

St. Thomas More Church

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Mass Schedule

Daily **Mass**: Mon. - Fri. 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 Namioika, Pastor
Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, MAY 29, 2022

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



Welcome, everyone to St. Thomas More Church

We are so glad you are with us today as we worship the Lord together in the House of God!

Let us all praise God as we “*enter His gates with thanksgiving and his court with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*” Psalm 100.



In observance of Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2022 the Parish Office will be closed and there will be NO Adoration.



The collection for Sunday, May 22nd, 2022 was:

\$ 5,718– 85 donations in church
1612.92 -30 online donations
\$ 7, 331.92 115 donations.

Thank you for your continuing support of St. Thomas More Parish.

“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: The Ascension of the Lord
Everlasting Stewardship**

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (REVELATIONS 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we as Christian Stewards should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!



From the Pastor's Desk
40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration at *St. Thomas More Parish*

Dear Parishioners,

Next month the feast day of our patron saint, **St. Thomas More**, occurs on Wednesday, June 22. The date is shared with another English martyr, *St. John Fisher*. At that time, our parish will observe **40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration** from Monday, June 20 to Wednesday, June 22. Following an evening Mass at 7 PM on June 20, the Blessed Sacrament will remain continually present on the altar for private prayer and adoration. We will add an extra evening Mass at 7 PM each evening (in addition to our regular morning Mass at 9 AM). The closing Mass on June 22 will also include an Eucharistic procession. Fr. James King will be the guest homilist during the three evening Masses.

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 entire 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 an invaluable time to spend with Jesus, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

When we come into the Lord's presence, Jesus can do something to us. We may think that we go to pray, to petition and to worship, or even that we are doing God a favor by spending some of our precious time with Him. Our Lord Jesus, however, can transform us while we spend time with Him. We do not need to worry about what prayers we should say, what spiritual readings we should be reading or what we should be doing in His Presence. Just being with the Lord can be transforming. He can soften our hearts, heal our wounds, inspire us and guide us. He can give us an inner peace that nothing in this world can match. Making the commitment to spend time with Him can truly transform us.

What I am requesting from you, my parishioners, is that you dedicate at least one hour sometime during these three days with the Lord in adoration. (This should be in addition to any time attending Mass, when possible.) This devotion will continue for two nights—around the clock—and I need your help and cooperation in order to do this. Could you please think about dedicating an hour in prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament? Why not encourage members of your family to pray as a family for an hour? Perhaps a group or organization within the parish can make a holy hour together (choir, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Small Christian Communities, etc.). I especially need a few insomniacs or night owls to cover the late hours! We are arranging to have added security at night.

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

Fr. Ed Namiootka, Pastor

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Ministry Schedule for June 4/5

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Joanne/Choir Julie	G. Tyrrell	C. Betson Smith	T. Kenny E. Bresani
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	K. Glover	S. Oatway	L. & G. Hutchinson
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Mena Julie	J. Galati	L. Galati	S. Andino



National Eucharistic Revival

“My Flesh for the Life of the World”

We as Roman Catholics are of Judeo-Christian tradition. It is so because we believe in Scriptures, and in JESUS as the promised Savior; in HIS Resurrection and in HIS REAL PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST. These are the two beliefs that make us who we are as Roman Catholics. The Bishop of the United States (USCCB) have planned a “National Eucharist Revival.” They are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the United States healed, converted, formed and unified by an encounter with JESUS in the Eucharist, and sent out on Mission to the rest of the world.

Time Line: June 19, 2022 to PENTECOST 2025.

June 19, 2022 to June 11, 2023 – Diocesan year of Eucharistic Revival.

June 11, 2023 to July 17, 2024 – Parish year of Eucharistic Revival

July 17-21, 2024 - National Eucharistic Congress

July 17, 2024 to Pentecost 2025 – Year to go out on mission

At a personal level, we need a conversion of our heart and faith in the Real Presence. Our lives have to match our beliefs. Our words have to match our FAITH. *This is a wonderful time of renewal in our Catholic Church here in the USA. But, it is up to each of us to make this work for the best. We need prayer, positivity, optimism. These are the kind of bricks we need to build UP one another in FAITH.*

The opposite, disbelief, negative remarks, politicizing, unforgiveness are not Christian attitudes. We all need a change of heart and our openness to the Holy Spirit to work in us.



On this Memorial Day, we are thankful for the sacrifice so many throughout our history have made, for the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice and for their families who had to carry on without them. It is a sacrifice that is easy to forget. For those who have it, freedom is like oxygen. It’s something we just have. Many will not understand just how precious either is until they are at risk of being taken away. There are encroachments being made on our freedoms right now by those who think they know better. This is a conversation for another time. Today we remember a sacrifice made and a debt we cannot repay. Today we pray for the God of heaven to bless the families of those who have lost loved ones while serving our great nation. Pray for Him to bless and comfort the walking wounded who are still with us, and bless their families as well. It is also my prayer that we remember their sacrifice and the precious gift of freedom every day, not just once a year or when they are in danger of being taken away.

[From the Prepared Christian](#)



There will be a second collection this weekend for Catholic Communications.

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally.

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Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, MAY 28

4:30 PM **Ralph Vance** r/b Levin family

SUNDAY, MAY 29

8:30AM **Frank & Evelyn Gratzik**
r/b Maria Marinelli

11:00AM **Don Kreal** r/b Jim & Pat Beaney

MONDAY, MAY 30

9:00AM **American Warriors** r/b Teri Bones
NO Adoration today

TUESDAY, MAY 31

9:00AM **Dick Haughwout** r/b Brian Haughwout

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

9:00AM **Sr. Peter Marie Buttacavoli**
r/b Tina Petrone

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 AM **Kathleen Centonze** r/b Marguerite Dwyer

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

9:00 AM **Carol Koelsch** r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

4:30 PM **Ralph Vance** r/b Helen Protzman

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

8:30 AM **Norbert "Bobby" Cruz**
r/b Ruben Alvarez

11:00 AM **Gayle Beaney Clower** r/b family

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

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Grace Cobin, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Mary Cowan, Catherine Diana, Elizabeth Garber, Eileen Goodwin, Marjorie Graham, Jean Haines, Maureen Howe, Audrey Johnson, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Bob Lento, Marie Manalo, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Dale Strack, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ann Vigrass, Sarah Warner.



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

SPC Jordan Beckman, Captain Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Major Anthony R. Cosentino, USAF, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, SSgt. Kris Knaup, Lt. Christopher Mawn, Lt. (j.g.) Jacqueline A. McCabe, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Rimbaugh, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin, Sisi Tyrrell, USMC, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country in the armed forces.*

Holy Land Christian Art Olive-wood here on the weekend of June 25/26.

A Traditional Art and Livelihood for Holy Land Christians. The Olivewood carving industries has evolved as a cultural tradition of the Christians over many centuries. Many Holy Land Christians in the Bethlehem area alone rely upon income generated from this art form. Local Catholic artisans carve the items. Many families are facing critical situations. Without income, Artisans leave their tradition art and trade and emigrate with their families to find relief from the difficult conditions of their homeland. Christian's presence in the Holy Land has extended from the Pentecost to the present. 73 years ago, Christians represented more than 28% of the population and now represent less than 2%. The loss of the Christians in the Land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for all Christians worldwide. Thank you for your vital support for Christian Tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry. Dedicated to supporting the Christian community in the Holy land and to preserve the Christian presence. † Holy Land Christian Art is dedicated to supporting the Christian community in the Holy Land and to preserve the Christian presence.

Pope Francis' June Prayer Intentions *For families*

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

House of Charity 2022 "From Many...One Body"

When our parish collects its goal amount, up to 10% is returned to our parish for our local charitable needs. Additionally, 75% of all funds received above our parish goal will also be returned to our local parish to foster our charitable and ministerial work. This year **St. Thomas More Parish goal is \$89,700. To date we have received 104 contributions in the amount of \$52,071 which is 58.1% of our goal.**

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Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

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 Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022 John 14:15-16

"...I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always."

Commentary: We celebrate the remarkable feast of Pentecost as the birthday of the Church. The same Spirit that separated the earth from the sky, the sea from the dry land; the same breath that was breathed into Adam now comes to rest on a group of frightened people, and a new being is created. The origins of the Church lay with common people moved by the Spirit of God to follow after Jesus of Nazareth, before they had any idea what was going to be asked of them.

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 Commentary resonates with me?



Pro-Life Corner: "I do not believe there is any question when biological human life begins. It is at conception... To say that it begins at any other time is biological nonsense." Andre Hellegers, M.D

Married Couples: Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day! Rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married! Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive! The emphasis of **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention!



The next weekend dates are Oct 14-16 and Dec 2-4, 2022. Call 609-741-8012 for information.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all victims of the massacre in Texas this week.



"There have been too many school shootings, too much killing of the innocent. Our Catholic faith calls us to pray for those who have died and to bind the wounds of others, and we join our prayers along with the community in Uvalde and [Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller](#). As we do so, each of us also needs to search our souls for ways that we can do more to understand this epidemic of evil and violence and implore our elected officials to help us take action." USCCB



May is AAPI Heritage Month Asian America and Pacific Islander Heritage month

Today, the Asian and Pacific Island population in the United States is the fastest growing minority population. Nevertheless, it tends to go unrecognized in the wider US society, and there remains a need to bring more attention and support to the Asian and Pacific Island communities.

Pacific Island Catholics are eager to share their experiences and gifts as well as to receive support from the wider Catholic Church in the United States. USCCB

The Religious Education Department says "Thank YOU!"

A big thank you to our religious education staff this year: *Sr. Maria Liber, LSCIC; Marianne Wilkins; Katie Witts; Erick Andino; Angela Russo; Jose Andino; Jen Flynn; Nick & Sara Bresani; Fran Egges; Lybda Chiaravallotti; John Chiaravallotti.*

Endless thanks to **Fran Egges and Katie Witts** who will be leaving after many, many years of teaching - a whole generation of children.

We are in need of new Catechists and so we are inviting parishioners to consider stepping up to the task of taking on the religious formation and education of our children, the future of our Church.



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