

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 18TH, 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 - 5:45PM

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



Invitation to a Journey called RCIA

This invitation is for:

- > those not baptized
 - > those who are baptized in a Christian faith and wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church
 - > those baptized Catholic but have not received First Eucharist or Confirmation
- Call Sister Ann at 424-3212 for more information.

Please remember your *Soap for Hope* donation (unused travel-sized soaps and shampoos for the homeless) and place in the basket in the gathering space. Thank you.



The Offertory Collection for Sunday, August 11, 2019 was \$ **6,236.65** from **136 givers**. We thank you for your 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

Going on vacation? Need to find a church? For nationwide Mass times and locations: www.masstimes.org



Stewardship Corner.20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

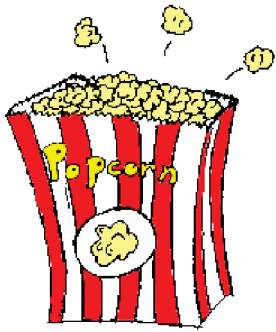
Stewardship Stance

“Do you think I have come to give you peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”

Luke 12:51



Living a **Stewardship** lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.



St. Thomas More Parish Movie Night

6:30 PM Saturday, August 24, 2019

*Woodlawn
The True Story*

*One Hope. One Truth. One Way.
(John 14:6)*

In 1973, a spiritual awakening captured the heart of nearly every player on the Woodlawn High School football team. Their direction to love and unity, in a newly desegregated school filled with racism and hate, leads to the largest high school football game ever played in the torn city of Birmingham, Alabama and the rise of superstar Tony Nathan.

All are invited. Any questions, contact:

Marianne Gorin 856-346-1811

Joe Centonze 856-424-3809

Joecent4@gmail.com



Please bring a snack to share!

Catechetical Sunday & Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 15, 2019.

“Stay With Us”

This year, the Church will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday on September 15, 2019**. Catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday gives us the opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

The **Parish Picnic begins after the 11:30 am Mass and continues to 3:00 pm**. We look forward to seeing you there! **Interested in helping? Call the Office (424-3212) to volunteer. From set-up on Saturday morning to clean-up Sunday afternoon, serving, hosting games, activities for children, all help is gratefully accepted.**



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE for AUGUST 24/25

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Father King	Carmen Joe	R. Crawford Sr. Sophia G. Tyrrell	F. Eggles	K. Johnson Z. Carmody
8:30 AM	Father King	Mena Julie	J. & L. Duffy	K. Friend	C. Oatway E. Shim
10:00 AM	Father	Celine/Choir Julie	M. Santiago K. Glover D. Staton	J. Campbell	T. Kenny A. Schwartz
11:30 AM	Father King	Celine Julie	B. Lore M. Gorin B. Haughwout	D. Haughwout	M. & L. Mueller T. Dautle

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



JESUS is inviting each of us to be HIS DISCIPLES. It literally means to be HIS followers and to act as HE would act, to be JESUS to all we meet. C.C.D., Cultivating Catholic Discipleship in ourselves and our children is a pretty serious invitation from JESUS. Our world certainly needs Catholic Disciples. Let us get moving on it...



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that following Him will often make us go against the crowd. Did He know how powerful peer pressure can be? Do you? We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that **the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. That doesn't mean we should not do the right thing, the good thing.** Jesus reminds His disciples (and US) to be **prepared for difficult decisions** that will bring them into conflict with those closest to them. Can you think of some difficult decisions ahead of you that may not be popular with your family and friends? How will you handle it? Will you follow Jesus or the crowd?

PLEASE HELP: We are in need of a **sixth and seventh grade catechists**. This is very serious appeal to our parishioners. Please Help. IT is a very good and profitable way to store riches for heaven and to make a difference in the life of our children.



There is a NEW email address for bulletin items: stmsecretary1439@gmail.com.

Please submit all items for the bulletin by 2:00 pm Monday afternoon. Thank you!



Alzheimer's Association Seminar by the Shore Dementia Conference September 12th & 13th Atlantic City Convention Center

Seminar by the Shore is

designed for family members, caregivers and professionals who support people who are living with Alzheimer's disease, and other forms of dementia.

Special features include:

- *Nationally known speakers
- *Workshops on a variety of topics for both caregivers and professionals including: Finding Hope and Humor in Caregiving; Caregiver Depression & Grief; Paying for Long-term Care, Legal Issues, Effective Communications, Early Diagnostic Tools, and more.
- *Respite Care will be available on the 13th—advance registration required
- *Continuing Education credits for professionals.
- *Virtual Dementia Tour, Art Show, Free Parking and much more.

For registration or more information, visit: alz.org/delval/events/seminar-by-the-shore or call our 24/7 helpline: 800-272-3900.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
Jim Bones r/b Teri
4:30 pm John Mohan r/b Marie Flowers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:30 am John Mohan
r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
10:00 am Cindy Zielinski
r/b Elaine Beckman & family
Angelo Cipriotti
r/b Gino, Wendy & family
11:30 am Bill Kane r/b Kane family

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

6:45 am People of the parish
9:00 am John Mohan
r/b Deacon Bob & Elizabeth Scarpa

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

6:45 am Gregorio Serrano
9:00 am John Mohan
r/b Charlie & Barbara Cerquitella

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

6:45 am for vocations to the priesthood and
religious life
9:00 am Brian Bones r/b Teri

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

6:45 am SERVICE
9:00 am John Mohan
r/b Joanne Wachman & family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

6:45 am for an end to abortion and euthanasia
9:00 am Special Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00am Living & Deceased members of the Parish
Mena Ravena
r/b John Ravena & family
4:30 pm Harold Willeman
r/b Dave & Lin Lyon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:30 am Religious Education staff, students
and families
10:00 am John Mohan
r/b Ralph & Lois Udicious
11:30 am Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family

Papal Intentions for the Month of August: That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly “schools of true human growth.”

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, 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



Filipino "Tagalog" Mass & Fellowship 2pm Sunday, August 25 at St. Mary, Cherry Hill
Fellowship in the Hall afterward. Please bring your favorite dish to share with others.

Questions? Please call the Parish Office at (856) 424-1454 or email us at stmarycherryhill@gmail.com

All married couples deserve time away from the routine of daily life to enjoy time alone with one another— to focus on one another and their relationship. A Marriage Encounter weekend provides this opportunity.

Remaining weekend dates for 2019 are: Oct. 25th—27th and Dec. 13th—15th.
For more information: wwme-southjersey.org
Applications are available at : applications@wwme-southjersey.org
Phone number: 609-741-8012



St. Mary Fitness Class meets every Thursday from 1:00—2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend this hour of cardio, strength building, balance work and meditative relaxation. All activities can be done with the support of a chair. A free will donation is accepted. **Call Karen Young 609-707-4989 to register or for more information.**

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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 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 25, 2019 Luke 13:22-30

Someone asked Jesus: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from.' And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evil doers!...And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will reclining at table in the kingdom of God. For, behold, some are last who will be first, and some who are first will be last.'"

Commentary:

To assure our eternal salvation, many of us like religious systems that are clean and simple. Ten Commandments to obey. Sacraments to receive. Rules to follow. Authorities to trust. However, when asked about the most important commandment, Jesus talks about love, which is notoriously hard to pin down. When you ask Jesus to take a stand—God or Caesar? - Jesus simply says it depends on the situation. Here, someone asks Jesus to elaborate on the salvation issue. Jesus simply says choose the hard way. If you have to ask, do more. Live out the image of God in you, and God will recognize you when it is your turn to knock on the door.

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: Think about this: If Planned Parenthood was selling puppy body parts, they would have been closed down yesterday. *But they are not puppies, they are human body parts.* Planned Parenthood and those

who buy these parts must be stopped. Pray and work to end abortion today.

Novena for our Nation

August 15th—October 7th

"There is no question that we are living in the most troubled times.

Fundamental truths about human life, about marriage and the family, and about the conscience

are being called into question by threatening the lives of individuals and of our society. But we are full of courage because we know that our Lord is with us. He's called us to be His soldiers on the ground, working with Him for the salvation of the world.

There is a 54-day Novena beginning on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother which will be completed on October 7th. Your prayer would be even more efficacious if you take part in that 54 day Novena." Cardinal Burke



[For more information: usgraceforce.com](http://usgraceforce.com)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is celebrated each Friday from 9:30 am—12noon. All are invited to come "spend an hour with your Lord."



"Mass to Celebrate Life to the Fullest"

3:00 pm Sunday, September 15, 2019

Annunciation Church

601 W. Browning Rd. Bellmawr, NJ

All Nonagenarians (90 years old and beyond) and Centenarians (100 years old and beyond) are invited to attend this Mass to Recognize, Honor and Celebrate those who have reached the Milestone of 90 years and beyond.

A light reception will follow.

Please **RSVP by September 6th**

to Anne Marie Pirillo 856-583-6121 or Annemarie.pirillo@camdendiocese.org



If you have family members, friends or neighbors who would be interested in this Mass, please let them know about this celebration of THEM!



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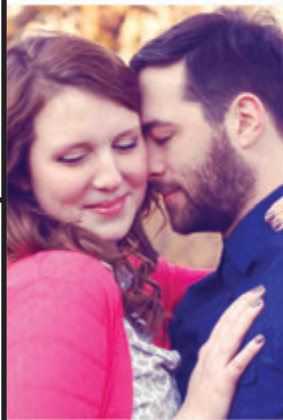
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