

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

Social Development

Bridge Groups	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
	Al Shaffer	609-417-6770
	June Garafano	229-7461
	Bob Lento	344-7454
	Committee	424-3212
	Eileen Withers	751-6838

Administration

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

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.

Next weekend, a speaker from **Good Counsel, South Jersey home for homeless, pregnant mothers and their children** will be speaking at all the Masses. Good Counsel was founded in 1985 by Fr. Benedict Groeschel and Christopher Bell. The newest home was opened to serve the South Jersey area in April of 2011, and has been running at over 100% occupancy within one month. Here a mom can obtain physical, emotional, spiritual and vocational help, so she can raise her children in a safe and loving environment. We hope you will be as generous as possible to help God's children with children.

For more information on Good Counsel go to www.goodcounselhomes.org or email Brenda Quinn at olvbquinn@aol.com with any questions.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel a child shared his little lunch and thousands were fed, proof that the smallest act of sharing can have great significance. There are people in our lives who are starving for attention, understanding and affection. The gospel is clear: when we share ourselves, miracles happen. Take time to be miraculous.

Bud Ozar

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

July 22, 2012

\$6,723.00 - 187 Envelopes

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

A Married Priest? – Part III

Fr. Phillip Johnson

Copies of parts I and II in this series are available in the narthex of the church or online at the parish website: stthomasmorenj.org.

1. Questions and Answers

As I began this series, I promised to answer at least some of the questions I have been asked about my entrance into full communion with the Catholic Church and about my life as a married priest. The long story of my journey to Catholicism will have to wait for a later article. Simpler questions I can answer briefly.

“Do you have children? Are they now Catholics?” Two of our four children (Meghan and Thomas) were already “on the way” toward Catholicism before their parents entered; they became Catholics shortly after Janet and I did. Both are married to Catholics. Alison and Nathan have remained in the Lutheran Church, albeit their “Lutheranism” is of a very catholic sort. Of course, there is pain in this “divide,” especially with regard to the reception of Holy Communion. But there is no rancor. And it is a joy not having to wonder where any of our children or grandchildren are on Sunday morning. *“What do they think about your being a priest?”* Remember, almost all their lives, they have lived in a retreat house or rectory. And you can imagine the long years of dinner conversation in which the “Catholic thing” came up. We did, of course, confer with our children in our discernment of a vocation to the priesthood. Having known their father always as a Christian pastor, they were all present and joyful at my ordination to the priesthood.

“Will you and your wife live in the rectory?” Janet and I will move into the rectory “lock, stock, and barrel” in early September. There is considerable work to be done in and around the rectory before it will work as a family home. No other priest will be in residence. Although it will often be just the two of us there (plus a big hairy bearded collie) we will frequently have large crowds of guests of all ages. Hospitality – giving and receiving it – is a happy inheritance of a wandering life. Meanwhile, pastoral duties require that I stay in the rectory many nights, while Janet copes with this summer's flow of guests at the house in Sewell.

2. The Nuptial Mystery: Holy Orders and Holy Matrimony

Beginning this series I said that I welcome such questions about my life and vocation, because it provides an opportunity to better understand the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the nature of “sacrament” itself. That is, these reflections concern *your* life and faith, as well as mine. So I return here for a moment to the questions raised last week – the relation between the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the Sacrament of Marriage.

To me, the most interesting response to my situation came from a young woman who, when she learned I was to be ordained, said with a kind of wonder in her voice: “You will have all seven sacraments!” I had not before thought of my situation in that way. Generally, in the Catholic Church of the West, one receives *either* Holy Orders *or* Holy Matrimony. This is a good starting point to consider the relation of the one sacrament to the other. Here I can only lay down pointers for contemplating this inter-relation.

(1) We must constantly bear in mind that the seven sacraments all hold together and mutually serve one another *in the one saving mystery of Christ himself*. Christ is *the* Sacrament of God's saving work: each sacrament communicates his own salvation to the believer. (2) The priestly vocation and the vocation of marriage are both entered *through the speaking of vows before God*. This reminds us that Marriage is not simply a secular vocation. To live in the sacrament of marriage is a truly Christian vocation, vital to the Church. (3) As marriage is a kind of “ordination” to the service of God, so also, through ordination, a priest (and those men and women vowed to the consecrated life) also enters into the *nuptial mystery* of Christ's spousal love for his bride the Church (cf. Ephesians 5). (4) This is the key to the spiritual mystery in both Holy Orders and Holy Matrimony: both are instituted by Christ to be an effectual sign and communication of his own self-offering love. Both are vocations to the self-offering of one's life to God and to others.

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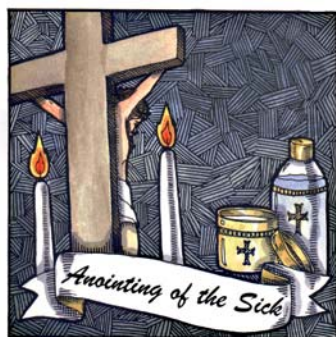
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for August 4, and 5, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Joyce	C Pisanl R Pisanl	J Galati, D Kreal I Rellosa, B Scarpa	Sr. Barbara	J Pol I Witting
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	J Garafano R Kapischke R Pisanl	B/AM Lento S Moore, A Pajlc	M Maggart	M Dautle D DeMarco
10:00 a.m.	Father Smith	G Nacarelli R Pisanl	G Gadren, K Glover D/ML Thomas	J Mohan	A/J Zleba
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	M Kramer R Pisanl	B Haughwout, S Kane D/C Spence	D Haughwout	M/N Brown

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.



In the Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick** we pray for healing in body, in soul and in spirit. This sacrament will be administered here at St. Thomas More Parish within the 9 AM Mass on

Saturday, September 22. The Church teaches that this sacrament can be administered to:

- ▶ Those with a chronic illness
- ▶ The elderly and homebound
- ▶ Sick children if they have sufficient use of reason to be comforted by the sacrament
- ▶ Those suffering from mental illness, depression or addiction
- ▶ Those preparing for surgery

If you wish to receive the Sacrament you are

Experience the Touch of God

Healing Mass at St. John Neumann, Mt. Laurel

Friday, August 3

Holy Hour: 7 - 8 PM (Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary)

Mass begins at 8 PM, Celebrant is Fr. Pinzon. For more info call Raul, 856-778-0232, or Marianne, 856-829-6174.

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

Live in Stewardship

*“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?”
 (John 6:9)*

The miracle of the Loaves and Fish is the only one of Our Lord’s miracles which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to live in *Stewardship*.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

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 Thomas
11:30 am Guiseppe Giove r/b Morello Family

MONDAY - JULY 30

6:45 am Special Intention of Fr. George r/b Norma
9:00 am Sr. Peter Marie r/b Nick & Pat Kirincic

TUESDAY - JULY 31

6:45 am Msgr. Eugene Clark r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Rodrigo Garde, MD r/b David & Pat Garde-Hill

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 1

6:45 am Msgr. Eugene Clarke r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Special Intention of Michael Kapischke r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

THURSDAY - AUGUST 2

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am John P. McManus r/b John & Sheila Mohan
Louis Radula r/b Joan Radula

FRIDAY - AUGUST 3

6:45 am Msgr. Eugene Clarke r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Anna Bruno r/b Bruno Family

SATURDAY - AUGUST 4

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Emilio Bruno r/b Bruno Family

SUNDAY - AUGUST 5

8:30 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Al & Pat Baran
10:00 am Ralph Stillely r/b Rosemont College Faculty Members
Frances Procacci r/b Gloria & Dan Santone
Joseph Scharff r/b Toni & Lois Tedeschi
John P. Brennan r/b Bob & Jude Brennan
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

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

Don Kreal
Maria Storms
Owen Smith
Mary Flacco
Ron Massey
Olga Mignone
Frank Colbert
Mary Cowan
Yolanda Burke
Jean Colbert
Dorothy Brink
Pat Barton
Leila Lore
Chase Lupica
Pat Beaney
YunYun Shen
Virginia Foley
Fran Swider
Rose Hession
Shirley Birch
Earl Cargen

Bob & Claire Boylan
Andrea Buonincontro
Naomi Willingmyre
George Sweeten
Frank Cappetta
Michael Kapischke
Betty O'Donnell
Marie Mazzagatti
Stanley Kochanek
Pauline Rosberg
Joseph Console
Geraldyn Coticone
Jerry McMenamin
Chuck Kapischke
Pasquale DiFronzo
Dorothy Wolenter
Al Mac Elrath
Teddy Shaffer
Virginia Gormley
Angelo DiGiacomo



Danny Perla
Joanne James
Alfred DiFrank
Gloria Daniels
Denise Daniels
Chris Kolodzey
Marie DiFrank
Ethan Killeen
Carlos Santiago
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.

SCRIPTURE STUDY:

This Fall the scripture study "Parables of the Kingdom" will be offered beginning Monday, September 24 after the 9 AM Mass. In exploring the parables, participants will reflect on some of the most memorable teachings of Jesus as found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Please call Sister Ann at 424-3212 to register for this Little Rock Scripture Study.

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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 5, 2012 - John 6:24-35

[After the miracle of feeding the large crowd], Jesus said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life..."

Commentary:

Food is one of the basic necessities of life and so Jesus meets us in our most basic needs. However, Jesus invites his followers, then and now, them and us, to see both our physical needs as well as our spiritual needs. Yes, we do need real food so that our bodies be sustained in this life, while here on earth. Even more than this, that we live for all eternity, our spirits need to be nurtured by Jesus' way, Jesus' love, that we, having received Jesus and being like him, feed a world that is hungry for love, spiritual food.

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?



While at times human law may not fully articulate the moral imperative - full protection for the right to life - our legal system can and must be continually reformed so that it will increasingly fulfill its proper task of protecting the weak and preserving the right to life of every human being, born and unborn.

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
 Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Ongoing Devotions... (In Chapel)

Novena of the Miraculous Medal

Tuesdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Rosary

Tuesday mornings after the Novena

Wednesdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Saturdays after 9 a.m. Mass

St. Thomas More Guided Meditation

Thursdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays, 9:30 a.m. until 12 Noon

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!!**