

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

Reverend Phillip M. Johnson, Priest-in-charge
Reverend Daniel Joyce, S.J., Weekend Assistant
Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
Deacon John Harrington
Pat Maggart, Parish Catechetical Leader
Roger Pisani, Pastoral Associate for Music & Liturgy
Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Norma Matos, Parish Secretary
Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration

DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership

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

Christian Life/Education

Bereavement	Sheila Mohan	795-6137
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 Elrath	779-7130

Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
	Sister Ann Byrnes	424-3212

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 Radziwill	424-0494

St. Vincent de Paul	Frank Nicoletti	424-3212
Stewardship	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
Youth Ministry	Stan Thompson	424-1120

Worship

Altar Servers	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
Church Environment	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
Ch. Art Environment	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Eucharistic Ministers	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Lectors	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
Linen Committee	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Sacristans	Dom Sacca	
	Tom Petrilli	751-1367
	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412

Ushers	Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Music Ministry	Roger Pisani, Director	609-488-0020
	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
	Len Kolojejchick	346-4078
	June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461

Social Development	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Bridge Groups	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
	Al Shaffer	609-417-6770
Career Ministry	June Garafano	229-7461
	Bob Lento	344-7454
Funsters (over 50 club)	Committee	424-3212
Parish Festival	Eileen Withers	751-6838
Women's Club		

Administration	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
House of Charity	Robert Crawford	424-3212
Parish Finance Council	Marie Enny	751-8893
Parish Pastoral Council		

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 or Deacon John Harrington, Moderator, at 424-3212 ext. 103.

RCIA Team: John Mohan and Irene Rellosa

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.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

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

Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing

Invitation to a Journey Called RCIA:

Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith? This invitation is open to those who are not baptized as well as those who are baptized in a Christian faith and wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. Perhaps you were baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist or Confirmation. The RCIA process would prepare you for these sacraments.

Please call Sister Ann, 424-3212 - ext. 104, or Deacon John, 424-3212 ext. - 103, to receive more information about the RCIA classes.

What is the Women's Club?

The Women's Club is an organization open to ALL women of the parish—all women are invited to become members and share your ideas! Join us. We meet monthly, 7:30 p.m. normally on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the St. Thomas More Hall, September through May. Check the bulletin for updates.

Our goal is to promote fellowship, enjoy educational, social, and spiritual activities and aid in our community.

Contact Eileen Withers, President, at 751-6838.

Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
at 1000 Cropwell Rd., Cherry Hill (424-1962)



FUNDRAISER



Mark your calendar:

Fri., September 14 (Noon to 4 pm)

Sat., September 15 (9 am to 3 pm)

Donations in Cash & Items are
Kindly Welcomed!

Gently used Clothing, Household items,
Sporting goods & Tools,
Books, CD's, DVD's,

Small Appliances & Small Furniture
(No computers, TV's, bedding or chests)

Our 44th Fundraiser Year — A New Venture!

Do Come!

For additional information call

Rosemarie Grabowski, Co-chair at 235-1521.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

July 15, 2012

\$7,954.25 - 210 Envelopes

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

A Married Priest? – Part II

Fr. Phillip Johnson

Copies of the first article in this series – explaining how and under what conditions a married man may be ordained a priest – are available in the narthex of the church.

Priestly celibacy is not a matter of the Church's unchanging *faith*. It is, however, a very ancient and holy tradition of the Church, especially cherished in the Roman Catholic Church. As Pope Paul VI stated: celibacy “is not, of course, required by the nature of the priesthood itself. This is clear from the practice of the early church and the traditions of the Eastern rite churches.” In this reflection I want to make clear why this holy tradition ought to command our deepest respect and why I do not join those who call for a whole sale abandoning of it (even if I am deeply grateful for the exception granted in certain cases).

Some Catholics who learn of my ordination respond immediately with something like, “Finally, it's about time! You should know that I am all for a married priesthood.” This response seems to reflect not much knowledge of the history of this issue (see last week's article). But there is usually no time in such exchanges for long explanations. So I usually reply simply, explaining that cases like mine are exceptions to the rule, not a change in the rule. And sometimes I say with a smile, “I wonder if you would be willing to pay for married priests. We're expensive, you know. And, per capita, American Catholics give a good deal less money to their parishes than do protestants.”

There is a second matter most people seem not to be aware of . In the United States, *the divorce rate among protestant married clergy is about the same as it is for the general population, about fifty percent!* It is hard to know what the Catholic Church would do with a few thousand divorced priests.

Are there problems and difficulties with a celibate priesthood? Of course. Are there serious problems with a married clergy? Indeed there are. The fact is, in our present culture, the capacity to live in faithful committed relationships, the speaking and keeping of vows (whether of ordination or of marriage) has tragically eroded—with disastrous consequence especially for children.

How ancient is the holy tradition of priestly celibacy? Its roots go back into the time of the apostles. We know that St. Peter himself had a wife (Mk. 1:30). St. Paul, on the other hand, resolved not to marry so that he could give his entire energy to the gospel mission. And he urged others to consider whether they had a call to the celibate life for the sake of the gospel (1 Cor. 7:25-35). In the Epistles to Titus and to Timothy, we read of “registered” widows who, having lost their husbands, remain celibate in order to give themselves to the work of the Church. This, in fact, seems to be the way, the practical and spiritual values of celibacy became established in the ancient Church—widows and widowers consecrated the fruitfulness of their bodies to Christ rather than marry a second time.

What is the inner “logic” of such a radical self-offering? Some are called to give up one of the greatest of all God's blessings—the blessings of married love and children. For the sake of *freedom* for the mission of the gospel they do it. It is a freedom that enables them to live ahead of time, as it were, the life of the kingdom of God, where, as Jesus said, “They neither marry nor are they given in marriage” (Matt. 22:30; cf. 19:12).

In that ancient society, that a man or woman would make such a sacrifice for such a freedom was a revolutionary act – a shock and offense to ancient culture. The legend of Paul and Thecla, a fanciful tale that circulated in the ancient Church, shows how incomprehensible it was, especially for a woman to vow herself to life-long celibacy. Did not her body belong to society? Was it not her duty to bear children? What will the men do if the young women get such notions into their heads? (See Peter Brown's, *The Body and Society*). In our age also, under the delusions of our own myths, celibacy is suspect. “Having sex” is assumed to be a necessity for mental and emotional health. Surely, so goes the myth, to remain celibate will rob the poor man or woman of many important human qualities. The Christian, of course, must challenge such myths. For the Christian believes that in the Incarnation, the Eternal Word of God became truly and perfectly *human*. For the married and the unmarried and the celibate, Jesus is the measure of the truly human.

Of course, in a certain sense, Jesus is married – married to his Bride the Church (Eph. 5:25-33). This reminds us that the two sacraments, Holy Orders and Holy Matrimony are not as un-like as it looks on the surface. *Marriage is also a gospel mission and ordination is also nuptial.* This *analogical likeness of two seemingly opposed ways of life* will be the subject of next week's reflection.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for July 28, and 29, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Rossi	C Malatino R Pisanl	P Hengy, E Kleinz B Massey, S Moore	B Scarpa	K Johnson M Lender
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	J Garafano R Pisanl	J Galatl, B/AM Lento I Rellosa	J Vecchiola	J Pol Z Young
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	P Kelton, R Pisanl A Rivero	J Mazzagatti, T Petrone P Rossi, D Staton	L Dombrowski	M/N Brown
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	C Pisanl R Pisanl	M Garber, B Haughwout N Pro, M Santiago	S Kane	M/T Ciccotta

ATTENTION Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and Altar Servers

The Ministry Schedule can be found on the St. Thomas More Web site:
<http://stthomasmorenj.org/> - click on Liturgy Ministry Schedule.

Going to Rutgers in New Brunswick?

The Catholic Center at Rutgers, located at 84 Somerset St. on the College Avenue Campus is looking forward to welcoming you to the New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses. Please note the following information:

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses

- 12:00 PM Busch Student Ctr., Rm. 120ABC
- 8:00 PM St. Peter's Church, 94 Somerset St., (CAC)
- 9:00 PM Cook Campus Ctr., G.H. Cook Room
- 10:00 PM Livingston Student Ctr., Rm. 202ABC

Daily Mass (Monday - Friday)

12:15 PM The Catholic Center Chapel (located in the Catholic Center)

Opening Activities

- Monday, Sept. 3, Beach Trip, 10 am-6 pm**
- Thurs., Sept. 6, 6 pm Welcoming BBQ, Livingston**
- Saturday, Sept. 8, 11 am Tailgate, Howard at RU**
- Tuesday, Sept. 11, First Spirit Nite:** Topic: "I Will Survive" - learn how to make it at Rutgers!

Check us out at the Involvement Fair on Sept. 7!!!
Visit us online at www.catholic-center.rutgers.edu
Also check us out on Facebook and Twitter!!

Office of Family Life-Diocese of Camden

Courage: The Catholic support group for men and women with same-sex attraction.

CONFIDENTIALITY ASSURED.

For more info: www.couragerc.org or (856) 365-1570.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for our 2012-2013 Religious Education Program concluded on May 31. Reminder letters and registration forms have been mailed to the homes of those students who have not re-registered to date. Registration of first grade students, as well as students who are new to our parish, will continue throughout the summer. If your child has not been registered, please do so immediately. Registration forms are available in the gathering space.

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Give Generously

"...come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile."
(Mark 6:31b)

Do you spend time listening to the Lord? Most of the time, He speaks in soft whispers. Open your heart and hear the Lord. You can live *Stewardship* by giving generously when you trust the Lord will provide all that you need.



The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary statue have been placed there, this weekend, in loving memory of John Vivone, Sr., requested by his family.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

SATURDAY - JULY 21

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Phyllis Fulton r/b Nick & Pat Kirincic

SUNDAY - JULY 22

8:30 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Beverly & Vincent DeMasi
10:00 am Deacon Henry R. Seppanen r/b Deacon George & Mary Lytle
Joseph Scharff r/b Paul & Lisa Schneider
Fortunata Romeo r/b the Daly Family
11:30 am Nellie Graham r/b Sheila Moore

MONDAY - JULY 23

6:45 am John Connolly r/b the McGeady Family
9:00 am Anna Bizzoso r/b Jeanne Degnan

TUESDAY - JULY 24

6:45 am Leo & Nora Yeager r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Antonio Del Vecchio r/b Bruno Family

WEDNESDAY - JULY 25

6:45 am Joseph & Margaret Ezerski r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am David McDonnell r/b John & Sheila Mohan

THURSDAY - JULY 26

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Elena & Peter Hill
9:00 am Isabel Margallo r/b Grace Cobin
Natalia Padre r/b David & Pat Garde-Hill

FRIDAY - JULY 27

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Norma Matos
9:00 am Martin Conroy r/b Martin O'Malley & Jean Gorman

SATURDAY - JULY 28

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Tyrrell Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Special Intention of William Mitchell
r/b Monday afternoon SCC Group

SUNDAY - JULY 29

8:30 am Bob Middleton r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
10:00 am James Southwick r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse
Margaret MacElrath r/b Joshua Friedman
Suzanne Keating r/b Schneider Family
JoAnn Gadren r/b the Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
11:30 am Guiseppa Giove r/b Morello Family

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

Don Kreal	Helen Copperthwaite	
Maria Storms	Bob & Claire Boylan	
Owen Smith	Andrea Buonincontro	
Mary Flacco	Naomi Willingmyre	
Ron Massey	George Sweeten	
Olga Mignone	Frank Cappetta	
Frank Colbert	Michael Kapischke	
Mary Cowan	Betty O'Donnell	
Yolanda Burke	Marie Mazzagatti	
Jean Colbert	Stanley Kochanek	
Dorothy Brink	Pauline Rosberg	Leona Novak
Pat Barton	Joseph Console	Danny Perla
Leila Lore	Geralyn Coticone	Joanne James
Chase Lupica	Jerry McMenamain	Alfred DiFrank
Pat Beaney	Chuck Kapischke	Gloria Daniels
YunYun Shen	Pasquale DiFronzo	Denise Daniels
Virginia Foley	Dorothy Wolenter	Chris Kolodzey
Fran Swider	Al MacElrath	Marie DiFrank
Rose Hession	Teddy Shaffer	Ethan Killeen
Shirley Birch	Virginia Gormley	Carlos Santiago
Earl Cargen	Angelo DiGiacomo	Betty Brennan
		Sharon Bushelli
		Sally Callaghan
		Michael Suralik
		Bill O'Donnell
		Mary Branciforte
		Bill Botensten

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



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

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, to retain, add or remove a person's name from the lists above. Thank you.

Newly engaged? Planning a wedding?

CONGRATULATIONS!

Let the Church know as soon as you've decided on a date. The policy of the Bishops in all of the Dioceses of New Jersey is one year's preparation for the wedding. It is a good idea to contact the Church to make sure that the date you desire is available before you make arrangements for your reception. Weddings can be performed any day of the week except Sunday. Please call the office, 424-3212, with any questions or to make an appointment.

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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 29, 2012 - John 6:1-15

[A large crowd came to listen to Jesus. Jesus asks Philip where they can get food to feed the people. Even 200 days' wages worth of food would not be enough, Philip tells Jesus. A young boy has a few fish and a few loaves of bread. More than 5000 people must be fed.] "Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted." [Jesus then tells the Apostles to gather the leftovers.] "So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat..." When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."

Commentary:

An astonishing sign! Who is this man? A miracle worker? A prophet? A king? Yes—but more. The superabundance of food Jesus provides from so little is a sign of the fullness of life Jesus has to offer. We turn to Jesus not just for bread to eat but for life itself.

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 Reflection resonates with me?



Research [involving the destruction of human embryos]...is not truly at the service of humanity...History itself has condemned such a science in the past and will condemn it in the future, not only because it lacks the light of God but also because it lacks humanity.

- Pope Benedict XVI

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Newly registered parishioners

Jamison, Rachel & Claire Licausi
Edward, Theresa & Eddie Sandoli
Zachary, Danielle & Dylan Moss
Brandon Lynch Marilou Nieves
Joseph, Brooke, Grace & Matthew Marsden
Joshua Lacoco Maritza De Los Santos
Carmen & Sonia Argentina, Jr.



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

Cathedral Kitchen

1514 Federal Street
Camden, NJ 08105

May 2, 2012

First Communion Families
St. Thomas More Church
1439 Springdale Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Dear Friends,

I am writing to thank you for the donation of vegetable soup that you delivered to the Cathedral Kitchen—it was nice of you to think of us.

With the help of many generous donors, the Cathedral Kitchen serves over 8,500 meals a month to the poor and hungry that live in Camden. The staff and volunteers at the Kitchen make sure that everyone who comes for dinner is treated to a meal with dignity and respect.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission here in Camden.

Sincerely,
Karen Talarico
Executive Director