

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



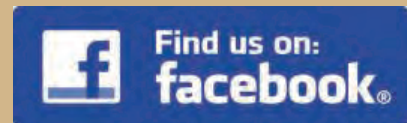
Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

In the Chapel

First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

Father Edward Namiotka, Pastor
 Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
 Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
 Julie Linn, Music Ministry
 Marylee Garber, Parish Secretary
 Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration



Send all bulletin announcements to:
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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

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

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Father, you sent your Word to bring us truth
and your Spirit to make us holy.

Through them we come to enter
into the mystery of your life.

Open our hearts to always welcome you,
one God in three Persons,
by living our faith in you.

Grant 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



“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*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next weekend is Sep 29-Oct 1, 2023. Need more information? Call our application couple at 609-741-8012 or wwme-southjersey.org

The collection for Sunday, May 28, 2023, was \$7944.93. The budgeted amount for this weekend was \$8500.

God wants us to give because it shows that we recognize he is truly the Lord of our lives. *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17, NIV* Everything we own and everything we have comes from God. So, when we give, we simply offer him a small portion of the abundance he has already given to us.



Stewardship Corner: The Most Holy Trinity Stewardship Given Freely

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...” *JOHN 3:16*

Is your love conditional? Is there a price that others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you “fit it in” when it’s convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! **Pray for Stewardship with a grateful and generous heart.**

From the Pastor's Desk

The Holy Trinity

Dear Parishioners,

Whenever we look at the mystery of the **Holy Trinity**, we should realize that this is not something that we could figure out on our own without God *revealing* this to us through Jesus. If our explanation of the Trinity were merely one opinion among many of the inner make-up of God, then God could be just about anything that any one of us thinks or believes. *One Person? Four persons?* However, as Catholic Christians we believe that Jesus—the **Son of God** and one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity—*revealed to us* the mysterious inner-workings of God.

God exists as *three Persons in relationship*. Jesus often spoke of God as *His Father*. He taught us to pray the prayer we call the “Our Father.” He told us that “whoever has seen (Him) has seen the Father” (Jn. 14:9). He told us that “the Father and I are one” (Jn. 10:30). We begin to recognize this unique **Father-Son** relationship through Jesus.

But Jesus did not stop there. He also began to speak of another—an “Advocate” (Jn. 15:26), “the Spirit of Truth”, (Jn. 15:26), the “Holy Spirit” (Jn. 14:26). With time the Church began to understand a little bit more about this third *Person* as “the Lord, the Giver of Life” who “has spoken through the prophets” (cf. the Nicene Creed).

It must have been very hard for many of the Jewish followers of Jesus who were strict *monotheists* to try to comprehend how God could be **one**, yet **three** at the same time. Why should this be surprising to us since we still fumble at various explanations to try to articulate this profound mystery?

As a teacher, the best analogy that I have used over the years that helps people comprehend this mystery of something being *one and three at the same time* is the analogy of *ice, water and steam*. All three have the same chemical composition (H₂O) and thus have a certain oneness, yet there can be a manifestation in different states (ice, water and steam) depending on temperature. While all analogies ultimately fall short of the reality, this analogy still gives us some insight into this profound mystery.

Then some insight might be given by the example of a human **family** where a relationship of two people in love with each other (in this case, husband and wife) can produce a third person (baby or child) who is both complete (a person) and entirely distinct from the other two. The *family* of this world may indeed reflect, in an analogous way, the mystery of the Holy Trinity—three unique and distinct Persons in one Godhead, eternally in love with each other.

Trying to figure out God's make-up is one thing. Having a *personal relationship* with each of the Persons of the Trinity is something else entirely. Jesus put a human face to God for us by taking on a human nature. And he also told us about the unique relationship that He has with the other Persons in the Godhead. Now we need to seek out each of these Persons of Holy Trinity in prayer and grow in our love for each of them—three Persons in one God.

On **Trinity Sunday** we rejoice in the fact that God (through Jesus) has *revealed* His inner make-up to us!

Fr. Ed Namiołka, Pastor

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

Ministry Schedule for June 10/11

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	Sr. Agnes	K. McFadden	Need Volunteer
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Becca Julie	Sr. Diana	T. Smith	Witts E. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Becca/Choir Julie	M. Garber	J. Johnson	S. Andino L. Vascisin



We just concluded a school year of religious instruction for our children. We had a very qualified group of Catechists, fully invested in this mission of introducing and strengthening the knowledge of our

Faith with the younger generation. The children demonstrated interest in learning about the Faith, and the Person of Jesus while preparing for their sacraments. The catechetical program is organized and planned around the Liturgical Year and this brings always a variety of lessons, activities, media activities and interaction. As we know, children don't learn about their faith only in classrooms. The basics are taught in an organic way in the classes, and then practiced outside where decision making may be a constant challenge, especially when there are no sound Catholic foundational principles to support the decision making. It is only with regular attendance and the parental support of our program, combined with the foundational principles learned in the classroom, that the children will be grounded in their faith. We look forward to next year, when we will once again, be able to work together for the good of the children.

St. Thomas More Feast Day – 40 Hours Devotion Schedule

The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. The focus of this devotion is Jesus 'Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

All Masses and Eucharistic Adoration will be in the CHURCH.

- Wed., June 21** Mass 7:00 PM followed by Eucharistic Exposition throughout the night. Rev. Nicholas Dudo, Vicar for Clergy, homilist
- Thurs., June 22** 9:00 AM Mass (in Church) followed by Eucharistic Exposition throughout the day
7:00 PM Mass followed by Eucharistic Exposition throughout the night. Rev. Nicholas Dudo, Vicar for Clergy, homilist
- Fri., June 23** 9:00 AM Mass followed by Benediction and a procession. (Closing of 40 Hour Devotion. No Eucharistic Adoration today after Mass)

Please consider filling a time slot as the Forty Hours Devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole.

We would like to have a minimum of TWO people sign up for each time slot. Sign-up sheets are in the gathering space. Only the front door will be open for visitation.



2023 APPEAL: "For the Life of the World"

St. Thomas More Parish
Goal: \$89,700
Total to Date: 34,585.00– 38.6%
of Donors 77 (out of over 700 Families)

Please prayerfully consider donating. If you have sent your donation direct to the Diocese, please let us know so we can record accordingly. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, JUNE 3

9:00 AM living & deceased members of Morgan family in Ireland
4:30 PM Mary Bergamesco r/b Fitzpatrick family

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

8:30 AM Bridget Namiotka r/b family
11:00 AM Kevin A. Michel r/b Brian, Randa, Simon & Tia

MONDAY, JUNE 5

9:00 AM people of the parish
9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

9:00 AM Mary Ellen Lepre r/b Rick & Julia Linn & family
9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

9:00 AM living & deceased members of the Morgan family in Ireland
9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

9:00 AM Gerald F. Yeagers r/b Sharon & Jack Weinberg
9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

9:00 AM Intentions of Katherine Santa Teresa & Justine Vassell r/b Christina Castillo
9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

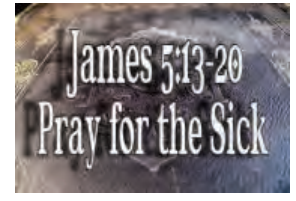
SATURDAY, JUNE 10

4:30 PM Bill Kane & Rudy Peins r/b family
SUNDAY, JUNE 11

8:30 AM James Higgins r/b Franciscan Sisters
11:00 AM Vincent T. McDermott r/b Paul & Patricia Schneider

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, Fr. George Donfurtang, Elizabeth Garber, Eileen Gerie, Eileen Goodwin, Marjorie Graham, Maureen Howe, Helen Kane, Marion Kapischke, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, John Lane, Bob Lento, Marie Manalo, Carter Oakley, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Eleanor Rizzo, Dom Sacca, Carlos Santiago, Teddy Shaffer, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Dale Strack, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Roy Targonski, 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. Jacqueline A. McCabe, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Sisi Tyrrell, USMC, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country.*

Upcoming Dates for the Hispanic Prayer Group Meetings: **June 9th, 16th, & 23rd.** All meetings are held at **10:00 AM in Classroom #1.**



Please pray for the repose of the souls of: **Genevieve T. Haines** and **Jamie Linn Phillips** (Julie Linn's sister-in-law)

Pope Francis' May Prayer Intentions

For Church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world."



Eucharistic Revival (Quotes from Pope Francis)

"The Eucharist communicates the Lord's love for us; a love so great that in nourishes us with Himself; a freely given love, always available to every person who hungers and needs to regenerate his own strength."



Coffee and Donuts after Sunday Masses this weekend!

Summer in the City August 13th—19th

Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Center
702 S. New Road, Absecon, NJ
Registration Fee- \$170.00
Contact Jose Rodriguez at: 856-583-2908
Jose.Rodriguez@Camdendiocese.org

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

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 experiences.

Excerpt from the Gospel for The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 11, 2023- John 6:51-58


Jesus said to the Jewish 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. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.

Commentary:

People objected when Jesus talked about offering his life for the sake of the world. We still hear plenty of objections to this kind of talk. Some of us find the idea of self-sacrifice noble in the realm of soldiers armed with guns. But what if somebody walks into the heart of danger armed only with the truth? What if our children choose religious life over careers in law and medicine? What if a friend decides to work in a crime-filled neighborhood, or to become politically active in an unpopular issue? How do we view these self-sacrificing decisions? With alarm? With unbelief? Until we embrace the spirit of self-sacrifice, we're standing with the crowds who thought the "angel food" talk of Jesus was pure lunacy.

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: Pregnancy centers are faith-based, community-based, not-for-profit organizations that serve pregnant women and young families with free services and resources related to unexpected pregnancy and alternatives to abortion. They provide medical care, support services, education, and material assistance in a respectful, compassionate, and supportive environment. They aim to empower women to choose life and to prepare them to parent or to place for adoption. There are about 2,750 center locations nationwide.



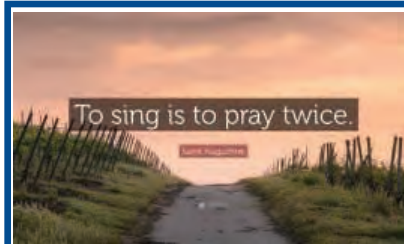
Close to 50 participants attended the "Gun Violence Prevention" presentation on Monday May 22nd in the parish hall. Lisa Winkler and Carla Reyes Miller were very informative presenters.



Statement from Bishops of U.S. Communities Along the U.S.-Mexico Border—May 12, 2023

"Daily, we witness the human consequences of migration, both its blessings and its challenges. As Christians, we are called to see the face of Christ in those who suffer, those who lack the basic necessities of life. We are each bound by a universal call to serve one another and to protect the sanctity of human life in all its forms."

"Therefore, we remain committed to supporting the efforts ongoing within our dioceses and beyond to promote the God-given dignity of every person, including those who have recently arrived in our communities. May each of us be blessed with a humanitarian heart that beats with fraternal compassion for those in need."



The St. Thomas More Music Ministry is in need of choir members and cantors. Please contact Julie Linn for more information.

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