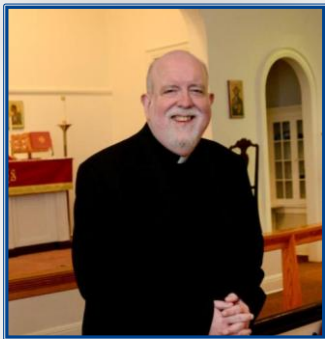


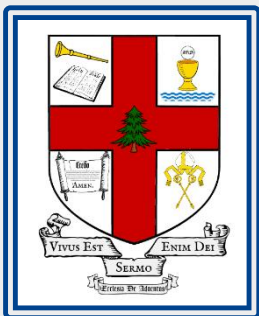
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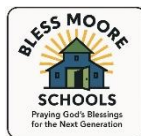
Your upcoming events at TCOTA



Acolyte Training

Would you like to play a vital role in our Sunday worship? There will be a training session for **NEW** and **CURRENT** Acolytes on **August 2nd at 12:30pm**

Acolytes are needed at **both services** and are very special to our worship and celebration of the Lord. **Not sure about it?** Please come with your questions, try on a cassock and cotta (the "outfit"!) and hold the processional cross! **Please see Emily Lamm for more details!**



Our area schools need our prayer! Fr. Michael will be facilitating prayer at Southern Pines Elementary on Sunday, August 9th @ 4:30pm- please join this amazing community event!

Back-to-school
Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 23, 2026 @ 9:00 + 11:00am



Hey kids! Bring your **backpack** or **lunchbox** (or BOTH!) to church for a special back-to-school blessing from Fr. Michael!

Fr. Michael will also say a pray over all **teachers** and **education personnel** (they need it, too, right?!)

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"
Philippians 4:13

Sunday Mornings:

JOIN US

**9:00 a.m. Solemn High
Mass** (with Traditional
Language & incense)

**11:00 a.m. Holy
Eucharist**

Children's Chapel is
offered at both services for
ages 4-10 (following the
Gospel Proclamation and
returning during the Offertory)

**Nursery care is available
during both services for
children ages 0-3**



Wednesdays:

6:00 p.m. *Holy Eucharist

**6:45 p.m. Adult Bible
Study**

*Note: A Service of Healing
followed by a light supper is
held on the 1st Wednesday of
each month.*

Thursdays:

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

12:45 p.m. Book Study
(bagged lunches
welcome!)



A special Thank You to David Lussier for sharing his
amazing gift of music with TCOTA. Sadly, David's last
day with us will be **Sunday, August 9th**. Please plan to
join us as we say goodbye and wish him well in his future
endeavors! He will be MISSED!



Women of TCOTA

*Join us! Get involved in one (or both) of our fall
Bible Studies:*

Susan Saulsbury will lead us in a six-week Bible study on Women of
the Bible beginning

Tuesday, September 15th at 11:00am at TCOTA.

Together we'll explore the lives and faith of remarkable women in scripture,
including Hannah, Michal, Bathsheba and others, discovering timeless
lessons they offer for our walk with Christ today.

To register, ask a question or discuss scheduling, please contact
Susan at 410.984.4401

Belinda Furby will guide us through the Book of James in a six-week
book study beginning

Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:00pm

at her home in Southern Pines. Together we'll explore the practical wisdom
and encouragement found in James, discovering how to live out our faith
with perseverance, humility and trust in God.

To register, ask a question or discuss scheduling, please contact
Belinda at 910.995.2798

*Participation is more than just learning, its fellowship,
companionship and relationship in Christ Jesus!*



ATTENTION GENTLEMEN OF ALL AGES & STAGES!

FRIAR TUCK'S THEOLOGY ON TAP will meet **Thursday,
August 27th @ 6:30pm at BHawk!** Please join your fellow
brothers in Christ for a cold beverage while discussing matters of
faith. **Yes, Bring a friend!**

BHawk is located at 175 Yadkin Road Southern Pines

It's time to sign up for Fall Supper Clubs!

This is the *perfect* small-group opportunity to get to know your church family a little better! Groups meet once during September, October & November. **All families and children are invited to participate!**



Sign up NOW in the Narthex!



Not sure what it's all about? *Grab a flyer in the Narthex -or- see "head chef" Bree Kingsley for more info!*



The Young Catholics

Have you ever wondered what the earliest Christian Church was like? Or perhaps you are new to the faith? Join this "young" group (*most are aged 15 to 21-ish!*) for lessons and theological discussions! **For more info contact Robert Morabito at 845.541.5745**

And coming next month....



- *Ladies' 3rd Quarter Brunch- Saturday, September 12!
- *Celebration Sunday ~ Happy 4th Anniversary TCOTA!
- *Cooler temps?!

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