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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

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Father Victorino Coronado, In Residence
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 11, 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 call, 424-3212

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



The collection for Sunday, August 4, 2024

Sunday \$4,038.00

E-Giving \$2,033.00

Total \$6071.00

“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



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For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/bckbg5>

If you prefer a **paper copy**, you may pick up your survey in the Parish Office during the week. Complete and return to the office by **September 9, 2024** to allow time for data entry.

From the Pastor's Desk

The Assumption: Our Upcoming Holy Day

Dear Parishioners,

With the *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* coming up on August 15th, I thought that this article might be helpful.

A question is frequently asked: “*Why do we have to attend Mass some years on a particular holy day, and on other years there is no obligation to attend Mass?*”

Holy Days of Obligation often generate confusion and need clarification. In the universal Catholic Church, there are ten of these days. However, each individual country is allowed—through its conference of bishops (the U.S.C.C.B. in America)—to decide which days are to be observed and how they are to be observed.

Catholic Canon (Church) Law actually states the following:

Can. 1246 §1. Sunday, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal mystery is celebrated, must be observed in the universal Church as the primordial holy day of obligation. The following days must also be observed: the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Epiphany, the Ascension, the Body and Blood of Christ, Holy Mary the Mother of God, her Immaculate Conception, her Assumption, Saint Joseph, Saint Peter and Saint Paul the Apostles, and All Saints.

§2. With the prior approval of the Apostolic See, however, the conference of bishops can suppress some of the holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday.

Can. 1247 On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass.

The US conference of bishops chose to move the observation of some of these Holy Days to Sunday (such as *Corpus Christi*, and the *Epiphany*). For those living in the *Diocese of Camden* and all of New Jersey, five holy days are retained on their actual calendar dates:

January 1—The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

August 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November 1—All Saints Day

December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 25—Christmas

What is perhaps one of the most confusing aspects for almost everyone is the question: “*Why are we obliged to attend Mass some years and not others?*” Basically, when the Holy Days fall on a Saturday or a Monday—being so close to Sunday—the bishops of the USA removed the obligation to attend Mass on those days. This is true except for the *Immaculate Conception* (the Patroness of the USA) and *Christmas*. We observe these days *no matter when they occur*.

Now that you are thoroughly confused, I want to make a few important points for you to consider. *First*, if the universal Catholic Church has considered these days holy, then they deserve our attention, consideration and observance no matter when they occur (or whether we are required to attend Mass). *Second*, I hate to see people become so legalistic that we are constantly looking to observe the absolute, bare minimum that we could possibly do for God. We should develop an attitude of generosity toward God and not an attitude resembling something like a minimum daily requirement. What if God had that type of attitude toward us? *Finally*, these holy days should be a reminder for us to try to bring the sacred into our daily routine.

There are so many things that can distract us from God in the world today. Recalling and observing these sacred days and the events that they represent are a good way for us to Christianize our lives, family and world. I hope to see you in Church at Mass on these days because you truly want to be there, not because you sometimes are obliged to do so.

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 11, 2024

Ministry Schedule August 15/17/18

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Aug. 15 7PM	Father Namiotka	Music Ministry	R. Javier	K. McFadden	
4:30 PM	Father Coronado	Florence	E. Beckman	J. Cepeda	
8:30 AM	Mission Co-Op	Becca/Julie	Sr. Diana	S. Oatway	A. Bresani T. Johnson
11:00 AM	Mission Co-Op	Becca/Julie	T. Librojo	J. Johnson	L. Vascisin J. Hayden

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.



The flowers being placed on the altar for the Assumption of the Blessed Mother Feast Day are in thanksgiving for special intentions requested by Charlotte.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 15, 2024

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

9:00 AM and 7:00 PM



FILIPINO "Tagalog" MASS

Sunday, August 25, 2024

3:00 PM Rosary

3:30 PM Mass

4:30 PM Fellowship

Catholic Church of St. Mary
Cherry Hill, NJ.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, **August 10/11**, there will be a collection to commemorate the centennial celebration of the First Mass being celebrated inside the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** in Washington DC. Many repairs are needed to preserve the integrity of this structure. Please help to preserve Mary's Shrine for generations to come and honor our Blessed Mother through your generous gift to her shrine.

Next weekend, Aug. 17/18 a representative from the **Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary** will speak at All Masses regarding their mission work around the world. The priests and brothers, through their training and dedication, help people face and/or overcome many different challenges while leading them to deepen their love for God. We ask that you please be generous to their request.



**WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING
DONATIONS TO THE 2024 SJCMA
CAMPAIGN!**

St. Thomas More's Goal is \$89,700.

THANK YOU!

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

4:30 PM **Dorothy McDermott**
r/b Harry & Jean McAneny

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

8:30 AM **Pat Beaney** r/b Vincent & Beverly DeMasi

11:00 AM **Eileen Kleinz**
r/b Rick & Elaine Beckman

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 AM **People of the Parish**
9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 AM **Julie Ahn** r/b Clara Lee
9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 AM **Catherine Namiotka** r/b Janet Johnson
9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY AUGUST 15 (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 AM **Catherine Namiotka** r/b Tina Petrone
9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

7:00 PM **Richard Spence** r/b Terri Conway

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 AM **Living and deceased members**
of Morgan family in Ireland
9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:30 AM **Pat Beaney** r/b Lorraine Kennedy
11:00 AM **Leonard Bouman** r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For AUGUST 2024 For Political Leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.



Spanish Ministry Prayer Group St. Thomas More Parish Hall

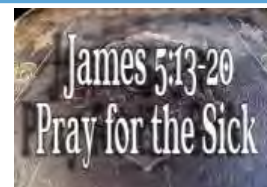
Fridays: August 16 and 23
at 10:00 A.M.

Join us as we Pray the Rosary, Lectio Divina, and reflect on themes of faith.

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

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, Mason Roberson.



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
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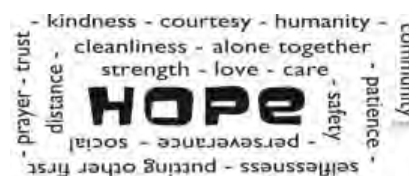
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Eucharistic Revival quotes from Pope Francis

"We are all aware of these things. For this reason, too He left us the Sacrament of His real, tangible and permanent Presence, so that, in remaining united to him we may always receive the gift of fraternal love. "Abide in my love" (Jn 15: 9), Jesus said; and this is possible thanks to the Eucharist. To abide in friendship, in love." Angelus—June 14, 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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 18, 2024 - John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."

Commentary:

The sublime simplicity and beauty of this gospel text reminds us that Jesus takes the ordinary human act of eating and shows us that this familiar action is the very way we can come to eternal life. The act - eating - is the same; the food differs. The food Jesus offers is from heaven and that upon which we feast is no less than Jesus himself. Jesus is the source of our life. At the same time we can never forget that our communion with Jesus nourishes us to share that life with others. In this way, we ourselves become bread for the life of others. Our intimacy with Jesus calls us to the same intimacy with others. This kind of intimacy does not end but continues to everlasting life.

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: "Some 'pro-choice' advocates claim to base their beliefs on the Bible. They maintain that Scripture does not prohibit abortion.

They are wrong. The Bible does, in fact, emphatically prohibit the killing of innocent people (Ex. 20:13) and clearly considers the unborn to be human beings worthy of protection (21:22-25)." **Randy Alcorn**, Author and founder of Eternal Perspective Ministries.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter "live your best life in love. For over 50 years WWME has helped millions of couples throughout the world unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "I do." There will be a Marriage Encounter weekend in Cherry Hill on Sept. 20-22, 2024. Representatives will be at all the Masses this weekend. Please stop and talk with them.

The Faith & Justice team is partnering with the Diocese Life & Justice Ministries to show the award-winning documentary film, "Cooked: Survival by Zip Code" on Tuesday, August 27th, 6:30 pm.

Cooked: Survival by Zip Code delves into the story of the worst heat disaster in U.S. history in 1995 in Chicago, when 739 residents—mostly elderly and black—died over the course of one week. The film links the deadly heat wave's devastation back to the manmade disaster of structural racism, shining a light on the issues of poverty, race, class, and education that underlie how natural disasters take lives.

As people of faith, we are called to care for our communities. This film will bring urgency to our efforts to cut carbon emissions and care for those most impacted by extreme heat in your community.

There will be time after the screening for discussion. Register by phone (856) 424-3212 or email

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Diocese of Camden Marian Pilgrimage Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC Saturday, October 26, 2024

7:00/7:15 AM	Bus Departs Holy Eucharist Parking Lot 344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill
9:30—11:30 AM	Arrive at the Basilica,. Confession, Explore the Shrine, Prayer time
11:00 AM	Official Welcome. Concert of Sacred Music
Noon	Lunch on your own . Suggest bring lunch as cafeteria is very busy.
1:30 PM	Procession of Parishes with Banner. Rosary and Crowning of the BVM.
3:00 PM	Mass with Bishop Sullivan in the Great Upper Church. Departure following Mass
7:30 PM	Bus arrives at Holy Eucharist parking lot

Cost per person \$35.00 Space is limited

Call Sheila at the Parish Office to register. 856-424-3212

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