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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

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Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
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PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28, 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.

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Jesus,
Thank you for your promise
to be with us at all time until
the end of the world.
May your presence help us in our baptismal call
to share your message to others
and make disciples of all nations.
Amen

One of the most important aspects of the Fatima message was Our Lady's request for the First Saturday devotion, for the Communion of Reparation.

Saturday, June 3, 2023 there will be a 9:00 AM Mass. Confessions will be heard after the Mass.



"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, May 14, 2023, was \$6194.50. 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: Pentecost Sunday Stewardship Potential

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, *God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our potential for Stewards. By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.*

From the Pastor's Desk
A Spiritual "Triple-Header"

Dear Parishioners,

During the next three weeks, the weekend Masses will celebrate some very significant mysteries of our faith: **Pentecost** (the **Holy Spirit**), the **Most Holy Trinity** and **Corpus Christi** (the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ**).

Pentecost Sunday recalls the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus promised that when he left this world He would send His Spirit to strengthen and guide His disciples. The Holy Spirit continues to direct the Church and to remind us of what Jesus taught.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) teaches us (#688) about the Holy Spirit and the Church:

The Church, a communion living in the faith of the apostles which she transmits, is the place where we know the Holy Spirit:
in the Scriptures he inspired;
in the Tradition, to which the Church Fathers are always timely witnesses;
in the Church's Magisterium, which he assists;
in the sacramental liturgy, through its words and symbols, in which the Holy Spirit puts us into communion with Christ;
in prayer, wherein he intercedes for us;
in the charisms and ministries by which the Church is built up;
in the signs of apostolic and missionary life;
in the witness of saints through whom he manifests his holiness and continues the work of salvation.

Trinity Sunday focuses on the mystery of the Triune Godhead as revealed to us by Jesus. Recall that the Jewish people were strict monotheists. It must have been quite a startling revelation for them that the One True God is a unity of three Divine Persons—*Father, Son and Holy Spirit*. Jesus made known the mystery of the Trinity for us. *The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (CCC, #261)* This teaching is not something that we would be able to figure out for ourselves without God's revelation.

Corpus Christi (which is celebrated in the universal Church on a Thursday—the day of the Last Supper—but moved to Sunday in the United States) is all about the gift of the Holy Eucharist. How can the Son of God be truly present under the form of bread and wine? The *Catechism* instructs us:

It is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to his Church in this unique way. Since Christ was about to take his departure from his own in his visible form, he wanted to give us his sacramental presence; since he was about to offer himself on the cross to save us, he wanted us to have the memorial of the love with which he loved us "to the end," even to the giving of his life. In his Eucharistic presence he remains mysteriously in our midst as the one who loved us and gave himself up for us, and he remains under signs that express and communicate this love. (CCC, #1380)

Volumes have been written and countless sermons preached over the centuries on each of these topics. From a pragmatic point of view, why not take time during the next few weeks to reflect on the wisdom of the *Catechism* as it tries to enlighten us about our Catholic faith? We should continually seek greater understanding and clarity as we try to delve more deeply into the precious mysteries of our faith that have been revealed to us.

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

Ministry Schedule for June 3/4

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	G. Tyrrell	J. Cepeda	Volunteer needed
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	K. Witts	K. Kraemer	Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Music Ministry	D. Staton	B. Haughwout	S. Andino L. Vascisin



Address of Pope Francis at the general audience Monday, May 15, Rome:
"Today I would like to reflect on the Holy Spirit's action in guiding the Church and each one of us to the Truth. Jesus himself told his disciples: the

Holy Spirit "will guide you into all the truth" (Jn 16:13), since he himself is "the Spirit of Truth" (cf. Jn 14:17; 15:26; 16:13). We are living in an age in which people are rather skeptical of truth. Benedict XVI has frequently spoken of relativism, that is, of the tendency to consider nothing definitive and to think that truth comes from consensus or from something we like. The question arises: does "the" truth really exist? What is "the" truth? Can we know it? Can we find it? Here springs to my mind the question of Pontius Pilate, the Roman Procurator, when Jesus reveals to him the deep meaning of his mission: "What is truth?" (Jn 18:37, 38). Pilate cannot understand that the"

Truth is standing in front of him, he cannot see in Jesus the face of the truth that is the face of God. And yet Jesus is exactly this: the Truth that, in the fullness of time, "became flesh" (cf. Jn 1:1, 14), and came to dwell among us so that we might know it. The truth is not grasped as a thing, the truth is encountered. It is not a possession, it is an encounter with a Person. We must pray every day: "Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day". I would like to ask everyone a question: how many of you pray every day to the Holy Spirit? There will not be many but we must fulfil Jesus' wish and pray every day to the Holy Spirit that he open our heart to Jesus.



2023 APPEAL: "For the Life of the World"

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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.



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

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

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Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, MAY 27

4:30 PM Chip Tagland r/b Pat Byrnes

SUNDAY, MAY 28

8:30 AM Grace McGinn

r/b Barbara & Michael Wintjen

11:00 AM Carl Dombrowski r/b Fulton family

MONDAY, MAY 29

9:00 AM people of the parish

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, MAY 30

9:00 AM Kathleen Centonze r/b Joe

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

9:00 AM Audrey Pucci r/b Joan Hyer

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

9:00 AM Sr. Peter Marie Buttacavoli

r/b Tina Petrone

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 AM living & deceased members of the

Morgan family in Ireland

9:30—12noon Adoration in the Chapel

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



Coffee and Donuts after all Masses next weekend!

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."

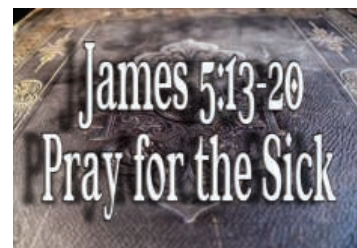
Upcoming Dates for the Hispanic Prayer Group Meetings:
June 9th, 16th, & 23rd. All meetings are held at **10:00 AM in Classroom #1.**



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.*

WE REMEMBER



Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who died while serving in the United States **Armed Forces**, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, *the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.*

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28, 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

Excerpt from the Gospel for The Most Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023 - John 3:16-18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Commentary:

Many Christians can recite the first verse of today's gospel. In fact, it is quoted often as a foundational belief and appears in many highly visible places these days. Still, the notion of God loving—not condemning—our world is a mystery we can hardly fathom. Today we are reminded that God the Father who loves the world and all its peoples gave his only Son so that we could come to believe. And this belief leads to the God-life that knows no limits. Who would not want a life like that?

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.



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Options was established in 1985 as a faith-based non-profit agency by grants and private funding. This means we can offer you free services when you schedule an appointment with us.

Our friendly center is conveniently located in Cherry Hill, New Jersey with easy access from Routes 295, 70 and 38.

For your added convenience, we've opened another location in Trenton, at 945 West State Street. Both of our centers offer free pregnancy testing and free second visit ultrasounds given by medical professionals in a comfortable, private setting. You can relax and have your pregnancy verified and receive all the medical information you need to make an informed choice. It's your body and your information, and you have a right to know! Here, at both of our Options locations, you will find a safe retreat, a place to chill and to take a break from worrying. Just in case you're wondering, we don't provide or refer for abortions. We promise you that we will fairly review all of your options and help empower you to face your future with confidence.

If you're pregnant, you have options.



Are we Numb to Gun Violence in the US?

The week before Mother's Day, we read of mothers dying in Houston to protect their children in mass murders, where the victims were as young as 5 years old.

Both shooters used AR-15 assault-style weapons, a weapon of war with no place in the hands of civilians. Yet 25% of all guns manufactured now are AR-15s

In 2013 -- 330 million civilian-owned guns
In 2023---434 million civilian owned guns. In 26 states, anyone can carry a gun without a license, training, or a background check.

USCCB: "There must be concrete action that addresses all aspects of the gun violence crisis"

What have you done to speak out about Gun Violence?

Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!

Psalm 100:1

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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