

# 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 Spence	428-8325
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	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

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

Father Johnson's series, *A Married Priest?*, will continue next week.

**Invitation to a Journey Called RCIA:**

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



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.

**St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society:**

On September 9, we will celebrate the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus—to love and serve those who are suffering. And in the poor he found the face of Christ.

In your heart, you also will find the “face of Christ” as you give your gift to the poor through the Society. We will be collecting food or funds to purchase food next weekend after all Masses.

*Frank Nicoletti, President*

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

September 2, 2012

**\$8,280.00**

**204 Envelopes**

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

## BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO MASS

### Liturgy of the Word for Children

Jesus said *“Let the children come to me”*



Little children need to attend Mass with their parents. This weekly practice becomes a habit that carries over into adulthood. It is a good thing.

However, young children who attend Mass with their parents cannot be expected to understand the Sunday Scripture passages as they are read and explained.

St. Thomas More Parish offers a program entitled “Liturgy of the Word for Children.” Following the Opening Prayer of the 10:00 Mass on all Sundays, September 23, 2012 through May 12, 2013, the celebrant will invite all children present, ages three through first grade, to come to the front of the church to meet their catechists.

These catechists will then take the children from the church to a classroom. In the classroom, the children will listen to the Sunday gospel in a language that is understandable to them.

In addition, these catechists will sing songs and do activities appropriate for their age levels. Following the Our Father and during the Sign of Peace, the children will be escorted back into the church to re-join their families for the remainder of the Mass.

Parents of these children will not accompany the children. If a child will not go on his/her own, this means they are not ready. Please send your young children only if they feel comfortable leaving you.

We are very grateful to the catechists who participate in the Liturgy of the Word Program.

*Program Catechists are: Dawn Alexander, Janet Barbera, Denise Barrett, Natalie Frament, Pamela Huynh, Julianne Johnson, Sandra Kenny, Laura Wieland and Pat Maggart, Parish Catechetical Leader*

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Ministry Schedule for September 15, and 16, 2012**

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Pisanl R Pisanl	J Kenney, E Kleinz I Rellosa, Scarpa	K Erickson	A/I Cammlsa K Johnson
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	P Kelton R Pisanl	A Del Campo-O'Brien Sr. Dianna, J/L Duffy	P Lachnicht	G/M Gray M Lender
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Adult Choir, M Kramer R Pisanl	M Garber, K Glover N/P Kirincic	K McFadden	C/J McFadden D DeMarco
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	Children's Choir J Garafano R Pisanl	M Gorin, S Kane D/C Spence	R Ciccotta	M/T Ciccotta H Rosenblatt

*Women's Club News*

**Book Club:** Tues., Sept. 11, 1:30 p.m. at Ellie's.

**Board Meeting:** Wed., Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.

**25th Anniversary Tea: SAVE THE DATE!** Sun., September 30, following the 11:30 Mass.

*Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838*

**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*



Are you a singer or instrumentalist?



You could be serving your community, deepening your faith life, meeting great people and having fun at the same time: Be a part of **St. Thomas More Music Ministry!**

**Look what's going on:**

**Children's Choir:** For Children grades 1 and higher Rehearsals will begin this Sunday, Sept. 9, after the 10 AM Mass in the Chapel. Contact June Garafano; 856-229-7461 or [juneanng@hotmail.com](mailto:juneanng@hotmail.com) or just attend the first rehearsal.

**Adult music ministry:** Cantors, instrumentalists, choir members. Rehearsals began Thursday, Sept. 6, at 7:30 pm.

**Special Events music ministry:** For Christmas, Easter and major Church feasts. A music ministry designed to work around your schedule!

For further information, contact Roger Pisani at (856) 424-3212 x.108 or [ilftrek@aol.com](mailto:ilftrek@aol.com).

*God gave you the gift of music – how will you use it?*

**YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sr. – High School students      Jr. – 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades

**Upcoming Events:**

**NEXT WEEKEND - Service hours opportunity, while having fun!**

- **Parish Festival**
- **Help with set-up** – 9:30 AM, Saturday 9/15
- **Help needed during the event**, Sunday afternoon 9/16
- Contact Mr. Thompson if you have any questions.
- The Youth Group will also be assisting with the beautification of the Blessed Mother meditation area. Date to be announced

*Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120*



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

We are meeting this Thursday, September 13, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.

*Sheila Mohan, Chair*

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 7 p.m.**  
in the St. Thomas More Hall

**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**



**SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 8**

9:00 am Walter Palmer r/b Eileen & Larry Zerone  
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Deceased Members of the Glaviano  
Family r/b Frank & Marie Glaviano

**SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 9**

8:30 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b the Felckowski Fa.  
10:00 am Frances Procacci r/b Gloria Jean & Phil  
Esbrandt  
Sister Peter Marie Buttacavoli r/b Mr. &  
Mrs. Michael Ebling & Family  
JoAnn Gadren r/b St. Vincent de Paul  
Society  
Atanasio Martinez r/b wife, daughter &  
granddaughter  
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

**MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 10**

6:45 am Rev. Leonard Jordick r/b McGeedy F.amily  
9:00 am Helen Copperthwaite r/b Teri & Paul Kelly

**TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 11**

6:45 am Special Intention/Get Well Thomas R.  
Petronella r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Joe & Jane Kenney

**WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 12**

6:45 am Carmecita de Leon, Detulio Ramilo, Mr.  
Milan r/b Ruth  
9:00 am Special Intention of Msgr. Morgan r/b  
SCC Wednesday Group

**THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 13**

6:45 am Maria & Luigi Sabini r/b Franciscan  
Sisters of the Infant Jesus  
9:00 am Lucy Rossi r/b Rossi Family  
Pearl Amabile r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass  
Robert Middleton r/b Bev & Vincent DeMasi

**FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 14**

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Roseann Luther  
9:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Arnold & Mena Kramer

**SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 15**

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Anna Risorto r/b Vince & Emilia Marchesani

**SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 16**

8:30 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Jim & Pat Beaney  
10:00 am Michael DeLuca r/b Dad, Kathryn & Michelle  
Sam Calabrese r/b Kathryn  
Deceased Members of St. Thomas More  
Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society  
11:30 am Joyce Horan r/b Family

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

Don Kreal	Bob & Claire Boylan		
Maria Storms	Andrea Buonincontro		
Owen Smith	Naomi Willingmyre		
Mary Flacco	George Sweeten		
Ron Massey	Frank Cappetta		Danny Perla
Olga Mignone	Michael Kapischke		Joanne James
Frank Colbert	Betty O'Donnell		Alfred DiFrank
Mary Cowan	Marie Mazzagatti		Gloria Daniels
Shirley Birch	Stanley Kochanek		Denise Daniels
Jean Colbert	Pauline Rosberg		Chris Kolodzey
Dorothy Brink	Joseph Console		Marie DiFrank
Pat Barton	Gerilyn Coticone		Ethan Killeen
Leila Lore	Jerry McMenamin		Carlos Santiago
Chase Lupica	Chuck Kapischke		Betty Brennan
Pat Beaney	Pasquale DiFronzo	Sharon Bushelli	
YunYun Shen	Dorothy Wolenter	Michael Suralik	
Virginia Foley	Al Mac Elrath	Bill O'Donnell	
Fran Swider	Teddy Shaffer	MaryBranciforte	
Rose Hession	Virginia Gormley	Bill Botensten	
Earl Cargen	Angelo DiGiacomo	Ed Rivero	
Viola Angelozzi	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Sara Centonze	

**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.

**The 2013 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN  
for your Mass intentions.**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*Stewards Rich in Faith*

*“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?”*

*(James 2:5)*

**What is more important—being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith we know that material things really do not matter and we are more willing to share what we have.**

### 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 16, 2012 - Mark 8:27-35**

Jesus asked his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ."... Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly...and be killed, and rise after three days... Jesus summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

**Commentary:**

After this scene, there is a turning point in Mark's Gospel. From now on, Jesus will be trying to make the disciples (and us) understand that not only will he suffer and die, but that anyone who wants to be a true follower will have to do the same. As Messiah, Jesus will accept his Father's will, becoming vulnerable and completely powerless at the end. The more we can stand to be vulnerable and powerless in life, the better we will be ready to step across to death. Maybe vulnerability is the "cross" that Jesus, the Messiah, is asking us to bear.

**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?



God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness.

- Pope Benedict XVI

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

A **THANK YOU** to all who made sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen. A **THANK YOU** for all the money the Rosary Group at the Weston Club has donated to the Cathedral Kitchen. And last, but not least, a **THANK YOU** to the St. Vincent de Paul and Women's Club members who make our efforts possible.

Please mark your calendar for the next sandwich making: **Wed., November 28** in the St. Thomas More Hall after the 9:00 Mass.

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator

### 'FUNSTER NEWS'



**Friday, Nov. 9: Barnes Foundation Museum & Lunch**—9:30 am-3:30 pm. Price: \$78 per person; includes bus, admission to museum, bus driver tip, complete family-style luncheon at Spasso Italian Grill in Phila, tax and meal gratuity.

Payment due Oct. 1; make check payable to St. Thomas More Funsters & mail to Bob Lento, 7 Merryton St., Voorhees, NJ 08043.

**Sunday, Dec. 9:** Annual trip to *Tomasello Winery*—Price: \$95 per person; includes bus, wine tasting, 4 course dinner with wine throughout meal and magnificent entertainment.

Payment due by Nov. 1; make check payable to St. Thomas More Funsters & mail to Bob Lento, 7 Merryton St., Voorhees, NJ 08043.

**NEXT FUNSTER MEETING:** Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. in St. Thomas More Hall for all those going to Barnes Foundation and Tomasello Winery.

Bob Lento, 344-7454

PARISH FESTIVAL Next Sunday

September 16, 12:30-3 p.m.

**ALL Parishioners are Invited & Welcome!**

Welcome Back our Catechists & Students!

Launch our Religious Education Year!

Pig Roast, Sausage & Peppers, Hamburgers,

Hot Dogs, Beverages & More!

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Bring a Favorite Dessert to Share**

Gary Gadren, Festival Chairperson

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

**FUNDRAISER & Yard Sale**  
**Frozen Polish Food & Other Food...**

Fri., September 14 (Noon to 4 pm)

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