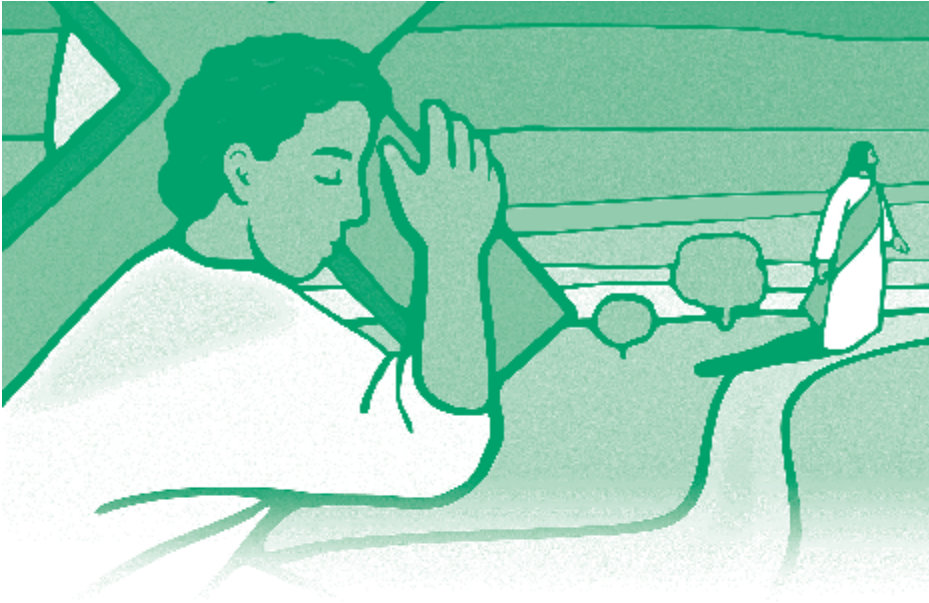


## Saint Thomas More Parish

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

### ONGOING ACTIVITIES

**Bible Study Group** – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center. (Sept.-June)

**Men's Fellowship Group**—2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in the TMR.

**Parish Council** — 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, September, and November, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. All Parishioners are welcome!

**Religious Education — Grades K-12 & Why Catholic (for Adults)** classes are held on Sundays from Sept-May 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

**Rosary Group**—after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**



Excerpt from the Dictionary for Mass 2001, 1998, 1979 CCD.

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday 4:30 p.m.**

**Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

Please see the weekday schedule inside this bulletin.



**Confessions** - Saturday from 3:45 - 4:15 p.m. or by appointment.

**Rev. Msgr. James P. Farmer, Pastor**

**Rev. Mr. Michael P. McCoy, Deacon**

**Rev. Mr. Michael Baxter, Deacon**

**Mrs. Jane G. Brown, Music Minister**

**Mrs. Ana R. Trujillo,**

**Coordinator of Religious Education**

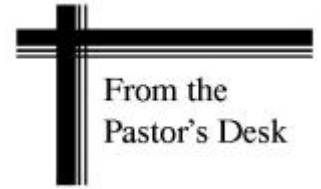
**Ms. Maria A. Boling, Office Manager/Bookkeeper**

**Mrs. Carole Small-Charles, Receptionist**

Dear Parishioners,

The Peace of the Lord Be With You!

“What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and lose his soul.”  
Mark 8:36 These powerful words from the Gospel of Mark help us focus upon eternal life.



When we die, we take no possessions with us. They all remain on earth.

Many people spend much time and energy worrying about their earthly financial security. This is a cause of much anxiety.

We need to provide for our needs on earth. We have to have food, housing, clothes, transportation, education, etc. Sometimes, our possessions can possess us.

We can have too much. We have more than we need. How many clothes, sweaters, are in our closet?

How much time do we spend preparing for eternal life? Earthly life is short. Heaven is forever.

In Christ,

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Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends, especially:

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We Pray in Faith that all who have died may be welcomed into the peace of God's Kingdom.

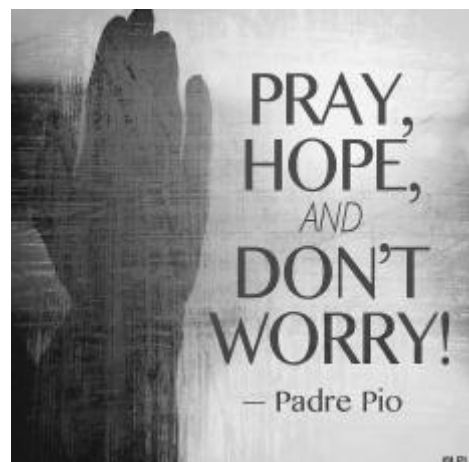
**Readings for Sept. 23, 2018**

Wis 2:12, 17-20

Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]

Jas 3:16--4:3

Mk 9:30-37





**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday 09/17**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **Albert Yin**

**Tuesday 09/18**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **Alfred Rizzutti**

**Wednesday 09/19**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **Claire Oracki**

**Thursday 09/20**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **For the intentions of  
Msgr. Farmer**

**Friday 09/21**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **Alfred W. Barry, Jr.**

**Saturday 09/22**  
4:30 p.m. Mass **For the Intentions of  
Dorothy Ruppert**

**Sunday 09/23**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **For the Parishioners**  
11:00 a.m. Mass **The Liberatore Family**

**“JESUS”**

Only a few seats remain. Please sign up in the gathering space and drop off your deposit for our trip to Sight & Sound in PA on November 27, 2018.

Let us fill the bus! SIGN-UP NOW!

**Volunteers needed for  
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Life-giving ministry! Two Mondays each month. Just in case you didn't know.....St. Thomas More parish has a group of volunteers who go to the nursing home to pray with residents and administer Holy Communion.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please prayerfully consider giving up an hour or so two twice a month to spread the GOOD NEWS. The people you meet will enrich your life more than you know. Please call Maria at 410-444-6500 or Sr. Kathleen at 443-813-2931.



Classes are from 9:30 -11:45 am. Sunday. Please **ARRIVE ON TIME** to drop off your child(ren) and to pick-up your child(ren).

**LIVE THE LITURGY -  
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Who do you say Jesus is? Some look to Jesus as the reliever of pain and suffering. We want to believe in a God who will take away the discomfort we are feeling and make things better. Frustration and even a lessening of faith can happen when we realize this is not happening. Jesus is the Christ. As the Christ, he is the one who shows us how to keep both the joys and sorrows of life in balance. There is no hopping, skipping, or jumping over suffering. It is a part of life. In addition to the physical pain we are asked to endure, living the Gospel can bring rejection and suffering as well. Jesus the Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Do we have the desire and faith to follow him?

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

We will hold a **Listening Session** here at St. Thomas More Parish, in the Church building, about the current crisis in the church. **Monday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. Please join us.**



**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

Training for new altar servers will begin September. Adults, and children who have made their First Communion are eligible. Please provide the names and phone numbers of candidates to the parish office, or Deacon Mike McCoy at [mmccoy@archbalt.org](mailto:mmccoy@archbalt.org).



**FLU CLINIC**  
**September 30, 2018**  
**8 a.m.—12 noon**

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