social context? We may only infer. Here is a contemporary explanation.

The Beatitudes: Meaning and Analysis:

Many interpretations and teachings have been set forth through the principles conveyed in the beatitudes. Each beatitude is a proverb-like saying packed with meaning and worthy of study. The beatitudes give us a picture of the true disciple of God.

Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The phrase "poor in spirit" speaks of a spiritual condition of poverty. It describes the person who recognizes his or her need for God. "The "kingdom of heaven" refers to people who acknowledge God as King. One who is poor in spirit knows he or she is spiritually bankrupt apart from Jesus Christ.

Paraphrase: *"Blessed are those who humbly recognize their need for God, for they will enter into His kingdom."*

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Those who mourn" speaks of those who express deep sorrow over sin and repent from their sins. The freedom found in forgiveness of sin and the joy of eternal salvation is the comfort of those who repent.

Paraphrase: *"Blessed are those who mourn for their sins, for they shall receive forgiveness and life eternal."*

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Similar to "the poor," "the meek" are those who submit to God's authority and make Him Lord. Rev. 21:7 says God's children will "inherit all things." The meek are also imitators of Jesus Christ who exemplified gentleness and self-control.

Paraphrase: *"Blessed are those who submit to God as Lord, for they will inherit everything He possesses."*



Care for Creation is a moral issue. Protecting the land, water, and air we share is a religious duty of stewardship and reflects our responsibility to born and unborn children, who are most vulnerable to environmental assault. We must answer the question that Pope Francis posed to the world: "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? (*Laudato Si*, no. 160). There are many concrete steps we can take to assure justice and solidarity between the generations.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Hunger" and "thirst" speak of deep need, a longing and driving passion. This righteousness refers to Jesus Christ. To be "filled" is the satisfaction of our soul's desire.

Paraphrase: *"Blessed are those who passionately long for Christ, for He will satisfy their souls."*

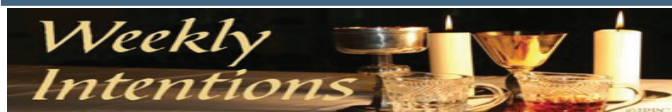
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

We reap what we sow. Those who demonstrate mercy will receive mercy. Likewise they who have received great mercy, will show great mercy. Mercy is shown through forgiveness, kindness, compassion toward others. (Never so ready to judge others.)

Paraphrase: *"Blessed are those who show mercy through forgiveness, kindness, and compassion, for they will receive mercy."*

(To be continued next week)

ALL SAINTS, NOVEMBER 1, 2020



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:00 AM Living & Deceased member of the Parish

4:30 PM Ronald Kramer r/b Melissa Domalewski

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:30AM Roseann Caggiano r/b Kathleen Drechsler

11:00 AM Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family

MONDAY NOVEMBER 2

9:00AM ALL SOULS

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

7:00 PM ALL SOULS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00AM Michael Vigrass r/b family

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:00AM Rudy Peins r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00AM Cecilia Mercurio r/b Joe Ryan & family

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:00 AM 60th Anniversary of Profession of Sr. Maristella Lastra r/b Franciscan Sisters

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

4:30PM Connie Portella & Olga V. Mignone r/b Donald Mignone

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:30AM Wolfram Rieger r/b Flynn family

11:00AM Dudley Thomas r/b Gloria Desrochers

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Margaret Crawford
and Janice Kline
(Vince Marchesani's sister)

Pope Francis' November Prayer Intention: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always benefit humankind.

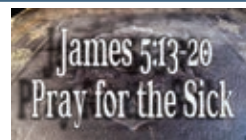
"Journeying Through Grief"

St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation

During this pandemic, we have continued our meetings via Zoom with telephone call-ins as an option. Please Contact Ann Marie Lento: 856-344-7454; Marian Kapischke: 856-424-2053 helloducks@verizon.net; Jon Lisitski: 856:210-6466.

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, Angelo DiGiacomo, Olga Erlam, Chuck Goodwin, Thomas Handler, Dick Haughwout, Maureen Howe, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, 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, SSgt. Kris Knaup, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin

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

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Issues of Racism and Anti-Racism
Sponsored by Faith & Justice Team
Wednesdays, November 11th & 18th
7:00 PM—8:30 PM Zoom
To register call 856-424-3212
Email: sthomasmore.@comcast.net

Bishops Pastoral on Racism: "Racism comes in many forms. It can be seen in deliberate, sinful acts. In recent times, we have seen bold expressions of racism by groups as well as individuals. All too often, Hispanics and African-Americans, for example, face discrimination in hiring, housing, educational opportunities, and incarceration."

This interactive discussion on Zoom is for those who desire to learn more about the evils of Racism and how this evil challenges us as individuals and as members of our society.

Reverend Ada Renee Williams, Director of Anti-Racism & Racial Equality for the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, will lead a discussion on unconscious racial bias, systemic racism, and the work we need to do to transform ourselves and our society.

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nov. 8, 2020 - Matt. 25:1-13


Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil. . . .the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. At midnight, there was a cry, “Behold the bridegroom! Come out to meet him! While the foolish virgins went off to buy oil, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards, the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Commentary:

Jesus tells a parable that urges people to be ready for the end time when God’s Kingdom will come completely. The delayed arrival of the groom is the delayed Second Coming of Jesus. People must not be lulled into carelessness, into thinking that it will never happen. It will and we do not know when. The theme of this parable is that the wise are prepared to complete the task. The oil in today’s passage is the good works done for others. We must be prepared by living according to the gospel, doing good for others.


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:
As you know, it is so important that we always embrace the sanctity of life. One way to do that is to vote pro-life in every election. Dr. Alveda King

Envelopes for **All Souls Day** were included in the monthly mailing packet. For those who did not receive them, **All Souls envelopes are available in the Gathering Space.** The envelopes will be placed on the altar at all Masses for the month of November and those listed loved ones will be remembered at the Masses.




All Souls Remembrance
You are invited to bring in a small framed picture of a departed loved one during the month of November. Put your photo in the bookcase in the Gathering Space.
Please put your name and phone number on the back and pick up all pictures by November 30, 2020.

Gary Gadren, Coordinator



Some question whether it is appropriate for the Church to play a role in political life. However, the obligation to teach the moral truths that should shape our lives, including our public lives, is central to the mission given to the Church by Jesus Christ. Our nation’s tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions and concerns into public life. Indeed, our Church’s teaching is in accord with the foundational values that have shaped our nations’ history: “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
Faithful Citizenship—US Bishops

40 Days for Life September 23rd—November 1st, 2020
Vigil location: On the sidewalk outside the Cherry Hill Women’s Center 502 Kings Hwy., Cherry Hill NJ 08034 **Vigil hours:** 7am—7pm daily. **Local contact:** Claire Howson 856-313-9861 or claire@helpersnj.org





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What's My Name?

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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