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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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Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
Julie Linn, Music Ministry
Marylee Garber, Parish Secretary
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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 25, 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
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When Fearful

Lord, we ask you to deliver us
from fear of the unknown future:
from fear of failure, from fear of poverty,
from fear of bereavement,
from fear of loneliness,
from fear of sickness and pain,
from fear of age, and from fear of death.
Help us, Father, by your grace to love you above all,
and to fear nothing.
Fill our hearts with cheerful courage
and loving trust in you.
Through our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.



“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*

The collection for Sunday, June 18, 2023, was \$ 5018.51
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. **“Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.” Deut. 15:10 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: 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time Living Stewardship

Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” MATTHEW 10:32

Would others know that you are a Catholic Steward by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? **Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!**

From the Pastor's Desk
Another Side of "Sin City"

Dear Parishioners,

This past week I was in Las Vegas, Nevada--a.k.a., *Sin City*. However, as I have explained for the past four decades, I have a friend there from my seminary days, Auxiliary Bishop Gregory W. Gordon. The bishop and I attended *St. Charles Seminary* in Philadelphia for college and we have remained friends ever since.

The occasion for this recent visit was the 90th birthday of his mother Carole. His mom and mine are approximately the same age. The last time I was in Vegas was to attend his Episcopal ordination two years ago. He was the first auxiliary bishop ever appointed in Las Vegas.

Las Vegas is a part of the country where the Catholic Church is growing in leaps and bounds. A number of years ago, I stood with the then Fr. Gordon as we surveyed the desert land that would become his future parish, *St. Francis of Assisi* in Henderson, NV. He had to build it from the ground up. Today it proudly boasts of a parish family in proximity of 10,000 families! There is also a newly established Catholic school in the parish. The area has grown so large that another neighboring Catholic parish will be established in the immediate future.

Proof of the continued Catholic growth there is the fact the Las Vegas has recently been elevated to the status of **Archdiocese**. On June 29th, Bishop George Leo Thomas, the current *Ordinary* (head bishop) for the archdiocese, will be presented with the *pallium* (a symbol of his office) from the Holy Father. Las Vegas was once part of the Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas. Subsequently, it became its own diocese. Now it has been elevated to the status of archdiocese and has its own auxiliary bishop. The rapid growth continues!

Over the years I have attended various ceremonies within the diocese. I saw confirmation classes too large to be held in parish churches, necessitating the use of the *Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer* on the south part of Las Vegas Boulevard (the strip). I have offered Mass and heard confessions for huge congregations from many cultures and backgrounds. There is a sizable Latino community.

Vegas has morphed from a small gambling oasis to a large metropolitan vacation destination in a little more than a century! Having personally observed the tremendous growth of Las Vegas over the years, I see how this city and its archdiocese now rivals particular parts of the country where the Catholic parishes have become mega-parishes. (The state of Florida comes to mind.) While the northeast part of the country is in noticeable church decline (recall the mergers, closures and sale of church property), other areas are experiencing the need for considerable expansion.

Incidentally, as my plane was landing, the **Vegas Golden Knights** won the Stanley Cup. Who would have ever thought that an ice hockey team would win a championship in the desert of Las Vegas?

Only in Vegas!

Fr. Ed Namiołka, Pastor

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 25, 2023

Ministry Schedule for July 1/2

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	Sr. Agnes	J. Cepeda	
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	B. Massey	T. Smith	T. Kenny E. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	M. Garber	B. Haughwout	M. Marsden



Pope Francis has a message every day for whoever wishes to read it, be inspired and let it transform one's life. The following message is from last week, Wednesday, June 14.

“Entering into the project God proposes for our life requires that we restrict the space of selfishness, reduce the presumption of self-sufficiency, lower the heights of arrogance and pride, and that we overcome laziness, in order to traverse the risk of love, even when it involves the cross. To belong to Christ means to follow him, to commit one’s life to love, in service and in giving oneself as he did, who passed through the narrow door of the cross. “Let us imagine that the Lord came on earth today. Unfortunately, he would see many wars, much poverty and many inequalities, and at the same time, tremendous technical achievements, modern means, and people who are always rushing, who never stop. But would he find someone who dedicates time and affection to him, someone who would put him in first place? Above all, let us ask ourselves, “What would he find in me, if the Lord were to come today, what would he find in me, in my life, in my heart? What priorities would he see in my life? Jesus would say, come without baggage, and trust in ME.”

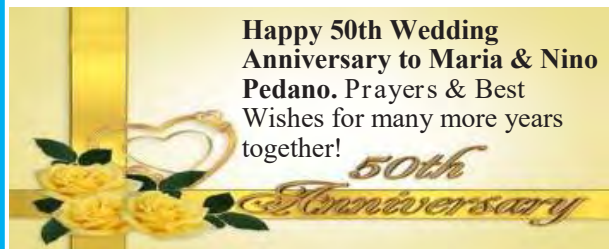


Registration for the 2023-2024 school year has begun. Registration forms have been emailed to all returning students.

Forms may be found on the Parish website: stthomasmorenj.org. On the left hand side, [click on Religious Education Registration form.](#)



Around The Parish
Prayers & Good wishes to **Dan & Kathy Miller** as they are **moving to the Jersey Shore!** We are grateful for their many contributions to our parish. Dan served as parish lector, parish council member, and Small Christian Community facilitator. Our prayers and good wishes go with them.



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Maria & Nino Pedano. Prayers & Best Wishes for many more years together!



A special thank you to Tim Kenny for serving as Parish Altar Server for the past 8 years.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 18, 2023



SATURDAY, JUNE 24

4:30 PM Ed Loges r/b Tobin family

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

8:30 AM Joe & Marie Bongiovanni
r/b Dave Bongiovanni

11:00 AM Phyllis Kolecki r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

MONDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 AM people of the parish

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

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

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

9:00 AM Anthony Centonze, Catherine Appalucci,
Frank Bianchi r/b Joe Centonze

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

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

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

9:00 AM Frank Donahue

r/b Tomas & Marie Manalo

SATURDAY, JULY 1

9:00 AM Vincenzo & Assunta De Rosa
r/b Franciscan Sisters

4:30 PM Daniel A. Maher r/b Ann Tobin & family

SUNDAY, JULY 2

8:30 AM Carlos Barrientos & Maria Deras
r/b family

11:00 AM intentions of Gregory Tyrrell r/b family

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for June

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."



2023 APPEAL: "For the Life of the World"

St. Thomas More Parish

Goal: \$89,700

Total to Date: \$41,445.00 – 46.2%

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

James 5:13-20
Pray for the Sick

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Grace Cobin, Tammy Colon, 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.*

The Consolation Ministry to the bereaved of St. Thomas More Parish will meet on Thurs., June 29 at 1:00 PM. This will be a luncheon meeting at the Fat Tomato Italian Bistro located at 175 Route 73, Berlin, NJ. Please RSVP to jon111@comcast.net if you wish to attend. Our mission is to be a source of love, comfort, and support to those who experience loss through death. We work to reach out to those who experience loss, so they will feel the healing comfort of God through this faith community.

We hope you will allow us to walk alongside you through your grief journey as a companion who has seen the same terrain. **Join us or call for more information.**

Ann Marie Lento 856-344-7454, Jon Lisitski 856-210-6466.



Eucharistic Revival

(Quotes from Pope Francis)

"To listen to Christ, in fact, entails taking up the logic of his Paschal Mystery, setting out on the journey with Him to make of oneself a gift of love to others, in docile obedience to the will of God, with an attitude of detachment from worldly things and of interior freedom" (Angelus—March 1, 2015)

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 25, 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

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 2, 2023 - Matt. 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

Commentary:

Today's Gospel presents the hard choice to be made by those who want to live and spread the Good News. People are not being told to cut off all family ties. But if your family threatens to disown you for following Jesus or for making decisions based upon him, you will have to make a choice. To choose Christ means to follow the path his love marked out. Often that means taking up the cross. Choosing the safe way often leads to self-destruction. In order to find our true identity, we must give ourselves to others, living as Jesus lived.

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: "The beautiful thing about the pro-life movement is that it's ordinary people doing extra-ordinary things for God."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Thank YOU to the Knights of Columbus and the St. Vincent de Paul Society members for setting up for our Sunday Coffee & Donuts for the last 6 months.

St. Vincent de Paul Society volunteers: Chico Febus, Lorraine Kennedy, John Galati, Kevin McFadden, Rick Cosentino.

Knights of Columbus Regular volunteers:

Henry Glover, Brain Haughwout, John Galati

Helpers: Joe Centonze, Ralph Spohn, Vince Marchesani, Doug George, Greg Tyrrell, and John Lisitski.



Coffee and Donuts will resume in the Fall!



Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Upcoming programs will be held in Malvern, PA on August 18-20 and again on October 6-8. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.com or call 215-766-3944. All calls are confidential.



Religious Freedom Week
June 22nd—June 29th

The USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty collaborated with the Conference's Office of International Justice and Peace to raise awareness about the [persecution of the Catholic Church in Nicaragua](#), and [conflicts and religious tensions in Nigeria](#). These are examples of issues the faithful should be aware of in order to be in solidarity with people throughout the world who suffer for their faith.

When you care enough to love the very best in your marriage, treat yourself to a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend**. The next weekend is Sep 29th-Oct 1st, 2023. Questions? Need more information? Call our application couple at 609-741-8012 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org or visit our website wwme-southjersey.org



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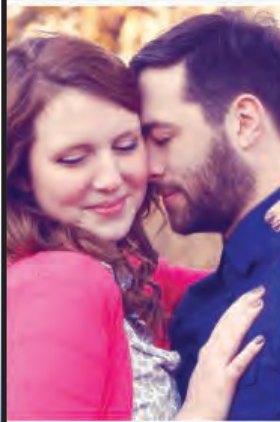
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