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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

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 30, 2024

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



Jesus, thank you for gathering us together to share your Word.
Help us to see your presence.
Open our minds and hearts to welcome and understand your Word for us today.
We trust your tender care will yield peace to our minds, serenity to our hearts, renewal to our spirit, and healing to our bodies.
Amen

The collection for Sunday, June 23, 2024 was \$3,503.00 The budgeted amount was \$8500.

Theirs is an endless road, a hopeless maze, who seek for goods before they seek for God.
Bernard of Clairvaux - graciousquotes.com

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.



"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: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Stewardship Lifestyle

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." 2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

One of the tenets of living a grateful and generous Stewardship lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture, and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ." We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

From the Pastor's Desk
Jesus Thirsts

Dear Parishioners,

Recently, I took the time to see the film *Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist*. It had a short run in the theaters in our area as many independent religious films often do. However, I was truly impressed with the quality and content of the film. Providentially, I viewed it the day before we began our **40 Hours** devotion here in *St. Thomas More Parish*. It was a wonderful preparation for me as I would begin spending time with the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist over the next three days.

I am not in the business of film promotion, but I take the time to recommend this film as a catechetical tool to help understand what Catholics believe about the Holy Eucharist. I find that so many people are woefully ignorant about many important aspects of the faith—even those with impressive degrees in various fields other than theology. Our society's understanding of the Holy Eucharist has been greatly influenced by the many other Christian denominations and sects that teach something not in agreement with long-standing Catholic thought.

Let me make one point abundantly clear: the Holy Eucharist is not merely a symbol or reminder of Christ. It is **Christ Himself**. I do not genuflect to a piece of bread, but to the *Lord Jesus*, whether on the altar or in the tabernacle. Everyone in the pews should not be invited or encouraged to come up to receive the Lord (Who is God) without a proper understanding of what is being done and certainly **Who** we are receiving. We are not distributing the Holy Eucharist like some object that everyone in the church is entitled *to get*. We, as sinners, are all unworthy to approach God. However, Jesus is given to us as believers to nourish and sustain us by the direction and command of the Lord Himself. ***Do this in memory of Me.***

Please remember Catholics should be in the *state of grace* when receiving Holy Communion (not conscious of any grave or mortal sin unconfessed in the *Sacrament of Penance*). Far too often I am dismayed by the manner in which the Lord is received, reminding me more of a person taking and putting a snack in the mouth. How many times at funerals or other Masses with many *unchurched* visitors where I have had to follow the person *down the aisle* because he/she took the consecrated host *down the aisle* and did not receive it immediately in my presence. I also witness those who try to grab the Holy Eucharist or do not know what to do when receiving Holy Communion, and I have to ask: *Are you Catholic?*

Yes, we are in the midst of a time of ***Eucharistic Revival*** in our nation. So let this revival begin with you and me. We need to make sure we are adequately prepared to receive the Lord by being in the *state of grace* and *fasting* from food and drink for a minimum of an hour beforehand. We should receive reverently and not *grab and go*. When receiving on the tongue (which has actually been the Church's preferred option as we were *permitted* to receive in the hand in this country by an indult) stick your tongue out fully and close your eyes. I will be sure that the host finds its proper place on the tongue.

Make a proper thanksgiving afterwards in silence. The traditional *adoration, contrition, thanksgiving*, and *supplication* (ACTS) is a good guideline to follow. Also remember the fact that people come to church primarily to pray and worship. Extended conversation should be in the vestibule or outside of the body of the church to allow those who wish to pray in church to do so.

If we all do our part as individuals, maybe our actions will witness to others that we truly believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 30, 2024

Ministry Schedule July 6/7

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM		Music Ministry	Sr. Agnes	J. Bland Campbell	
8:30 AM		Music Ministry	K. Witts	K. Kraemer	D. & A. Witts
11:00 AM		Music Ministry	M. Garber	B. Haughwout	S. Andino T. Johnson



Getting Ready to Celebrate America

In a few days, we are going to celebrate one of the most important days in American history.

This simple prayer for our Nation, written by George Washington, our first President, can be one way to Celebrate the 4th of July:

“Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness and in the day of trouble, do not allow our trust in you to fall; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.”



Peter's Pence Collection this weekend

The Peter's Pence collection is a significant way to support the Universal Church. This collection

funds the ongoing activities of the Holy See and helps the Holy Father reach out to people suffering in our world. Please be generous.



Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration is now open. Classes will be held on Sunday morning from 9:30 AM through 10:45 AM starting September 15, 2024. (Catechetical Sunday)

Returning families will receive an email from Parish Giving. This email will contain login in credentials for your account that was created for you. Please make any necessary changes to your information before submitting. If you do not receive this email, please check your Spam folder or call the parish office at 856-424-3212.

New Families ONLY go to our Parish web site stthomasmorenj.org and look for the **Religious Education link to the New Family Registration form**. You will receive an automated email from Parish Giving with login credentials for an account that was created for you. Sign into your account to complete the registration process.

Please register now so we can prepare and plan properly for your children.

A Late fee of \$50.00 will be applied after August 15, 2024.



Are you having difficulty hearing the Readings of the Homily at Mass? Hearing Devices are available for use in the church. See an usher before the start of the Mass for assistance. All devices must be returned at the end of Mass so they can be cleaned and sanitized—ready for the next Mass.

CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

Upcoming dates for St. Thomas More Parish:
Tuesday, July 2nd, 10:00 AM—1:00 PM & 5:00 PM—7:30 PM. **Call Elaine with your time of availability: 856-428-8431 or email: elainebeckman@gmail.com**

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 30, 2024



SATURDAY, JUNE 29

4:30 PM Joe Cordell Crooms, Jr.
r/b wife & family

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

8:30 AM Dr. Richard Spence r/b Dor i Rose

11:00 AM Intentions of Sheila Tartamosa
r/b Greta

MONDAY, JULY 1

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, JULY 2

9:00 AM Michael Long r/b Janice Smith & family

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

9:00 AM Intentions of Gregory Tyrrell r/b family

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY JULY 4

9:00 AM Catherine Namiotka
r/b Dom & Marie Sacca

NO Adoration today.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

9:00 AM Intentions of Marylee Garber r/b Greta

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

9:00 AM Catherine Namiotka
r/b Lorraine Kennedy

4:30 PM Jerry McMenamin r/b Jeannine

SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:30 AM Catherine Namiotka

11:00 AM Intentions of Fr. Ed Namiotka r/b Greta

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For JULY 2024 For The Pastoral Care of The Sick

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.



**St. Thomas More Faith & Justice Team
Tee Shirt and Underwear Collection
weekend of 7/20-7/21/24**

Please bring in **new or gently worn clean
Tee shirts and new men's underwear**
(greatest need is for sizes **Large and**

X-Large) to **Mass the weekend of 7/20-7/21/24.**

These items will be used by St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia to clothe the homeless they serve. Clothing the naked is a vital corporal act of mercy. We thank you for your generosity!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE

SICK... Kristina Acevedo,
Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney,
Jim Beaney, Jr., Joe Centonze,
Grace Cobin, 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, Stacia Strack,
Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ed Targonski, Sr., 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 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
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Eucharistic Revival quotes from Pope Francis

"With this gesture, Jesus demonstrates His power; not in a spectacular way but as a sign of charity, of God the Father's generosity toward His weary and needy children. He is immersed in the life of His people, He understands their fatigue and their limitations; but He does not allow anyone to be lost, or to lose out. He nourishes them with His Word and provides food in plenty for sustenance." Angelus—August 2, 2020

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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 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 7, 2024- Mark 6:1-6a

Jesus came to his native place. When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this?...Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary...And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there...He was amazed at their lack of faith.

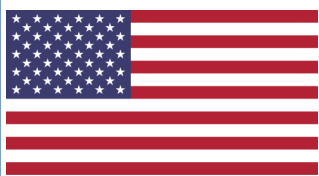
Commentary:

Standing in the tradition of the great prophets of old, Jesus announces God's word. In his hometown Jesus confronts the scandal, rejection, and lack of faith on the part of those who presume to know him. Nevertheless, whether heeded or resisted, Jesus will remain faithful to his mission.

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 most significant thing about abortion legislation in Biblical law is that there is none. It was so unthinkable that an Israelite woman should desire an abortion that there was no need to mention this offense in the criminal code. All that was necessary to prohibit an abortion was the command, 'You shall not murder' (Ex. 20:13)."-
Meredith Kline, American theologian and Old Testament scholar



A PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Dear Lord, there is no greater feeling of liberty than experiencing freedom from sin and death through Jesus Christ. On this Independence Day, we are reminded of all those who sacrificed for our freedom. May we never take our freedom for granted, knowing that a high price was paid. Bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for our freedom. Grant us the strength to lead others into the freedom found in knowing Jesus Christ. Amen."

Going on vacation? Need to find a church and mass times at your destination?

www.Masstimes.org can help with that! Input your destination and/or zip code to find the church closest to you.



Prayer from Catholic Relief Services Father, Creator of Abundance

Grant us generosity in sharing our gifts and resources

Jesus, Lord who Lightens Burdens, may we look with mercy on nations burdened by debt and commit ourselves to their relief.

Holy Spirit, Author of Life, inspire us to protect the gift of creation, and assist those in poverty, who suffer the most from environmental harm.

Father, we ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen

July 2024 - Healthy Vision Tips from VITALity

Protecting our vision begins with keeping our vision healthy. Our eyes change throughout our lives, so it's important that we keep up with regular visits but also that we understand what vision changes are normal versus not normal.

Examples of normal changes with our eyes as we age are:

- Become more sensitive to light
- Need more lighting to see objects than we used to
- Difficulty telling the difference between colors
- Trouble seeing items close up

The risk for some eye conditions increases drastically as we age and those changes are not normal and require medical attention. These conditions are: **glaucoma, retinal disorders including diabetic retinopathy, cataracts, and age-related macular degeneration.** (To be cont.)

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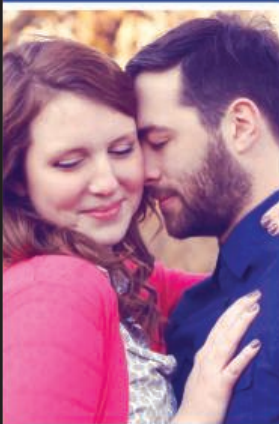


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