

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

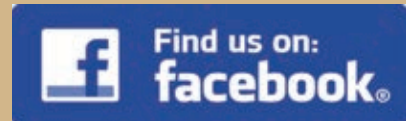
Mon.—Fri. 9:30 AM—12 Noon



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM
In the Chapel

Father Edward Namioika, 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:
stmsecretary1439@gmail.com by 2:00pm Monday

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, NOVEMBER 22, 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



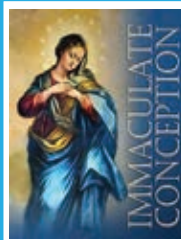
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
We thank You as we come to the
end of another Liturgical Year.

Guide us to continually seek
creative ways of expressing love,
especially during this pandemic.

Empower us to be welcoming disciples extending
blessings and graces upon those in need.

As we continue our earthly journey towards Your
heavenly home,

help us to keep our eyes on You,
our Good Shepherd. Fill our hearts with cheerful
courage always ready and willing to love our neighbor.
Amen



Wednesday, December 8, 2020, the
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a
holyday of obligation. Masses are as
follows: **6:45 & 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM.**
Please note there is a 6:45 AM Mass.

Lector Workbooks are now ready for pick-up in the
Parish Office.

Blue Books for Advent are available at the exit doors
of the Church.

Mitten and Sock Tree: Help us keep
hands warm this winter by **donating
mittens, gloves and socks of any
size.** We appreciate any and all
donations. **Please leave them in the
parish office or in the box in the
Gathering Space.**



*“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: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of
the Universe**

Stewardship Giving

*“...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers,
you did for me” – MATTHEW 25:40*

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We
are generous when we have the time or the money. But,
generosity is the opposite of that. It means **Stewardship**
giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or
mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our
schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

From the Pastor's Desk



A Thanksgiving Reflection

Dear Parishioners,

With *Thanksgiving* approaching, I ask that you take the time to consider and reflect on the things for which you are thankful. Most of us will find times when we like to moan, groan and complain about many things. However, it is a good practice to take an inventory of the things in our lives that we might *take for granted* or *fail to fully appreciate* each day.

A statement that I heard quite some time ago seems to put things into proper perspective: "I used to complain about the shoes I wore until I met the man with no feet."

Am I thankful for that fact that I am alive?

Aborted babies never had that opportunity.

Do I thank God every day for my health?

The hospitalized and homebound might long for days without pain and the ability to get out of bed.

Do I take my faith for granted?

There are still places in the world where people suffer and die for being a Christian.

Do I go to bed each night with a roof over my head and a full stomach?

The homeless and those in line at the soup kitchen are probably envious.

Do I have a family with whom to spend the holidays?

The orphan, widow or widower, soldier in Iraq or Afghanistan, or person in prison might not have such good fortune.

If I can read and understand what this reflection is all about, am I truly grateful?

The blind, the mentally ill, a person with Alzheimer's, or simply an illiterate person might not be able to do what you are doing right now.

Need I say any more? Please give thanks.

I thank all my parishioners (current and former), and my family and friends for your continual, loving support. (I apologize for any time when I failed to *thank you* or may have taken you for granted.)

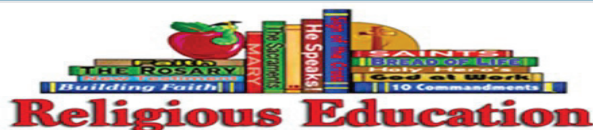
To me, there's no better way to *give thanks* than by participating in the celebration of Mass on **Thanksgiving Day**.

Fr. Ed Namiotka
Pastor

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 28/29

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Julius Jullie	E. Beckman	F. Egges
8:30AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	K. Witts	D. Miller
11:00AM	Fr. Namiotka	Marta/Elena/Choir Julie	M. Garber	B. Haughwout



Solemnity of CHRIST the KING. With this celebration we bring the 2020 liturgical year to an end. Next Sunday we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, beginning a new church year, 2021. Today's Gospel is all about the Works of Mercy. In this Gospel Jesus clearly points out how we are indeed "one another's keeper". We are responsible for one another, and there is no way around it. Jesus points out the positive aspect of practicing acts of mercy and the negative result of not practicing acts of mercy. Somehow, our passport to heaven will have not so much our ID of who we were on earth but the information regarding our practice of acts of mercy while we had the opportunity to do on earth. The opportunities for practicing the works of mercy come up constantly in our life and for the most part they ask for little acts of kindness, respect. Often time, we are so wrapped up in ourselves, we don't even realize what the next person may need. Our laziness gets in the way; we are shortsighted; we may worry about too much commitment. Some people go all the way and think they can save the world. Others care for people they don't know, and fail to see the needs of those close to them.

Prudence is always a good measure of our actions. Prayer to the Holy Spirit will enlighten our conscience.

We need to teach our children all of these values and the best way is to give them the example, involving them in our own practice of the Works of Mercy.



**Advent Small Christian Communities
Invitation to Participate—Sign-Up**

This Advent our SCC will meet via Zoom. Call the Parish Office (424-3212) to speak to Sister Ann and register to participate in one of the SCC.

This Advent you can participate from your home as we observe social distancing as recommended by health professionals.

Small Christian Communities provide the opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners and share your Faith.

As we continue to live with the Corona Virus, it is more important than ever to nurture our relationship with God and find ways to be with others in a safe way.

Small Christian Communities: Facilitators, Day and Time

**Call Sister Ann—856-424-3212;
E-mail: annbyrne46@aol.com**

Monday 7:00 PM —Deacon Bob & Elizabeth Scarpa

Tuesday 1:00 PM —Lois Udicious & Gail Bizzoso

Tuesday 2:00 PM— Bob & Ann Marie Lento

Tuesday 7:00 PM— Sister Ann

Wednesday 9:30 AM— Shirley Kane & Chris Betson-Smith

Wednesday 7:00 PM—Mena Kramer

Thursday 10:00 AM—Marianne Gorin & Marian Kapischke

Thursday 7:00 PM —Kathy Glover

Saturday 10:00 AM — Sister Ann

Saturday 3:00 PM —Jean Ho
(Chinese Speaking SCC)

Wills and Bequests

Please consider placing St. Thomas More in your will so that your legacy might continue through the important works and ministries of the parish. You or your estate planner can contact St. Thomas More at 856-424-3212.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 AM Living & Deceased member of the Parish
Brian Bones r/b Teri

4:30 PM George Gehring r/b Anne

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:30AM Craig Smith r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

11:00 AM George Listenberger
 r/b Robert & Roseann Luther

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00AM Edythe Ryan r/b son, J.P.

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00AM Dudley Thomas
 r/b Henry & Kathy Glover

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00AM Marie Strzykalski r/b Joe Ryan

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00AM Jack Hyer r/b Joan
There will be NO Adoration Today

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 AM Maria Kamberogannis
 r/b Josie & Mike Welsh

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00AM Living & deceased members of
St. Thomas More Parish
Carlo Cayabab r/b Cipriana Alvarez

4:30PM Rudy Peins r/b Stan & Annette Thompson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:30AM Carol Trzybinski
 r/b Pat & Mike Maggart

11:00AM Brigitta McCarthy r/b Marguerite Dwyer

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Patricia A. Lavanture, Laura Cardamone
Smith

Mildred Montes, Elvassa Cepeda
and Angelo DiGiacomo

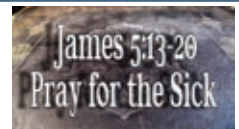


Pope Francis' November Prayer Intention: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always benefit humankind.

“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, 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, Lt. Christopher Mawn, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin



A Thanksgiving Reminder

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His Presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His Name.

For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.
Psalm 100

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

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020 - Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: “Watch!”

Commentary:

Advent literally means “coming.” This coming refers to the first coming of Jesus as a baby in Nazareth, his coming into the hearts of faithful Christians throughout the ages and his final coming in glory at the end of the world. Christians in the first century looked for Christ to return soon to establish once and for all God’s reign of justice, peace and love. The parable we hear in Mark’s Gospel encouraged the early Christians not to grow careless. Advent is a time of joyful expectation. Jesus will come again. He will not forget his own. Keep looking!

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:

Did you know that abortion is one of the most common surgical procedures in the U.S. today? One abortion (killing a baby) is committed approximately every 20 seconds.

All Souls Remembrance

You are reminded to pick up your pictures by the end of November. **We thank you for your participation in this All Souls’ Remembrance.**

Gary Gadren, Coordinator



During this Christmas season we would like to remember our brothers and sisters in Camden. We request **gift cards in any denomination for Shop-Rite, Target, or Wal-Mart. Checks** are also welcome.

**Please mail to:
Sr. Claire Sullivan
18 Ardmore Ave.
Runnemede, NJ 08078**

Call: Lois Udicious 856-795-1890 for more information.



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— Pope Francis



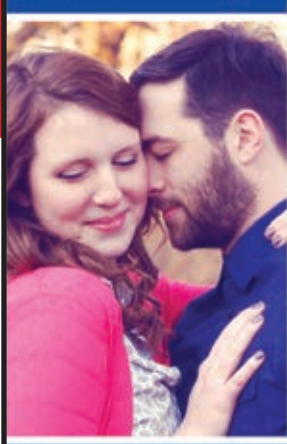
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#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson



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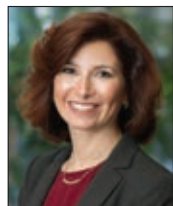
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