St. Thomas More Church

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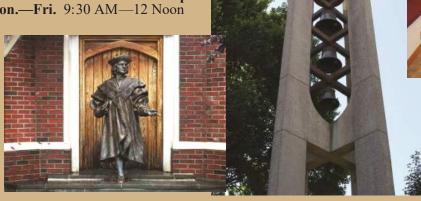
Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in

the Chapel

First Saturdays: 9:00 AM in the Chapel

Sat. 4:30 PM Sun. 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel 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

Father Edward Namiotka, Pastor Father Victorino Coronado, In Residence Sister Rosangela Ganau, FMIJ, Catechetical Leader Julie Linn, Music Ministry Marylee Garber, Parish Secretary Sheila Tartamosa, Business Manager



Send all bulletin announcements to: stmsecretary1439@gmail.com by 2:00pm Monday

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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

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



Good and gracious God,
You created us out of love and for love.
I abandon myself into your hands.
May I always serve as your disciple with all the love of my heart.
I want to give myself into your hands with a trust beyond all measure.
Guide me always to do your will.

Amen

The collection for Sunday, June 2, 2024 was \$8061.00 The budgeted amount was \$8500.

"Give regularly. Stewardship is not a –once-a year consideration, but a week—to— week, month— to-month commitment requiring commitment, discipline and consistency," Randy Alcorn—Graciousquotes.com

TREX Plastic Film Recycling Challenge

Please remember to bring in your plastic recycling for our TREX Challenge. Response has been very good and we are hoping to keep up the pace! 1,000 pounds of recycled plastic will result in free outdoor furniture for St. Thomas More Church.



"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: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time United Stewardship

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." - MARK 3:24

Within your parish community, do your ministries of Stewardship collaborate with each other or do they compete against each other? Do your parish ministries work for the greater glory of God or do they work for the glory of the people running them? The primary goal of parish ministry is not to increase Mass attendance, increase the number of volunteers or increase offertory. The primary goal of ministry is to be one Body of Christ that helps people take one step closer to Jesus. If it's not doing that, it's not worth doing.

From the Pastor's Desk A Time of Grace for Our Parish

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, our parish is under the patronage of **St. Thomas More**. The church calendar honors him with St. John Fisher on **June 22**.

Once again this year, to celebrate our *patronal feast day*, we will include a celebration of 40 Hours Eucharistic Devotion from June 20 to 22. I will be the celebrant for the <u>7 PM</u> Mass on Thursday, June 20, after which we will begin solemn Eucharistic Adoration around-the-clock until Saturday morning. On Friday, June 21 there will be two Masses: 9 AM (regular morning Mass), and <u>7 PM</u> (part of the 40 Hours celebration). On Saturday, June 22 there will be a special closing Mass at 10 AM with a *procession* of the Blessed Sacrament following.

The practice of 40 Hours of Eucharistic devotion can be traced to Milan, Italy around the year 1530. It is a formalized period of prayer and adoration centering on the *Real Presence of Jesus* in the Holy Eucharist. Prior to this period in the Catholic Church's history, there were times of exposition and benediction, Eucharistic processions and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. However, both Saints Philip Neri and Ignatius of Loyola instituted the Forty Hours Devotion (with reference to Jesus' 40 hours in the tomb and recalling other biblical citations in which the symbolic number 40 was specified) in reparation for sin. It was St. John Neumann who promoted this devotion in the Philadelphia area as bishop.

I truly believe that when we take the time to be with Jesus in the **Blessed Sacrament**, it is a time of tremendous blessing not only for us as individuals but also for our families and for our *parish family*. I do not ever want us to take for granted the great gift of the **Real Presence** of **Jesus** in the Holy Eucharist. Time spent with Him is a grace-filled time. We can express our love and adoration for Jesus, thankfulness for our blessings, and contrition for sin (our *own* and the *sins of others*). We can also intercede for one another and petition the Lord for our various needs. It is precious time to spend with the One Who loves us beyond our imagining and Whom we should love above and beyond everything else!

What I am requesting from you, my parishioners, is that you dedicate <u>one hour</u> sometime during these three days to spend with the Lord in adoration. (This should ideally be <u>in addition</u> to any time attending Mass.) I intend to continue this devotion both nights—around the clock—but I need your help and cooperation in order to do this. Could you please think about taking an hour to pray? Why not encourage members of your family to pray as a family for just an hour? Perhaps a group or organization within the parish can make a holy hour together (choir, Knights of Columbus, Faith and Justice Team, Small Christian Communities, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion, religious education teachers, etc.). I especially need a few insomniacs or night owls to cover the late hours!

Sign-up sheets will be available at the doors of the church so that we can be sure that there is always someone keeping watch with our Lord. Please assist me in making this a special time for our parish as we adore our Eucharistic Lord.

Could you not keep watch for one hour? (Mk. 14:37b) The choice is always yours.

Fr. Ed Namiotka Pastor

Ministry Schedule June 15/16

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Coronado	Florence	Sr. Agnes	J. Cepeda	T. Johnson
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	Sr. Clare	T. Smith	A. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Marta Julie	J. De Michele	C. Musso	L. Vascisin S. Andino



WHY IS JUNE THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS?

The Catholic Church reserves June for a deeper devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Why did they select June?



Catholics practiced the devotion to the Sacred Heart, in private, for centuries. The devotion grew when Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century. In one of His messages Jesus asked for a Feast for His Sacred Heart: "Behold the Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming Itself, in order to testify Its love; and in return, I receive from the greater part only ingratitude... For this reason I ask that the first Friday after the octave of the Feast of Corpus Christi be set aside as a Special Feast to honor my **Heart...**" The feast of Corpus Christi moves each year, also, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which is usually always in June. The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents His love for humanity..., inspires us to remember how much Jesus loves us, while also growing our desire to love Him back. We **especially** need to love Him also for and with so many who do not know about or reject His love.

Come Join Us!

Diocesan Holy Year 2025 Pilgrimage—Rome and the Shrines of Italy. The price is \$4996 per person, double occupancy from Philadelphia, including airfare, accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily with wine at dinner. Tips and personal items not included. For more information visit: www.pilgrimages.com/frhughes/italy or contact Fr. Hughes at Robert.Hughes@camdendiocese.org.

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Support the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal www.camdendiocese.org/sjcma

WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS TO THE 2024

SJCMA CAMPAIGN! St. Thomas More's Goal is \$89, 700. To date we have received gifts from 66 people totaling \$45, 935. 00 which is 51.29% of our goal.

Religious Freedom Week—June 22—29th. The USCCB "Pray—Reflect—Act" resources show the range of religious liberty issues of concern to the bishops. The Committee for Religious Liberty has collaborated with the Office of International Justice and Peace to raise awareness about the persecution of Christians in India and the perhaps surprising number of people who live under unjust blasphemy and apostasy laws.

The 2025 Mass Book is open for dates in January, February, and March only, per Diocesan regulations. If you have special requested dates in this time period, please reserve them now.



SATURDAY, JUNE 8

4:30 PM Miguel Ibarrondo

r/b George & Vivian Warner

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

8:30 AM Sr. Lucia Matilde Orsi r/b Franciscan Sisters

11:00 AM Anna Cybery r/b daughter, Greta

MONDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of Morgan family in Ireland

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

9:00 AM Richard Spence

r/b Barbara & Walt Johnson

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY JUNE 13

9:00 AM Ariel Herco r/b Abe & Jenny

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

9:00 AM Richard Spence r/b Janet Johnson **9:30-Noon** Adoration in the Chapel.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

4:30 PM Bill Kane & Rudy Peins r/b family

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

8:30 AM Fathers Day Intentions

11:00 AM James Michael Jost r/b Theresa Bones

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For JUNE 2024

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.



Vacation Bible School at Saint Mary's

A week long camp with memories that last a lifetime! Our neighboring

church on 2001 Springdale Rd is featuring V.B.S., and now the range has been expanded to ages 4-12. Kids will be immersed in daily Bible stories, crafts, music and more from Monday, July 22nd to Friday July 26th. Details/registration: TinyUrl.com/VBS24

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

Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Joe Centonze, Grace Cobin, Tammy



Colon, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Mary Cowan, Catherine Diana, Linda Di Giulio, Fr. George Donfurtang, Elizabeth Garber, Eileen Gerie, Eileen Goodwin, Marjorie Graham, Marion Kapischke, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, John Lane, Bob Lento, Marie Manalo, Kelly Moore, Carter Oakley, Tina Petrone, Dom Sacca, Carlos Santiago, Teddy Shaffer, Grace Sklencar, Joe Sklencar, Claire Spence, Dale Strack, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ed Targonski, Sr., Roy Targonski, Mary Vangala, Ann Vigrass, Joanne Wachman, Sarah Warner.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED



SERVICES... SPC Jordan Beckman, Captain Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Major Anthony R. Cosentino, USAF, TSgt. John P. DeYoung, Sam Houston, USN, Lt. Nicholas G.

Iannuzzi, SSgt. Kris Knaup, Capt. Jennifer LaSalce, US Army, Capt. Christopher Mawn, Lt. Jacqueline A. McCabe, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Sisi Tyrrell, USMC, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country*.

An invitation to men of the parish from the Cherry Hill Council 6173 Knights of Columbus: If you want more information or to join us, you can do so today at www.kofc.org/joinus with this QR code include "Council 6173" when asked and use the promo code: BLESSEDDMCGIVNEY to join for free.



Eucharistic Revival quotes from Pope Francis "To celebrate the Eucharist, we need to be a second to be a second

"To celebrate the Eucharist, we need first to recognize our thirst for God, to sense our need for him. To long for his presence and

love, to realize that we cannot go it alone, but need the Food and Drink of eternal life to sustain us on our journey. The tragedy of the present time—we can say—is that this thirst is felt less and less. Questions about God are no longer asked, desire for God has faded, seekers of God have become increasingly rare. God no longer attracts us because we no longer acknowledge our deep thirst for him."—Homily June 6, 2021

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 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 16, 2024 - Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. When the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come. He also said, 'The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which when sown upon the ground is the smallest of all seeds on the earth; yet when it grows becomes the greatest of all shrubs'. With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

Commentary:

Today's parable speaks about the seed growing on its own. It has the power. The planter does not know how or notice the growth beneath the soil. He can be anxious or fret, but it is not his power that makes the seed grow. The parable of the mustard seed speaks about the very small beginnings of God's Kingdom. God's Kingdom grows from those who heed his words. Those who are willing to follow the Lord and listen to his teachings will come to understand the truth of the Kingdom.

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: "This much I know is true. Abortion is an atrocity. Those who practice or praise it are either, misguided fools, or

treacherous devils."- Christopher Titus, American Comedian

Hats Off!

Congratulations to:

Jack Tartamosa—graduating from Camden Catholic High School headed for Loyola University.

If you are graduating, or know of any other graduates who would like to be recognized

for their achievement, please contact the Parish Office (856-424-3212). We would love to celebrate with you!

FATHER'S DAY CARDS & REMEMBRANCES

During the month of June the parish will remember all the fathers and grandfathers living and deceased, of our parishioners. If you would like your father or grandfather remembered in this special manner please return a Father's Day envelope sent along with your weekly collection envelopes. Father's Day cards with donation envelopes are available at the exit doors.

40 Hours Eucharistic Devotion from June 20 to 22. Starts with 7 PM Mass on Thursday, June 20, after which we will begin solemn Eucharistic Adoration around-the-clock until Saturday morning. On Friday, June 21 there will be two Masses: 9 AM (regular morning Mass), and 7 **PM** (part of the 40 Hours celebration). On Saturday, June 22 there will be a special closing Mass at 10 **AM** with a *procession* of the **Blessed** Sacrament following.



The Catholic Church calls our response to God's love, "Two Feet of Love in Action." This phrase breaks down the two key ways we can put the Gospel into action: through works of charity and works of social justice. Charitable works respond to immediate needs and specific situations, while social justice works respond to the systems and structures causing the problems facing our world. Both are important and necessary.

Love cultivates compassion in our hearts and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need, and moves us to respond in an ongoing and continuous manner.

JoAnn DiNoia from Good Counsel homes will be sharing about their life-saving mission at all Masses June 8/9th. Good Counsel Homes accepts all homeless, pregnant women and their children. Their 4 homes provide moms with the necessary resources and skills to break the cycle of abuse, addiction, and poverty. Envelopes will be available at the doors of the church to support the moms and babies living in the Good Counsel home in Riverside, NJ. Please be generous.



Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors of the church NEXT weekend accepting your donations of Neighbors helping neighbors. non-perishable food or money to purchase food. They are asking

for: asking for canned vegetables, fruits and, soups; cereals, pasta and tomato sauce; peanut butter and jelly. Thank you for supporting the SVDP in their mission to 'feed the hungry.'

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