

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
	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Ch. Art Environment	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
Lectors	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Linen Committee	Dom Sacca	
Sacristans	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

Career Ministry

Funsters (over 50 club)
Parish Festival
Women's Club

Administration

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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

CATCH THE SPIRIT!

Mark your calendar

Parish Festival from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

on



2012 Theme: "Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization"

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED.

**Great food, Entertainment & Fun Games
for Children & Adults**

Gary Gadren, Festival Chairperson

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ATTENTION First Graders & New Parishioners

Registration for Religious Education classes continues for children entering the First Grade in September and for new parishioners of any grade.

If your child is not yet registered, please obtain a registration form from the gathering space or online at <http://stthomasmorenj.org/>. Classes begin September 25.

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

August 12, 2012

\$7,697.25

186 Envelopes

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

A Married Priest? – Part IV

Fr. Phillip Johnson

Copies of the previous articles in this series are available in the narthex of the church or online at the parish website: stthomasmorenj.org.

Being Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church

In the early summer of 2006, I communicated to my Lutheran Bishop my intentions to resign my pastorate and to enter the Roman Catholic Church. “If I thought I could talk you out of this, I would try,” he said. We prayed together for the unity of the Church. And he asked that I remain at my post for several weeks so that we might have time to gently prepare the people of my parish. On a Sunday in August, Janet and I bade farewell to the people of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jersey City, where I had served as pastor for 19 years. It was a difficult and moving farewell. In a deeply ecumenical gesture, the parish presented us with a crucifix (now on the wall in my office) that had been brought from Rome several years before by a priest who had attended the Second Vatican Council.

Janet and I traveled to Greenville, South Carolina, to St. Mary's Catholic Church. We spent a week in retreat, in conversation with the pastor there, Fr. Jay Scott Newman. On Saturday, we made our “plenary” confessions. At the Solemn Mass on Sunday, August 20, we stood before the altar with our sponsor (Fr. Samuel Weber, O.S.B.) to profess the Faith and to be confirmed in the Catholic Church. At the Holy Eucharist we then received our first Holy Communion.

Yes, it is that simple. Anyone who has been baptized and who has been well catechized in the Faith may be received in this way, at any Mass: first confession, profession of faith, first reception of Holy Communion. The extended preparation in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a wonderful catechetical tool. But it is for those who have never been baptized, or for those who, having been baptized, have never received adequate teaching.

Within a week I was in Washington, DC, beginning further theological studies at the John Paul II Pontifical Institute at Catholic University of America. In some ways it was a near perfect environment for the intellectual and spiritual formation of a new Catholic. Learning and prayer, theology and doxology, daily study and daily Mass were deeply interrelated. During the week, I lived, ate, and prayed with the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception at their study house on campus. In my work at the J.P. II Institute – first as a student and later as a teacher – I explored the philosophical, biblical, and theological foundations of the Church's teaching about sexual love, marriage, and the nature of the human person.

My graduate studies were not formal preparation for the priesthood. At that moment, I was trying not to allow myself to hope that I might be a priest. However, only a few weeks into my new routine, the question was suddenly raised very directly. While strolling across campus the ring of my cell phone startled me out of my theological musings. “This is Father Terry Odien from the Diocese of Camden,” the voice explained. “Bishop Galante has asked me to phone you, to see if you might be interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a candidate for ordination to the priesthood.” So began my connection to the Diocese of Camden in October of 2006. I soon learned that Fr. Newman had sent a packet of information to several Bishops, graciously recommending me. After conversations with Bp. Galante, Msgr. McGrath and Fr. Odien, and after a time of discernment with Janet and our children, I requested that the bishop take me under his pastoral care and “tell me what to do.” I was to continue my studies while we began the long process of petitioning Rome for permission to proceed.

To be continued next week. +

"Parables of the Kingdom"

Scripture Study

**Dates: Mondays,
Sept. 24 to Nov. 5**

Time: 9:30-11 AM

Place: Parish Hall

Register: By Sept. 3



Parable of the Lost Sheep

Some of the most memorable teachings of Jesus were delivered as parables and are found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This study explores these parables and their meaning for us today.

Call Sister Ann (424-3212) to register by September 3.

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



SATURDAY - AUGUST 18

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Josephine Shicatano r/b daughter, Marie Glaviano

SUNDAY - AUGUST 19

8:30 am Robert Middleton r/b St. Thomas More Book Group
10:00 am Deceased Members of Bernauer Family r/b Mildred Leber
Margaret Mac Elrath r/b Henry & Barbara Friedman
JoAnn Gadren r/b Ted & Kay Uhlman
11:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

MONDAY - AUGUST 20

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
9:00 am George Erickson r/b Family

TUESDAY - AUGUST 21

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Sheila Moore
9:00 am Ralph Stillely r/b wife, Marjorie

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 22

6:45 am Special Intention/Get Well Emil Ralbuski r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Special Intention of Robert Kapischke r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

THURSDAY - AUGUST 23

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b John & Sheila Mohan
9:00 am Bob Middleton r/b Henry & Kathy Glover
Helen Coppertwhaite r/b the Tobin Fa.

FRIDAY - AUGUST 24

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Claire & Joseph Deighan
9:00 am Helen & Charles Novak r/b Cindy

SATURDAY - AUGUST 25

9:00 am Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Bob & Ann Marie Lento
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Nelson Matos r/b his sister, Norma & Fa.

SUNDAY - AUGUST 26

8:30 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Mary & Bob Wiech
10:00 am Ruben Padre, MD r/b David & Pat GardeHill
Grace Regina r/b Sue Regina
JoAnn Gadren r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass
Grace Marie Regina r/b Larry & Rhonda Drossner & Family
Mary Lou Caputo Yanelli r/b Larry & Rhonda Drossner & Family
11:30 am Ed Butterfas r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED...Marciano Dizon, Jr.
THE SICK...**

Don Kreal
Maria Storms
Owen Smith
Mary Flacco
Ron Massey
Olga Mignone
Frank Colbert
Mary Cowan
Shirley Birch
Jean Colbert
Dorothy Brink
Pat Barton
Leila Lore
Chase Lupica
Pat Beaney
YunYun Shen
Virginia Foley
Fran Swider
Rose Hession
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
Michael Suralik
Bill O'Donnell
Mary Branciforte
Bill Botensten
Wayne Mauri, Sr.

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.



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 asked to call Sister Ann at 424-3212.

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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 26, 2012 - John 6:60-69

Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

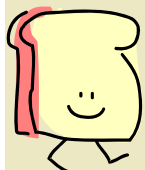
Commentary:

A lot of would-be disciples of Jesus never made it all the way to the triumph of Easter morning. Somewhere along the way, they were offended by what Jesus taught or did or didn't do. Maybe they felt his forgiveness came too easily for a certain kind of sinner they'd personally rather see punished. Or they took offense when his disciples didn't fast or wash their hands in the ritual ways of the Pharisees. For many, Jesus simply became unbelievable. But for Simon Peter, Jesus remained the Master no matter what. In utter honesty, Peter doesn't know where else to go to get the truth. No matter how hard following Jesus may be, the alternatives are much bleaker. There's Jesus, and there's the hypocritical, superficial, unforgiving world beyond. For Peter, the choice was clear.

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?

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: All are welcome to help make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen...



Date: Wednesday, August 22
Time: after 9:00 Mass
Where: St. Thomas More Hall
See you then, thank you!
 Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924



No one can dispose of human life. An insurmountable limit to our possibilities of doing and of experimenting must be established. The human being is not a disposable object, but every single individual represents God's presence in the world.

- Pope Benedict XVI
 Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Good Counsel, South Jersey home for homeless, their pregnant mothers and children thank you for your generosity. *Brenda Quinn*

The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary statue have been placed there, this weekend, in loving memory of Fran Boesch, requested by her husband, Jack.



Ministry Schedule for August 25, and 26, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Joyce	C Malatino R/C Pisanl	E Beckman, E Klelnz T Petrone, G Tyrrell	K Erickson	K Johnson A/T Rumell
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R Kapischke R Pisanl	J Kenney, B Massey J Mohan, A Pajlc	P Lachnicht	A Rzepski E Thompson
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	M Kramer R Pisanl	G Gadren, K Glover J Mazzagatti, B Scarpa	K McFadden	C/J McFadden
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	D Kreal B Casey R Pisanl	M Garber, M Gorin D/C Spence	R Clcottta	M/T Clcottta J Pol