

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 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

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088
Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



Lord Jesus Christ,
thank you for being heavenly food and drink
for our faith journey.

Open the eyes of our hearts to this special presence
in the sacrament of your Body and Blood.

May we offer to our Father in heaven
a solemn pledge of undivided love.

May we offer to our brothers and sisters
a welcoming spirit of
the Kingdom where you live
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.



“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*

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



The collection for Sunday, June 4, 2023, was \$5373.92. 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 Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Stewardship Lifestyle

*Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”
1st. Corinthians 10:17*

“As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. We are called to be fed and to feed others. Living a Stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God’s kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other’s relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our roadmap to Heaven. Let’s help each other get there!

From the Pastor's Desk

“Life's A Banquet!”

Dear Parishioners,

“Life's a banquet and most poor suckers are starving to death!” This is a line taken from the movie **Auntie Mame** (1958) starring Rosalind Russell. While many people will use this quote to emphasize that we need to live life to the fullest—*go for the gusto*, so to speak—I want to apply this phrase to what is unfortunately too many people's attitude toward the **Holy Eucharist**.

Each and every Sunday (and, in fact, *every* day) we are invited to the **Banquet of the Lord's Table**: “*Do this in memory of me.*” We have the precious opportunity to receive the **Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**. As Catholics, we (should) believe that the Holy Eucharist is Jesus' **Real Presence** given to us as our spiritual nourishment for life's journey.

How do we respond to this invitation? After all, it is always our choice in the end. By the current Mass attendance statistics in parishes, the response is *abysmal* at best. *Apathetic* is probably a good adjective to use describing today's average Catholic. Sadly, less than 15% of Catholics in our area attend weekly Mass. I have heard the many, many excuses why some people choose not to go to Mass:

“*It's boring.*”

“*I'm too busy*”

“*All the priest does is talk about money.*”

“*Father was mean to me.*”

“*The bishop closed/merged my church.*”

“*The priest is too conservative/liberal/political/boring/egotistical/irreverent/long-winded.*”

“*I don't agree with the Church's teaching on*”

“*I have other things to do.*”

“*I am spiritual but not religious.*”

“*I'm divorced and not properly married in the Church.*”

I can't force anyone to come to Mass, to receive the Holy Eucharist, to participate in what is the true lifeblood of any parish. Neither could Jesus:

Jesus again in reply spoke to them in parables, saying "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. (Mt. 22: 1-10)

We are all invited: *saint and sinner, rich and poor, black and white, sophisticated and simple.*

Unfortunately I realize some may not at this time be able to receive the Lord in the Holy Eucharist for various reasons. Come anyway and pray and worship with us! Pray that the Lord will show you a way to get your situation in life in proper order. Learn about making a *spiritual communion*.

Come to the banquet of Eternal Life! Be spiritually nourished! Don't starve yourselves!

Fr. Ed Namioΐka, Pastor

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Ministry Schedule for June 17/18

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Len	Sr. Sophia	C. Betson-Smith	Need Volunteer
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	K. Glover	D. Miller	T. Kenny T. Johnson
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Marta Julie	J. Flynn	L. Flynn	N. Flynn S. Andino L. Vascisin



POPE FRANCIS ON PARENTING
Excerpts from Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)

The Essential Role of Parents always influences the moral development of their children, for better or for worse.

It follows that they should take up this essential role and carry it out consciously, enthusiastically, reasonably and appropriately (n. 259). Parents need to consider what they want their children to be exposed to, and this necessarily means being concerned about who is providing their entertainment, who is entering their rooms through television and electronic devices, and with whom they are spending their free time. Only if we devote time to our children, speaking of important things with simplicity and concern, and finding healthy ways for them to spend their time, will we be able to shield them from harm. Vigilance is always necessary and neglect is never beneficial (n. 260).

Passing on the Faith, raising children calls for an orderly process of handing on the Faith. This is made difficult by current lifestyles, work schedules and the complexity of today's world. . . . Even so, the home must continue to be the place where we learn to appreciate the meaning and beauty of the Faith, to pray and to serve our neighbor. . . *Handing on the faith presumes that parents themselves genuinely trust God, seek Him and sense their need for Him . . . (n. 287).* Children need symbols, actions and stories. Since adolescents usually have issues with authority and rules, it is best to encourage their own experience of faith and to provide them with attractive testimonies that win them over by their sheer beauty. . . . It is essential that children see that, for their parents, prayer is something truly important. Hence moments of family prayer and acts of devotion can be more powerful for evangelization than any catechism class or sermon (n. 288). In all families the Good News needs to resound, in good times and in bad, as a source of light along the way. All of us should be able to say, thanks to the experience of our life in the family: "We come to believe in the love that God has for us" (1 Jn. 4:16). Pope Francis in his letter to the Church: "The Joy of Love"

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.

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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

MONDAY, JUNE 12

9:00 AM people of the parish

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

9:00 AM Samantha Muly r/b Brian Haughwout

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

9:00 AM living & deceased members of the Morgan family in Ireland

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

9:00 AM Marjorie Mannix Gadren r/b SCC Group

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

9:00 AM Kevin A. Michel

r/b Fran Derman & children

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

4:30 PM Father's Day Intentions

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

8:30 AM Father's Day Intentions

11:00 AM Father's Day Intentions

Pope Francis' June 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."



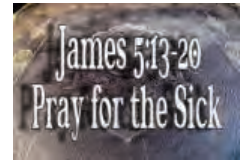
Coffee and Donuts after Sunday Masses next weekend!



Members of the St. Vincent DePaul Society will be at the doors of the church next weekend accepting your donations of non-perishable goods and monetary assistance in their ministry to "feed the hungry".

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 Knap, 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.*

Eucharistic Revival (Quotes from Pope Francis)

"To live the experience of faith means to allow oneself to be nourished by the Lord and to build one's existence not with material goods but with the reality that does not perish; the gifts of God, his Word and his Body."



Father's Day Cards and Remembrances are available at the doors of the church. Please list your Father's Day intentions on the envelopes with your donation inside and put in the collection basket at Mass. All envelopes will be placed on the Altar and remembered in prayer during the month of June.

2023 APPEAL: "For the Life of the World"

St. Thomas More Parish Goal: \$89,700
Total to Date: \$40,285.00 – 44.9%
of Donors 87



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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

The Gospel for the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, June 18, 2023 - Matt. 9:36—10:8

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Commentary

In today's Gospel Jesus sends his disciples out and tells them how to act as his messengers. Jesus' response to the crowds in need of shepherding is to authorize his disciples to extend his own healing. Although here they are told not to preach to non-Jews, later in Matthew's Gospel Jesus will commission his disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations" (28:19). But this will not take place until after the Resurrection. In these early sections of the Gospel, the emphasis is on healing rather than teaching.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing

1. Speak of a time when it became clear to you that you could make a difference to another. How did you do it?
2. When did you feel overwhelmed by life's demands and didn't know where to seek help.
3. Relate an experience when someone helped you to recognize your worth and value?



Pro-Life Corner:

"I served in the military for 21 years, not to take life but to protect life. That includes the unborn. On average, 900 African American babies are killed per day. Since 1973, 9 million black American babies have been killed because of abortion. It's ironic to me that the folks who want to protect my life and my rights want to kill me at birth. I'm appalled at this bill (AZ HB 2696) that is a direct attack on the sanctity of life, not only for Black Americans but for all Americans."— *Walt Blackman, AZ State Representative and first Black Republican elected to the Arizona State Legislature*

Angel Tree Ministry Article

There is an Article on the Catholic Charities Website about the "Angel Tree Ministry" at St Thomas More. Chris Betson Smith was interviewed for the article and shared how this ministry was initiated in the parish. Following is the link to the article: <https://catholiccharitiescamden.org/how-angel-tree-ministers-to-families-in-need/>

The St. Thomas More Music Ministry is **in need of choir members and cantors**. Please contact Julie Linn for more information. julie@trinityint.com. Thank you

Cherry Hill Maturity Club

Bingo, cards and fun! Monthly lunches no charge. This club meets Mondays & Fridays 11 -4 at Tillelli Hall Mercer Street Cherry Hill. Contact Dominic Rossi, president 856 429 - 3420 email rossigroup@aol.co



United Nations: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15

Between 2019 and 2030, the number of persons aged 60 years or over is projected to grow by 38%, from 1 billion to 1.4 billion. This means greater attention needs to be paid to the specific challenges affecting older persons, including in the field of human rights.

Elder abuse is a problem that exists in both developing and developed countries yet is typically underreported globally. From a health and social perspectives, unless both primary health care and social service sectors are well equipped to identify and deal with the problem, elder abuse will continue to be underdiagnosed and overlooked.

Listen to Talking Catholic everywhere podcasts can be found, at <https://talking.catholicstarherald.org/show/talking-catholic>, or catch us on Domestic Church Media radio Sundays at 11 AM or Mondays at 4.

'They' are at it again

Please be aware that neither Fr. Ed nor any of the Parish staff will contact you by email or text requesting monetary assistance or gift cards for personal use. **If you receive such a notification, please call the Parish office. 856-424-3212.**

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