

PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 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



We welcome the newly baptized to our parish family: *Clara Natasha Rodgers*



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

Our collection for June 2, 2019, was \$7,599.00 from 154 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: Pentecost Sunday Stewardship Guidance

“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” John 14: 26



The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit for Stewardship to transform our lives and guide our thoughts, words, and actions.

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion

Fr. Phillip Johnson

A series of reflections about professing, praying, thinking, and living the Faith of the Church

Who Is The Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified.

I believe in the Holy Spirit. With this profession, the Trinitarian “shape” of our faith is complete. Each of the three parts of the creed confesses faith in God: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit—the One God who is a fellowship, a *communion* of three “persons” or identities.

The Lord, the giver of Life . . . Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified. The Creed makes clear that the Holy Spirit we believe in is not simply some divine force or emanation from God, but is truly God. The Holy Spirit is clearly identified as *the Lord, the giver of Life*. When God gives the Holy Spirit, as in the Sacrament of Confirmation, God gives God. The Holy Spirit is the name of God when God is given as a gift to indwell the souls of human creatures.

By analogy, we know something about this kind of giving. Or, at least, we know a very distant likeness to it. You know about “giving yourself” to some cause or person. When you give yourself to another, it does not mean you cease being yourself. In fact, by giving yourself you become more and more yourself. But it means that the other person now possesses your love, your loyalty, your presence when needed. This is, as we said, a distant likeness; there is much un-likeness within the likeness. Our human self-giving is severely limited by our nature and by our sins. But God’s self-giving is limited by nothing except his infinite Love.

To whom does God give himself? The first answer is one of the strange surprises of our faith, and it may at first sound like nonsense. God gives himself to God! That is to say, the Father gives himself to the Son and the Son returns this self-giving wholly; and this mutual self-giving *is* the Holy Spirit.

Of course, we could not speak of God like this, we would know nothing of this mystery, except for Jesus. When the Word of God “became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:1-3), the eternal secret of God’s self-giving is enacted and disclosed in a human history. The gospel story is *first of all* a story of the self-giving love between Jesus and the one Jesus called Father—who is the one who calls Jesus “my Son, my Beloved” (Mark 1:11). The Father gives “all things” to the Son (Col. 1) —his loyalty, approval, authority, creative power, and redeeming love. And Jesus returns this gift to the Father without holding anything back. The Son’s loyalty to the Father is not broken even by a tortuous death; the Father’s loyalty to the Son is stronger than the grave. This mutual self-giving that makes them “one,” this mutual Father-Son exchange of love is named by the gospel “the Holy Spirit.”

I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe that the power of love and favor between Jesus and his Father has been revealed and poured out in human history--- “adopting” you and me (Romans 8:15) in that shared love. *I believe* that the Father now loves me with the same Love that he has for his only begotten Son. Because the Son gives me a share in his own perfect love of the Father. I believe that this Spirit will shape my life more and more in the image of the Son-ship of Jesus. I believe that this Holy Spirit will hold us all secure in the communion of the Father with the Son, now and forever— that “the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the *communion* of the Holy Spirit” will be with us always (2 Cor. 13:14).

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE for JUNE 15/16

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Father King	Mena/Choir Julie	R. Crawford T. Petrone I. Rellosa	F. Eggles	S. & D. Russo K. Johnson
8:30 AM	Father King	Ken Eugene	B. Massey B. Lento	M. Maggart	W. Quay C. Oatway
10:00 AM	Father Varghese	Celine Julie	J. Galati K. Glover D. Staton	L. Galati	T. Kenny L. Hutchinson A. Schwartz
11:30 AM	Father Varghese	Celine Julie	A. Thompson M. Garber B. Haughwout	D. Haughwout	I. Vascisin M. Gray A. Kuzinski

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



For Our Children

Have you registered for 2019-2020 yet?

Prompt registration 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.

FUNSTER NEWS

Oct. 21-25, 2019 "Italian Week" at Villa Roma Resort in the Catskills only \$599 pp (dbl occ) includes bus transportation, 4 nights accommodations, Italian themed events and three meals daily, and much more... The resort features a fitness center, indoor pool, Jacuzzi, golf course and dancing nightly. **Only holding 30 spaces for this trip. Call Lin 856-795-4396 for more information.**

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, JUNE 8

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Gail Lee Krenslak
r/b Frank & Frances Krenslak

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

8:30 am Charles J. McAndrew
r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass
10:00 am Janet Lisitski r/b Robert & Roseann Luther
Walter Bedrick r/b Barbara Bene-Rosenthal
11:30 am Gayle Beaney Clower
r/b Dick & Claire Spence

MONDAY, JUNE 10

6:45 am Msgr. David Budney & family
9:00 am Marie Clarke r/b Benedict's Place SCC

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

6:45 am Carl Carite
9:00 am intentions of John & Sheila Mohan
r/b Joe Rayn

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

6:45 am Bishop Galante
9:00 am Charles Wright
r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

6:45 am Special Intentions
9:00 am Cindy Zielinski
r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

6:45 am for an end to abortion & euthanasia
9:00 am intentions of Robert Kapischke
r/b Marian Kapischke

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
Brigitta McCarthy r/b Marguerite Dwyer
4:30 pm James Delaney r/b Kathleen Fulton

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

8:30 am John Bantivoglio r/b children
10:00 am Tamara L. Ford- Quacker
r/b George & Cindy Davis
11:30 am John Boyko r/b Claire & Dick Spence

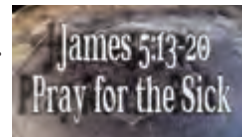
Papal Intentions for the Month of June: That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are the most poor.

Going on vacation? Need to find a church? For nationwide Mass times and locations: www.masstimes.org



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

House of Charity

Thank you to all who made a gift to the *House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal* for the 2019 *You Did It for Me* campaign.

Your generosity supports the ministries and programs of the Diocese of Camden which provide for the neediest throughout our area. Your generosity joins you to Jesus in the least of his sisters and brothers, and it strengthens the bond of charity among all of us together here in our beautiful parish family.

We ask All families to consider supporting this important appeal.

Last year at this time we had 153 donors with a total of \$85,527.00 in donations.

This year we only have 105 donors with a total of \$51,850.00 in donations.

We need your help. By answering the call to give, you help us to sustain the support and continue the mission that brings love and comfort to so many people.

*****If you sent your donation directly to the House of Charity at the Diocese, please notify the Parish Office.*****



Do you have a special intention for which you are praying? Have others share your need by accessing the **Prayer Line**. Call the **Parish Office 424-3212**. All requests are kept confidential.

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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 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 16, 2019 - Luke 9:11b-17

(Jesus asks the apostles to give the people on the hillside something to eat. There are more than 5,000 people present to listen to Jesus. The apostles complain that they only have five loaves and two fish. Jesus tells the apostles to have the people sit down. Then...) Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

Commentary:

Maybe the most perfect meal of all is the one in which no one goes home hungry. That's a meal yet to be celebrated on this planet, since a large portion of the human race goes to bed without having eaten at all. It is no exaggeration to say that it is the responsibility of those who enjoy the privilege of the Eucharist to make our best and most earnest contribution to the problem of world hunger. Every dollar we spend to eliminate hunger honors the example of Jesus, who fed the multitude in front of him simply because they were hungry. His words on that occasion - "Give them some food yourselves" - ring down through the centuries with an urgency and authority that we cannot ignore. Jesus also said, "What you do for the least of my sisters and brothers, you do for me." Dare we deny bread to the One who set the table that supplies us with everlasting life? And if we wonder how much we are obliged to give, the answer is plainly given. All must eat until they are satisfied, and then our offering can be deemed enough.

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 real question today is not when human life begins, but what is the value of human life? The abortionist who reassembles the arms and legs of a tiny baby to make sure all its parts have been torn from its mother's body can hardly doubt whether it is a human being. The real question for him, and for all of us, is whether that tiny human life has a God-given right to be protected by law—the same right we have.

In honor of **Father's Day, next Sunday**, all fathers will be celebrated with **donuts and coffee in the Gathering Space after the Masses.**



Father's Day SPECIAL

Father's Day Cards/Remembrances

Father's Day Cards and Remembrance Envelopes are available in the Gathering space. The cards are for the living and the envelopes should contain the names of all those to be remembered. You may put your envelope with donation and the list of all names to be remembered in the Collection basket.



Hats Off!
Congratulations to Spencer Chorney, who has graduated from Rutgers Law School with a Juris Doctorate degree.

If you are graduating, or know of any other graduates who would like to be recognized for their achievement, please contact the Parish Office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting
9:30 am Thursday
June 13, 2019
Classroom #1
All are invited to attend.



MISSION CO-OP June 15, 2019
The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities. They need our special financial support for the training of young men studying for the priesthood. There will be a **special mission collection next weekend to help the missionary work of the Vincentian fathers.**
For more information: vincentians.in



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