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Eucharistic Celebrations
 Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am
 Weekdays:
 Monday-Friday: 6:45 and 9:00 am
 Saturday: 9:00 am
 Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 7:00 pm



Rite of Reconciliation
 Saturdays during Lent:
 9:30—10:00am
 3:00-4:00 pm or any time by
 appointment

Eucharistic Adoration
 9:30 am—12noon
 Fridays in the Chapel

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 Reverend James H. King, Parochial Vicar
 Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 28, 2019

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sunday, during 10 a.m. Mass

Grades one thru four: Tuesday, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Grades five thru eight: Tuesday, 6:30– 8:00 PM.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish office to register.

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

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

3:00PM Sunday, June 16, 2019

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Absecon

If, in the calendar year 2019, you are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more, you are invited to attend this celebration. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. **The deadline for registration is May 6, 2019.**



MOTHER'S DAY CARDS & REMEMBRANCES

During the month of May the parish will remember all the mothers and grandmothers, living and deceased, of our parishioners. If you would like your mother or grandmother remembered in this special manner please return a Mother's Day envelope sent along with your weekly collection envelopes. Extra envelopes are available in the gathering space or parish office. All returned envelopes will be placed on the altar during May. *Mother's Day cards are also available in the gathering space* which can be sent to your mother telling her that she will be remembered at the Masses at St. Thomas More.

Our collection for Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019, was \$21, 010 from 250 donations.

Thank you for your continuing generosity to our parish.



"... if My people, who are called by My Name, are sorry for what they have done, if they pray and obey me and stop their evil ways, I will heal their land."
2nd Chronicles 7: 14

Stewardship Corner: 2nd Sunday of Easter Grateful Stewardship

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (John 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the Risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples living Stewardship for Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.



Our Parish Seder Service---April 13th

Rabbi Jerome David Presiding



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 28, 2019

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for MAY 4/5

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Father King	Music Ministry	P. & N. Kirincic G. Tyrrell	J. Cepeda	C. & R. Cepeda
8:30 AM	Father King	Music Ministry	B. Lento B. Massey	D. Miller	C. Oatway W. Quay
10:00 AM	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	D. Staton K. Glover M. Huynh	J. Campbell	M. & L. Mueller T. Kenny
11:30 AM	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	M. Garber A. Thompson	R. Ciccotta	K. Mackey E. Shim K. Johnson

The Ministry schedule can be found at the St. Thomas More website: <http://stthomasmorenj.org>



For Our Children

Sessions Coming Up: April 30; May 7 last class for this school year. Rel. Ed. instructions will resume in September. **IMPORTANT DATES:** CONFIRMATION, May 3, 5:00 pm – FIRST EUCHARIST, May 5, at the 11:30 Mass This will be a busy week for our Parish. On Friday, May 3, our eighth graders will be confirmed by Bishop Dennis Sullivan during a Mass he will be celebrating at 5:00 pm. Sunday, May 5, at the 11:30 am Mass our second graders will be receiving JESUS in the Eucharist for the first time. Preparing and celebrating these events is always exciting for the parish and for the families. But too often we allow for them to go into the “memory” box and, as time passes, they no longer bear their significance. We forget that they can affect our life everyday if we allow them to bear fruit in FAITH. The Holy Spirit wants to work with us. All we have to do is PRAY to the HOLY SPIRIT to bring us ITS gifts: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, strength, prayerfulness and fear (awe) of the Lord. Prayerfulness is a way of life as our mind and heart ascend to God continually. JESUS so much wants to come to US in the sacrament of the Eucharist and we all know that it can happen only if we attend Mass. Very often our doubts become mountains and we allow them to come between God and us, others and us. When doubts grow mistrust sets in.... reality becomes negative. FAITH instead, moves the mountains of our doubts and restores trust in God and other. Thomas, in today’s Gospel, doubted JESUS’ resurrection. But so did all the other disciples until JESUS appeared to them. It is part of life to have doubts, but we should never allow them to become immovable mountains. Let us seek the truth in FAITH so that “doubt” will not become a perpetual state.

*Faith can move
mountains Doubt
can create them.*



If you are a man, age 30-55, discerning God’s call to serve the Church in the Diocese of Camden as a Permanent Deacon, and want to learn more about the diaconate formation program, you are invited to a

**Meet and Greet with the Diaconate Candidates
Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:00 am—1:00 pm
Diaconate Center**

15 N. East Avenue, Vineland

(former Sacred Heart High School 2nd floor)

The day will consist of Morning Prayer, breakfast, brief presentation by the candidates and an opportunity to talk one on one with the men in formation and recently ordained deacons, holy hour, benediction and light lunch. If married, your wives are invited and encouraged to attend.

Registration is required. Call 856-583-2858 or email: linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org

Paul VI Scholarships—Applications due April 30, 2019. Scholarships awarded by May 24, 2019. Questions: Jennifer McGuckin-Mignano: agahigs1@msn.com or cell: 609-922-3776.

Attention Sandwich Makers and all those looking for a new ministry! We will be meeting **9:30 am Wednesday, May 1st in the Hall.** All are invited to attend and **‘help feed the hungry.’ Bring a friend! Spread the love!**



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 28, 2019



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Joan Radula r/b Bill & Yvonne Turner

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:30 am Dan Faust
r/b Charles & Barbara Cerquitella
10:00 am Ted Uhlman
r/b Charlie & Barbara Cerquitella
Gayle Beaney Clower r/b Kay Uhlman
Bill Kane r/b a friend

11:30 am Bernadette Johns

MONDAY, APRIL 29

6:45 am Cecilia Tyniec
r/b STM Religious Ed. Program
9:00 am intentions of Jaclyn Ehrlich
r/b Rossetti family

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

6:45 am Patricia Pino
9:00 am Edie Ryan and Joseph Ryan, Jr.
r/b Ryan family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

6:45 am Louis Machion
9:00 am intentions of Thomas Gestautas
r/b Marian Kapsichke

THURSDAY, MAY 2

6:45 am Carol Di Domenico
9:00 am Julian Pasion r/b John & Letty Duffy

FRIDAY, MAY 3

6:45 am Carol Di Domenico
9:00 am intentions of Sheri Fort & Tom Tiedman

SATURDAY, MAY 4

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Martha Willeman
r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:30 am Lisa Mick
r/b Charles & Barbara Cerquitella
10:00 am Ted Uhlman r/b John & Sheila Mohan
Nancy Kaiser
r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
11:30 am Ann Morgan r/b Jim & Pat Beaney

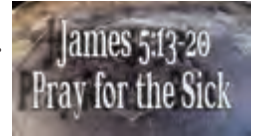
Papal Intentions for the Month of May: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the continent.



Many thanks to ALL who helped make our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations so beautiful! Those who took a visible part and those who worked behind the scenes, you all did such a tremendous job. We couldn't have done it without YOU!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: **THE SICK...**

Kristina Acevedo, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, GERALYN Coticone, John Coticone, Mary Cowan, Margaret Crawford, Catherine Diana, Angelo DiGiacomo, Chuck Goodwin, Thomas Handler, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Jack Kenny, Ron Kramer, Don Kreal, Marie Manalo, John Minot, Arleen Pajic, Tom Pajic, Youngmork Park, Fred Petrone, Tina Petrone, Joseph Ryan, Frank Sabatino, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Frank Sines, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Jim Tobin, Linda Van Name, Ann Vigrass, 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, 1st Lt. Christopher M. Mawn, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin

Thank You for all the help I received from the students and women of the parish getting ready for our Easter Egg Hunt! I was so happy to see the children there! I hope to see all of you and more next year! Blessed Easter Season to all!

Come join your fellow parishioners every Friday from 9:30am—12noon for Eucharistic Adoration. All are encouraged to attend.



Did you like the way the sanctuary was decorated for Easter? Did you not like the way the sanctuary was decorated for Easter? Either way, the Art & Environment Committee is looking for volunteers. The two major decorating responsibilities occur at Christmas and Easter. All those interested are asked to call the Parish Office (424-3212).

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 28, 2019

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 Third Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2019 – John 21: 1-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Peter said to Jesus, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." Jesus then said to Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter said, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to Peter the third time, "Simon, son of John do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and Peter said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Commentary:

Peter feels bad at being asked three times about his love for Jesus. Peter has failed at love, totally blown it, and he knows it. We've all been traitors to love time and again in many ways: as selfish spouses, unfairly critical parents, thoughtless friends, or insensitive neighbors. Most of all, we have not loved God the way we're supposed to. So what do we do when we've failed miserably at love? Why not reaffirm our love three times: for anyone we have offended. Jesus seems quite ready to receive Peter's love again without penalty. In fact, as the story goes, Peter's affirmation of love is rewarded with greater trust than before. Despite our faulty history, we may wind up in charge of larger things.

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: "All human beings, from their mother's womb, belong to God who searches them and knows them, who forms them and knits them together with His own hands, who gazes on them when they are tiny shapeless embryos and already sees in them the adults of tomorrow." St. John Paul II

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St. Thomas More 2019 House of Charity– Bishop's Annual Appeal is \$119, 648.00. As of this time we have received \$41,925.00 in donations and pledges. We are grateful for any and all donations to this Appeal. Pledge Cards are available at the end of each pew, in the Gathering Space and in the Parish Office. Please fill out and return your pledge card if you have not already done so. Thanks!

St. Thomas More Consolation Ministry

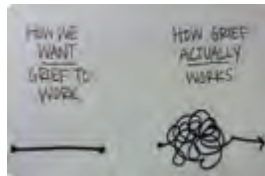
"Journeying Through Grief"

Guided by Kenneth C. Haugh's series: A Time to Grieve; Experiencing Grief; Finding Hope and Healing; and Rebuilding and Remembering.

Come listen, share, and heal— May 11th & 18th 2:30—3:30pm.

Contact: Ann Marie Lento: 856-344-7454.

"Perhaps the most important truth I have learned is that healing in grief is heart-based, not head-based." Alan Wolfelt [Understanding your grief.](#)



Discovering God in Everyday Life!

If you are a single woman, age 20 to 45, join the Sisters of Mercy for a **Retreat Day Saturday, May 18, 2019 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Sisters of Mercy Convent
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**Please RSVP by Friday, May 10, 2019 Sister Ivette Diaz, RSM idadiaz@mercymidatlantic.org
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