St. Thomas More Church

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Mass Schedule

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



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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



A Prayer for Christian Fathers

God our Father, Bless these men,
May they be strengthened as Christian fathers.
Let the example of their faith shine forth.
Guide them to be good role models
and loving to all their children.
Give them grace, wisdom, and patience.
Support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender

The collection for Sunday, June 9, 2024 was \$5962.00 The budgeted amount was \$8500.

"Stewardship isn't a subcategory of the **Christian life**. Stewardship **is** the Christian life. After all, what is stewardship except that God has entrusted to us life, **time**, **talents**, **money**, possessions, **family**, and his grace? In each case, he evaluates how we regard what he has entrusted to us and what we do with it." **Randy Alcorn**—Graciousquotes.com



"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

Next Retrouvaille weekends in Malvern, PA August 9th—11th, 2024 and October 4th—6th, 2024. www.HelpOurMarriage.com for information. Or call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Stewardship Corner:11th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Stewardship Gifts

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us in Stewardship, including our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

From the Pastor's Desk Acts of Kindness in Antigua

Dear Parishioners,

As I write to you today, I am currently in a cruise ship in port at the island of St. Maarten/St. Martin. This island is one of a number of stops on our itinerary which included the Dominican Republic, Antigua, and Puerto Rico. I travel this trip with another priest and a married couple whom I have been friends with for many years.

In case you are curious, priests of our diocese are annually permitted four weeks of vacation, one week for a spiritual retreat and a week for continuing education. Most of the time I enjoy sun, sand and surf, whether it be at the Jersey shore or in some more exotic place.

I relate to you some incidents that happened to Fr. Bradley (my travelling companion) and me yesterday while in Antigua. While off the ship we searched for the nearest Catholic Church after first finding the local historic Episcopalian Cathedral. Since the Island is part of the British Commonwealth, there is a great presence of the Episcopalian church. Not so much for the Catholic Church which is in the minority.

I stopped an elderly lady to ask her for the location of the nearby Catholic Church. She was kind enough to point out that it was *up the hill*. I further inquired if it was in walking distance and she said that it was. And so our journey continued *up the hill*, further and further, with no church in sight. I stopped another lady and asked her similar questions about the church's location. She simply stopped what she was doing and told us to follow her. We continued to walk further *up the hill*. In the distance she pointed out the church which had a prominent cross on its roof. After thanking her we resumed our journey *up the hill*.

When we finally reached the church we discovered it was the Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Family. However, after walking completely around the building and checking every door, the building was locked. We discovered an outdoor shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes and then one to Our Lady of Fatima. We rested on a bench near the second shrine and caught our breath. By the way, did I mention that it was somewhere around 90 degrees?

After some time we found a lady exiting a nearby building which we later discovered was the rectory. We identified ourselves as two priests (we were dressed as tourists) and asked her if someone could call a taxi for us to return to the ship. She agreed to help us. Soon after she left, a car arrived at the rectory and a priest (visibly dressed as such) exited the car. We told him we were priests and he offered not only to take us back to the ship himself but also brought us bottles of water and suggested that he could take us for a tour of the island if we had the time.

Fr. John Paul, a native of Togo in west Africa, gave us the best "Catholic" tour of the island pointing out historic churches, schools, a retreat center and various points of interest. We could not have asked for a better experience if we had paid for it!

I was so impressed with the various acts of kindness to two complete strangers. The people of Antigua whom we met, from the elderly ladies giving direction to the housekeeper at the rectory to the parish priest, all exemplified lessons that the Gospels teach us: whatever you do to the least of my brothers . . . whoever gives a cup of cold water . . . love your neighbor as yourself.

I wonder if I would have done similar to a stranger arriving at my door?

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

Ministry Schedule June 22/23

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Florence	R. Javier	C. Betson Smith	
8:30 AM	F. Namiotka	Julie	B. Massey	S. Oatway	A. Bresani
11:00 AM	F. Namiotka	Erin Julie	J. Galati	L. Galati	T. Johnson J. Hayden



HAPPY FATHERS' DAY, DAD!

Today is your Day, Dad! A Day to celebrate and to let you know much you are appreciated and loved!

Thank you, Dad, for all the love and care you have showered on me, thank you for

your kind attention toward me and for the entire family, thank you for holding my hand when I needed it, thank you for holding my heart for ever!





Thank you, God, my special Father, our Father, for your unconditional love, as the Bible tells us: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is

what we are"! (1John 3:1)

"There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place". (Deut.1:31) ...

A Happy and a Blessed Fathers' Day to All Fathers!

Religious Freedom Week—June 22—29th.
The USCCB provides "Pray—Reflect—Act resources at usccb.org/Religious FreedomWeek one for each day on different religious liberty topics. Building on this year's Annual Report, the Week highlights concerns about attacks on houses of worship. There is no greater threat to religious liberty than for one's house of worship to become a place of danger, and the country sadly finds itself in a place where that danger is real.

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 75 people totaling \$46, 734.00 which is 52.1% of our goal.

VITALity Life to the Fullest ideas for keeping well throughout the summer and beyond. Seniors can enjoy many social activities during the summer months while keeping safety a top priority. Below are a few tips to support your health and well-being in warmer weather.

- * Spend time outdoors. This is a wonderful way to connect with family and friends and get fresh air both of which help our mental, physical and spiritual health.
- * Watch your step when walking outside to avoid falls. Ask for assistance when needed.
- * Regularly use a sunscreen with SPF of 30 or higher and reapply it every 2 hours.
- * Wear a hat for sun protection. One that covers your ears, forehead, nose, scalp and ears with a 2-3-inch brim will work best.
- * Wear sunglasses. It is important to protect your eyes from the sun as well. Sunglasses that are large framed or wraparound on the sides can offer the most protection.
- * Drink more water than usual in hotter weather. Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink.
- * Join a senior group. Parishes, counties and towns throughout South Jersey offer opportunities for seniors to be social and have fun on a weekly or monthly basis.

VITALity Life to the Fullest membership program informs and connects seniors to the information they need to stay safe and healthy. Membership is free to all seniors age 65 and over living in the South Jersey area. For more infor-

mation: www.vitality.camdendiocese.org or email christine.willard@camdendiocese.org.



CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS—Upcoming dates for St. Thomas More Parish: Tuesday, June25th: 5:00 PM— 7:30 PM

Thursday, June 27th: 10:00 AM— 1:00 PM

Tuesday, July 2nd, 10:00 AM—1:00 PM AND 5:00 PM—7:30 PM



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

MONDAY, JUNE 17

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

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

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

9:00 AM Richard Spence r/b Joyce De Michele

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY JUNE 20

9:00 AM Intentions of Norbert Lee r/b Clara

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

7:00 PM 40 Hours Opening Mass

Antonio Garcia r/b John & Letty Duffy

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

9:00 AM Richard Spence r/b Gail & Ron Bizzoso

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

7:00 PM 40 Hours Mass

Nick & Vince Menna r/b Pat Byrnes

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

10:00 AM 40 Hours Closing Mass

Rae & Philip Sacca r/b Dom & Marie

4:30 PM Maria Elena Lyons r/b Lisa Incollingo

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8:30 AM Intentions of Greta Tyrrell r/b Greg 11:00 AM Intentions of Joe Sklencar r/b Greta

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 Corco-



ran, 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, Ann Vigrass, Joanne Wachman, Sarah Warner.



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SER-

VICES... SPC Jordan
Beckman, Captain Patrick J.
Bones, USMC, Major
Anthony R. Cosentino, USAF,
TSgt. John P. DeYoung, Sam

Houston, USN Special Forces, , 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

"The Eucharistic Celebration is much more than simple banquet; it is exactly the memorial of Jesus' Paschal Sacrifice, the mystery at the center of salvation. "Memorial" does not simply

mean a remembrance, a mere memory; it means that every time we celebrate this Sacrament we participate in the mystery of the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ." General Audience—February 5, 2014

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 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 23, 2024: Mark 4: 36-41

"That evening, Jesus said to His followers, 'Let us go across the lake.' Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him in the boat just as He was. There were also other boats with them. A very strong wind came up on the lake. The waves came over the sides and into the boat so that it was already full of water. Jesus was at the back of the boat, sleeping with His head on a cushion. His followers woke Him and said, 'Teacher, don't you care that we are drowning!' Jesus stood up and commanded the wind and said to the waters, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind stopped and it became completely calm. Jesus said to His followers, 'Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?' The followers were very afraid and asked each other, 'Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"

Commentary:

All of us can easily relate to the terror that the disciples feel when their fishing boat is being slammed to and fro in the wild seas. Swamped and going down for what seems like the third time, we too may feel that the One who is supposed to take care of us and sleeps through our disaster has abandoned us. We all face waters with undertows that we are sure will take us out to sea, leaving us feeling like we are doomed to drown. It's part of human nature to be frightened. What does a believer who is stuck in a storm do? Like the disciples, we bring the terror to Jesus, revealing that we, like them, doubt that Jesus is really with us. But He is with us. He responds to our cry, just as He did to the disciples'. He calms the seas that roil around us. The seas must still be navigated, but Jesus is a worthy shipmate and captain. Call on Him.

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: "The child, by reason of higher physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth."- United Nations'

Declaration of the Rights of the Child,

November 1959

Hats Off!

Congratulations to:

Thomas Angelucci—graduating cum laude from the College of Engineering at Drexel University with a B. S. in **Mechanical Engineering**

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!



+ St. Vincent de Paul Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors of the church this weekend accepting your donations of non-perishable Veighbors helping neighbors! food or donations to purchase

same. They are especially requesting canned vegetables, fruits, and soups; cereals, pasta and tomato sauce; peanut butter and jelly. Thank you for the part you play in their mission to "feed the hungry."



Our Mission is to raise awareness of justice issues and live the tenets of Catholic Social Teaching by advocating for justice for all, and empowering the poor and vulnerable.

Each week in the bulletin we try to live that mission. Could you let us know how often you read our write-up in the bulletin and what you like or what you'd like to see differently in the future. Just send a short email to stmfaithandjustice@gmail.com. Thank you from the Faith & Justice Team.

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

Happy Father's Day!

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. Extra envelopes are available in the parish office. Father's Day cards with donation envelopes are also available at the exit doors.

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