

St. Thomas More Church

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Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am

Weekdays:

Monday-Friday: 6:45 and 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Holyday Vigil: 7:30 pm

Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 7:30 pm



Rite of Reconciliation
Saturdays: 3:30-4:00 pm
or any time by appointment

Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Morgan, Pastor
Rev. George Donkor Tang, In Residence
Rev. Daniel Joyce, S.J., Weekend Assistant
Sr. Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate
Deacon John Harrington

Pat Maggart, Coordinator of Religious Education
Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Norma Matos, Parish Secretary

DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership

Parish Trustees
Gary Gadren 424-3212
Pat Lachnicht 424-3212

Christian Life/Education

Bereavement Sheila Mohan 795-6137
Friday Adoration Marian/Chuck Kapischke 424-2053
Hospital Visitors Staff & Euch. Ministers 424-3212
Intercessory Prayer Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Knights of Columbus Dick Haughwout 429-8598
Marriage Formation Bob/Liz Scarpa 795-1160
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog. Pat Maggart 429-6948
Pastoral Counselor Claire Spence 428-8325
Prayer Shawls Sheila Mohan 795-6137
Respect Life Al Mac Elvath 779-7130
Rite of Ch. Dnit. Adults Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Jim Vecchiola 424-9555

Rosary Ministry Marian/Chuck Kapischke 424-2053
Small Christian Comm. Ann Marie/Bob Lento 424-4759
Spiritual Direction Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Spiritual Retreats John Galati 428-7073
Denise Radziwoil 424-0494
St. Vincent de Paul Frank Nicoletti 424-3212

Worship

Altar Servers Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Church Environment Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Antonina Niedao 751-6320
Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
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Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
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June Garafano, Youth Singers 229-7461

Social Development Bridge Groups

Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
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Bob Lento 424-4759
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Committee 424-3212
Eileen Withers 751-6838

Administration House of Charity

Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212

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 office if you or a family member will be admitted to the hospital. Anointing of the sick is available for those who are confined to home for a period of time. For emergencies, please call the parish office any time.

BAPTISM

Arrangements for Baptism can be made in advance by calling the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a class in preparation for this Sacrament.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry must attend a marriage preparation program offered by the diocese. One-year notification of the marriage date is recommended.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of instruction for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments. For more information please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104 or Deacon John Harrington, Moderator, at 424-3212 ext. 103.

RCIA Team: John Mohan and Jim Vecchiola

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sunday, during 10 a.m. Mass
Grades one thru four: Tuesday, 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.
Grades five thru eight: Tuesday, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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.

AFFINITY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Help Earn Money *EFFORTLESSLY*

Don't forget about the TD Bank Affinity Membership Program:

TD Bank will make an annual contribution to Saint Thomas More Parish based on the average balance in all members' accounts: checking, savings, money market, CD & IRA accounts are all included.

Members' accounts are not affected in any way by this contribution. Your account balances are used to determine the level of contribution and are KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

Please act now to help Saint Thomas More Parish with this income producing opportunity to earn annual cash donations. There is no cost to Saint Thomas More Parish or the participating members.

Visit any TD Bank to enroll and have your balances included as part of Saint Thomas More's Affinity Membership Program.

If you have any questions, call George Sierra, TD Bank Manager at 428-8545.

SIGN-UPS FOR

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Next weekend after all the Masses parishioners will have the opportunity to sign up for a Small Christian Community for the Lenten Season. Small Christian Communities will begin meeting the week of March 7. There are communities meeting Monday thru Thursday; morning, afternoon and evening. Come and pray with ordinary parishioners who sit in God's presence and share how God is acting in their lives in the light of the Gospel. A wonderful opportunity for the Lenten Season! Call Sister Ann for more information at 424-3212.

Last week's collection

January 30, 2011

\$8,936.50

244 Envelopes

May the Lord bless you for your generosity to your parish.



Spotlight on Antonina Nicdao “Dags” Parishioner and Volunteer



Antonina Nicdao, called *Dags*, has been a member of St. Thomas More Parish since 1986. Dags was born in the Philippines in the province of Luyon. For a time she lived with her grandparents in Manila and then returned to Luyon where she learned many trades including sewing and hair styling. As a teenager she often went to the movies to see American films. This experience of American culture caused her to consider coming to the United States.



In 1971 Dags was invited by a family friend to go to the United States and serve as their Nanny. Dags lived and worked for this family for 11 years. After a short time back in the Philippines Dags returned again to the United States and worked with the Duffy Family of St. Thomas More Parish. Dags shared, “They treat me like a family member and I love them.”

Dags became involved in St. Thomas More Parish by joining the Women’s Club and a Small Christian Community. She also volunteered to help Ann Vigrass in the weekly cleaning of the church. Dags has been working with Ann for over 14 years. Dags also volunteered at St. Mary’s Manor and was hired full time. “I am thankful to God for the opportunity to serve friends, family and God. I am grateful for the good life God has given me.”



Thank You Dags for your time and efforts given to our Parish!

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for February 12 and 13, 2011

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Morgan	KolojeJchicks Sagedys	J DeMichele, M Santiago B Scarpa, D Staton	K Erickson	M/N Brown
8:30 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	G Nacarelli A Rivero	J/S Mohan J Neff, P Rossi	J Schrank	J Cole E Barbera
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Choir A Rivero	K Glover, J Mazzagatti D/L Lyon	F Eggles	D Sheehan K/Me Quay
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	M Sullivan E Zerone	S Kane, M Gorin B/AM Lento	J Arnold	C Arnold R Seminara

Women's Club News

- **Board Meeting:** Wed., February 9, 7:30 p.m.
Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. – High School students Jr. – 6th through 8th grades
Upcoming Event(s):

- **THIS WEEKEND** help up
**Tackle Hunger in our
Community!**



We ask your support to transform Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving. All proceeds will go to our Society of St. Vincent de Paul who will use it to help the less fortunate.

- **Youth gathering**, Monday evening (2-7-11) at St. Mary's Parish Hall (Rm. 102) from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. A welcoming atmosphere for teens to hang out. Open to 7th thru 12th graders.

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

ALL ARE INVITED!

Sunday, [February 20](#) - 1:00
African/Ghanaian Mass - Fr. George, Celebrant

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 7:30 P.M.

In the St. Thomas More Parish Hall

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The fifth Confirmation I class will be held this Sunday, February 6, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All seventh grade students are expected to attend the 10:00 Mass prior to class.

There will be an Enrollment Mass next Sunday, February 13, at 10:00 a.m. for the children who will be receiving First Eucharist this year and their families. Following this Mass, a mandatory class for both parent and child will take place in the Saint Thomas More Parish Hall from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At least one parent and their child are expected to attend.

Pat Maggart, CRE, 424-3212 - ext. 106

Retreat Weekend at St. Joseph in the Hill, Malvern, PA - March 18-20

John Galati (207-1111), Mike Maggart (429-6948), Dick Haughwout (429-8598) and Gary Gadren (428-6830) invite you to join them. All men from the parish as well as those from outside our own community are invited to join us. Retreat starts after dinner on Friday, March 18 and finishes after Sunday Mass, March 20.

Please consider spending some time this lent for some personal prayer and reflection in this very peaceful setting. Please contact one of the parishioners above for more information or reservations.

LITURGY MEETING - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 5

9:00 am For successful surgery for Sr. Mary Ann r/b Sr. Nowicka
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Carol A. McFadden r/b Bob & Mary Ann Mitkus

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 6

8:30 am Margaret O'Leary r/b Mary Lou & Harry Horlacher
10:00 am Richard Kolecki r/b Phyllis
Richard Burke r/b Family
George Edapatt r/b Pottackal Family
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 7

6:45 am Special Intention of Sr. Zdzislawa Krukowska
9:00 am Lucrezia Visceglia r/b her Mom

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 8

6:45 am Michael Marshall r/b Sr. Mary Ann Marshall
9:00 am Mary Lou Hoeflinger r/b Richard & Claire Spence

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 9

6:45 am Special Intention of Mother Jadwiga Cierpiska
9:00 am Margaret O'Leary r/b Lillian Creedon

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 10

6:45 am Special Intention of Mother Mariola Karas
9:00 am Maureen Kunczewski r/b John & Sheila Mohan
William Lithgo r/b Nick & Pat Kirincic
Mary Menna r/b Kathy Chesbro

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 11

6:45 am Benjamin Kraisky r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Apolonia Dizon & Ines Ibay r/b Ibay Family

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 12

9:00 am Thelma J. McIlmail r/b Maureen & Stan Kochanek
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Margaret O'Leary r/b Barbara Dee Moeller

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 13

8:30 am Anna Bruno r/b Bruno Family
10:00 am Mrs. Lilly Martinson r/b Helen Hu
Mary Lou Hoeflinger r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
Margaret O'Leary r/b Ann & Don Sullivan
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE DECEASED... parishioner *Betty Stenz.*

THE SICK...

Devon Sheehan	Helen Copperthwaite
Denise Daniels	Bob & Claire Boylan
George Sweeten	Andrea Buonincontro
Maria Storms	Jean Colbert
Leona Novak	Joseph Console
Ruth Suita	Michael Kapischke
Ron Massey	Betty O'Donnell
Marie Cain	Marie Mazzagatti
Frank Colbert	Stanley Kochanek
Mary Cowan	Pauline Rosberg
Yolanda Burke	Olga Mignone
Frank Cappetta	Geralyn Coticone
Mary Flacco	Jerry McMenamin
Mary Beuhler	Alfred DiFrank
Charlie Kelton	Marie DiFrank
Carlos Santiago	Joe Pottackal, Sr.
Ralph Stilley	Theresa Carrozza
Robert Geisel	Catherine Zee
Chase Lupica (8 mos. old)	



Harry Watson
Danny Perla
Anna McMullen
William Mitchell
Joanne James
JoAnn Gadren
Gloria Daniels
Dorothy Brink
Chris Kolodzey
Don Kreal
Ed Rivero
Marie Read

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lt. Col. Carl Agar, Lance Corporal Sean Bilson, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti, Sr. Airman Alyssa Cosentino, Staff Sergeant Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, A1C John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, CDR Katherine (Tobin) McCabe, PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Major Louis J. Papa, SSgt Arturo Rivero, Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Cpl. Michael Willingmyre.

World Day for Consecrated Life

Today we rejoice and celebrate "World Day for Consecrated Life." Over the years, many men and women have chosen to live out their baptismal vocation by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They do this by joining a religious congregation, a secular institute, or through private vows. As Religious in our parish renew their vows publicly at the 10 a.m. Liturgy,

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

(For use in homes as well as in small groups)

Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for the 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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 13, 2011 - Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard it said to your ancestors, 'You shall not kill'...but I say to you, whoever is angry with brother or sister will be liable to judgment."

"You have heard it said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery in his heart."

"Your ancestors said, 'Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.' But I say to you, do not swear at all."

Commentary:

One by one, Jesus takes, the various laws, in all their externality and draws out **their inner roots**. One injunction had been against *killing*. But the inside of that law is, do not ever act out of anger for your brother (or sister). Not even the word *raqa* may be spoke. *You shall not commit adultery*. The inside of that law is, be pure enough to not even look lustfully at a woman. And, *divorce*. The interior law is to stay faithful and loving within your marriage relationship. Finally, the matter of *oaths* and swearing. Jesus diagnoses this simply: you are trying to make up for your weakness by putting almighty power behind your words. Just say yes or not, and mean it. Why does Jesus dig so deep? The inside of the law is written in Jesus' heart. May it be written in ours as well.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. Share something from the reading or the commentary that spoke to you.
2. Jesus challenges his disciples to a deeper understanding of the law. How is Jesus challenging you to a deeper spirituality?
3. Jesus calls us to resolve our anger with our brothers and sisters. Is there a relationship in your life that needs healing?

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Thomas More

TENTH ANNUAL PARISH-WIDE

PROGRESSIVE
DINNER 

Sunday, April 10 5:30-9:30 p.m.

at Caffé Aldo Lamberti, Rt. 70, Cherry Hill

Sign-ups begin soon.

For information call: Mary Lou Thomas, 429-1379.



Experience itself and right reason testify that the human being is capable of understanding and of wanting, conscious of himself and free, unrepeatable and irreplaceable, the summit of all earthly realities, and who demands to be recognized as a value in himself and deserves always to be accepted with respect and love. He is entitled not to be treated as an object to be possessed or a thing to be manipulated at will, and not to be exploited as a means for the benefit of others and their interests.

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily,
Vigil for All Nascent Human Life, Nov. 27, 2010

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130



Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are meeting this Thursday, February 10, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Sheila Mohan, Chair