

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 26, 2019

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sunday, during 10 a.m. Mass

Grades one thru four: Tuesday, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Grades five thru eight: Tuesday, 6:30– 8:00 PM.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish office to register.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 4 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088

Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



Come join your fellow parishioners every Friday from 9:30am—12noon for Eucharistic Adoration. All are encouraged to attend.

Our collection for May 19, 2019, was \$6,900.00 from 143 donations. Thank you for your continuing generosity to our parish.



“... if My people, who are called by My Name, are sorry for what they have done, if they pray and obey me and stop their evil ways, I will heal their land.”
2nd Chronicles 7: 14

Stewardship Corner: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Stewards Are Not Troubled

“...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” John 14:27

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to comprehend the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans.

The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for the opportunity to live **Stewardship** and trust that He has a better plan for you.



Catholic Faith in Slow Motion

A brief look at St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Thomas Aquinas studied under another famous saint, Albert the Great, as a young man in Paris and Cologne. His brilliant grasp of philosophy and theology soon shone forth in his teaching and writings at the University of Paris and later on in other European cities as well. He became an acclaimed scholar and theological advisor to the papal court.

St. Thomas showed how faith and reason complemented each other in our relationship with God, as they both come from our Creator! As he put it in his masterpiece on faith, the *Summa Theological*, a rational soul is something “God alone can create.”

For all his fame and knowledge, he had an admirable humility of heart. He said he learned more from prayer, devotion to the Holy Eucharist, and to contemplation of our Lord on His crucifix, than from all his studies.

This great teacher and Doctor of the Church once wrote that in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, Christ “preaches an unrivalled humility, which disdains no dwelling, but consents to come like a guest to any heart, even one that is defiled.”

This prayer below by St. Thomas Aquinas gives us a moving example of love and humility in the presence of our Savior. St. Thomas is considered to be one of the greatest theologians and intellects of our faith.

Prayer before Holy Communion

Almighty and Eternal God, I behold I come to the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As one sick, I come to the Physician of life; unclean, to the Fountain of mercy; blind, to the Light of eternal splendor; poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Therefore, I beg of You, through Your infinite mercy and generosity, heal my weakness, wash my uncleanness, give light to my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I thus receive the Bread of Angels. The King of Kings. The Lord of Lords, with such reverence and humility and contrition and devotion, purity of faith, purpose, and intention, as shall aid my soul's salvation.

Grant, I beg of You, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord, but also its full grace and power. Give me the grace, most merciful God, to receive the Body of Your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, in such a manner that I may deserve to be intimately united with His mystical Body and to be numbered among His members. Most loving Father, grant that I may behold for all eternity face to face Your beloved Son, whom now, on my pilgrimage, I am about to receive under the sacramental veil, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

Amen.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE for MAY 30/JUNE 1/2

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
May 30 9:00 am	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	T. Petrone B. Lento	M. Maggart	———
7:00 pm	Father King	Music Ministry	E. Beckman D. Staton	K. Friend	S. & D. Russo
June 1/2 4:30 PM	Father King	Music Ministry	P. & N. Kirincic I. Rellosa	J. Cepeda	C. & R. Cepeda
8:30 AM	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	Sr. Clare B. Lento	M. Maggart	E. Shim M. Gary
10:00 AM	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	K. Glover D. Statop M. Huynh	J. Campbell	A. Librojo I. Vascisin Z. Carmody
11:30 AM	Father King	Music Ministry	B. Haughwout M. Gärber H. Protzman	M. Dwyer	R. & R. Sharma K. Mackey

The Ministry schedule can be found at the St. Thomas More website: <http://stthomasmorenj.org>



For Our Children

Reregistration packets for the school year 2019-2020 were sent home. All returning students must reregister. *Why not complete the form and return it NOW while you are thinking of it?* Prompt reregistration allows us to schedule the proper number of teachers and to ensure we have enough books and supplies for the number of students we will have. **Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.** Registration forms will be available on the St. Thomas More website: stthomasmorenj.org

Can You Help?



Our Catholic patients at Jefferson Health– Cherry Hill could use a warm smile, a visit, and would love to receive the Eucharist.

Please consider volunteering to visit the sick and bring them Communion at Jefferson Health– Cherry Hill Hospital. We are looking for those special Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion to volunteer for one or more days a month. For more information, please contact: Deacon John Rich at 856-278-1628 or email: john.rich@camdendiocese.org.

St. Thomas More Parish

Christmas in July 5 K Run/1 mile walk

The USATF certified 5 K RUN/Walk will take place on **Thursday evening, July 25, 2019** on our parish grounds. This is a family event. All ages and skill levels are invited.

There will be Food, Prizes, Door Prizes (a variety of gift cards)

Please follow this link to register <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/CherryHill/ChristmasinJuly5K1Mile>

We also have **sponsorship opportunities** available. If you are interested or know of a business that would be interested in sponsoring this event, your logo and brand will receive wide circulation in our promotional materials including the Race Day T Shirt..

Please call or email the Parish Office for sponsorship forms.

We look forward to your support for a fun filled family event!

Chairs,
Chris Betson -Smith
Kevin McFadden



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Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, MAY 25

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm John & Helen Banitvoglio r/b children

SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:30 am intentions of Christina Castillo
r/b Emelita A. Suarez
10:00 am Ted Uhlman r/b Ann & Don Sullivan
Charles McAndrew
r/b Toni & Joe Andraka
Anna Bedrick
r/b family, Barbara Bene-Rosenthal
11:30 am intentions of Sonia Tagle
r/b Emelita A. Suarez

MONDAY, MAY 27

ONE MASS ONLY TODAY

9:00 am American Warriors

TUESDAY, MAY 28

6:45 am Valentino Bielli r/b family
9:00 am intentions of Liz DeYoung & family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

6:45 am intentions of Jaclyn Ehrlich
r/b Rossetti family
9:00 am intentions of Donna Rule
r/b Marian Kapischke

THURSDAY, MAY 30

6:45 am for an end to abortion and euthanasia
9:00 am Happy Birthday Bob Lento
7:00 pm John Kenny
r/b STM Religious Ed. Program

FRIDAY, MAY 31

6:45 am for vocations to the priesthood and
religious life
9:00 am Henry Coyne r/b Mark & Liz DeYoung

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
Kathleen Centonze r/b Marguerite Dwyer
4:30 pm Sr. Peter Marie Buttacavoli, OFM
r/b Fred & Tina Petrone

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

8:30 am Rita De Maria
r/b Harry & Mary Lou Horlacher
10:00 am Quentin Gettel
r/b Robert & Roseann Luther
Cindy Zielinski r/b Teri Bones
William Boxley r/b wife
11:30 am Kathleen Centonze r/b brother

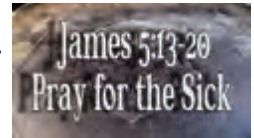
Please pray for the souls of :
Marie Clarke
Cindy Zielinski
Joan Ward



Papal Intentions for the Month of May: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the continent.

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

Kristina Acevedo, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, GERALYN Coticone, John Coticone, Mary Cowan, Margaret Crawford, Catherine Diana, Angelo DiGiacomo, Chuck Goodwin, Thomas Handler, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Ron Kramer, Don Kreal, Marie Manalo, John Minot, Arleen Pajic, Tom Pajic, Youngmork Park, Fred Petrone, Tina Petrone, Joseph Ryan, Frank Sabatino, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Frank Sines, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Jim Tobin, Linda Van Name, Ann Vigrass, Kathryn Wolfe



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

2nd Lieutenant Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Captain Anthony R. Cosentino, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lily Hutchinson, USN, Petty Officer 3rd class; Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, 1st Lt. Christopher M. Mawn, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin



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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 the Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 2, 2019- John 17:20-26

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you love them even as you loved me.

Commentary:

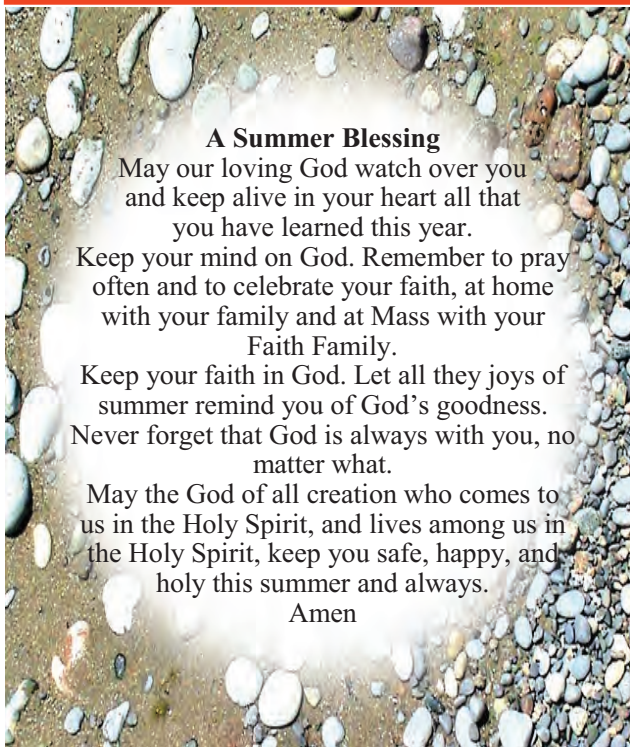
This passage, known as the Unity Prayer was prayed by Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus was praying for you and for me. As Jesus saw it, the best last scenario for the human race is unity. As incredible as it sounds, Jesus desires for us the same total communion with God that he enjoys as "God from God, light from light." This is the final prayer of Jesus for his church both present and future until the end of time as we know it. We live in a world torn by violence and selfishness. It seems almost too wonderful to imagine the vision Jesus has for us. However, "unity" is Jesus' "end of the world" goalpost. Could there be a better one?

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: "The hairsplitting difference between formed and unformed makes no difference to us. Whoever deliberately commits abortion is subject to the penalty of homicide." St. Basil



A Summer Blessing

May our loving God watch over you and keep alive in your heart all that you have learned this year.

Keep your mind on God. Remember to pray often and to celebrate your faith, at home with your family and at Mass with your Faith Family.

Keep your faith in God. Let all the joys of summer remind you of God's goodness. Never forget that God is always with you, no matter what.

May the God of all creation who comes to us in the Holy Spirit, and lives among us in the Holy Spirit, keep you safe, happy, and holy this summer and always.

Amen

**Thursday,
May 30, 2019 is the
Feast of the
Ascension,
a Holy Day
of obligation.**

**The Mass schedule for
the Holy Day is: 6:45 &
9:00 am and 7:00 pm.**



Parish Survey Development

Our **Parish Convocation Committee** will be **developing a Parish Survey** as one of our initiatives from the recent Diocesan Convocation. The survey will address **how well the parish is doing and where we might improve in areas such as parish life, liturgies, outreach, ministries, etc. If you have any insight and experience with surveys or just wish to participate, please reach out to us.**

Please contact Sr. Ann for more details(424-3212)

**St. Thomas More 2019 House of Charity-
Bishop's Annual Appeal is \$119,648.00. As of
this time we have received 50,300.00 (42% of our
goal) in donations and pledges.** Pledge Cards are available at the end of each pew, in the Gathering Space and in the Parish Office. Please fill out and return your pledge card if you have not already done so. Thanks!



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